

Scoring Summary (Final)  
 2021 CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game  
 #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Alabama (12-0)

Date: Jan 01, 2021 • Site: Arlington, Texas • Stadium: AT&T Stadium

Attendance: 18373

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Notre Dame	0	7	0	7	14
Alabama	14	7	7	3	31

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:14	UA - DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79 2:36	0 - 7
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2nd	11:16	ND - Kyren Williams 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-75 8:03	7 - 14
	08:49	UA - DeVonta Smith 34 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 6-84 2:21	7 - 21
3rd	04:58	UA - DeVonta Smith 7 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-62 2:29	7 - 28
4th	12:45	UA - Will Reichard 41 yd field goal, 10-47 4:20	7 - 31
	00:56	ND - Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 14-80 4:36	14 - 31

Kickoff time: 3:20pm • End of Game: 6:33pm • Total elapsed time: 3:13

Officials: Referee: John O'Neill; Umpire: Brad Hudak; Linesman: Ric Hinkamper;

Line judge: Jeff Szink; Back judge: Robert Smith; Field judge: Steve Thielen;

Side judge: Todd Ransom; Center judge: Greg Nelson;

Temperature: 72 • Wind: • Weather: indoors

Outdoor temperature: 39 degrees.

Team Statistics (Final)  
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	ND	UA
FIRST DOWNS	24	24
Rushing	8	8
Passing	13	15
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	139	140
Rushing Attempts	38	25
Average Per Rush	3.7	5.6
Rushing Touchdowns	2	0
Yards Gained Rushing	163	156
Yards Lost Rushing	24	16
NET YARDS PASSING	236	297
Completions-Attempts-Int	28-42-1	25-30-0
Average Per Attempt	5.6	9.9
Average Per Completion	8.4	11.9
Passing Touchdowns	0	4
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	375	437
Total offense plays	80	55
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	7.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-25	6-59
PUNTS-YARDS	4-189	3-127
Average Yards Per Punt	47.2	42.3
Net Yards Per Punt	42.2	42.3
Inside 20	1	2
50+ Yards	3	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	1	3
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-130	6-265
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	44.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	44.5	42.8
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch Yards	0	109
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-20-0
Average Per Return	0.0	20.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-8-0	1-16-0
Average Per Return	8.0	16.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	33:43	26:17
1st Quarter	10:13	4:47
2nd Quarter	7:32	7:28
3rd Quarter	6:24	8:36
4th Quarter	9:34	5:26
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	6 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-4	2-2
Touchdowns	2-4	2-2
Field goals	0-4	0-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	2-15
PAT Kicks	2-2	4-4
Field Goals	0-1	1-1
Points off turnovers	0	7

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Kyren Williams	16	68	4	64	1	15	4.0
Ian Book	15	75	20	55	1	20	3.7
Chris Tyree	5	16	0	16	0	4	3.2
Ben Skowronek	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
C'Bo Flemister	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3.7</b>

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ian Book	27-39-1	229	0	27	2
,TEAM	0-2-0	0	0	0	0
Drew Pyne	1-1-0	7	0	7	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28-42-1</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kyren Williams	8	31	0	8
Michael Mayer	7	62	0	18
Ben Skowronek	4	41	0	20
Chris Tyree	4	37	0	27
Javon McKinley	2	20	0	18
Lawrence Keys III	1	20	0	20
Avery Davis	1	15	0	15
George Takacs	1	10	0	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jay Bramblett	4	189	47.2	53	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Chris Tyree	0	0	0	1	8	12	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Jonathan Doerer	2nd	00:06	51 yards	Missed

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Jonathan Doerer	2	130	65.0	1	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kyren Williams	64	31	0	0	0	95
Michael Mayer	0	62	0	0	0	62
Chris Tyree	16	37	8	0	0	61
Ian Book	55	0	0	0	0	55

Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Najee Harris	15	126	1	125	0	53	8.3
Mac Jones	6	26	8	18	0	9	3.0
Brian Robinson Jr.	2	4	0	4	0	2	2.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
DeVonta Smith	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5.6</b>

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mac Jones	25-30-0	297	4	40	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25-30-0</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	7	130	3	34
Jahleel Billingsley	4	39	1	15
Najee Harris	4	30	0	14
John Metchie	3	53	0	40
Miller Forristall	3	31	0	15
Slade Bolden	2	22	0	14
Xavier Williams	1	0	0	0
Mac Jones	1	-8	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Charlie Scott	3	127	42.3	46	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
DeVonta Smith	1	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jahleel Billingsley	0	0	0	1	16	16	0	0	0
Christian Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Will Reichard	4th	12:45	41 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Will Reichard	6	265	44.2	0	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Najee Harris	125	30	0	0	0	155
DeVonta Smith	-5	130	0	20	0	145
Jahleel Billingsley	0	39	16	0	0	55
John Metchie	0	53	0	0	0	53

FUMBLES: Notre Dame-Chris Tyree 1-0; Ian Book 1-0. Alabama-None.

Defensive Statistics (Final)  
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#	Notre Dame	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
2C	Shaun Crawford	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Drew White	4	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1H	Kyle Hamilton	6	1	7	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	Marist Liufau	4	2	6	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Jer., Owusu-Koramo	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	Jayson Ademilola	1	4	5	0.5-4	1.5-12	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Nick McCloud	0	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2L	Clarence Lewis	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5C	Howard Cross III	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Kurt Hinish	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Ovie Oghoufo	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
87	Michael Mayer	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5B	Bo Bauer	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
89	Brock Wright	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1A	Justin Ademilola	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Adetokunbo Ogundeji	0	1	1	0.5-4	0.5-4	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Shayne Simon	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
99	Rylie Mills	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		30	30	60	1.0-8	4.0-22	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0

#	Alabama	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
29	DeMarcco Hellams	6	6	12	1.0-1	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Josh Jobe	4	3	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
31	Will Anderson Jr.	6	0	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Dylan Moses	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Christian Barmore	4	1	5	1.0-14	1.0-14	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Christian Harris	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
9	Jordan Battle	3	2	5	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Daniel Wright	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Brian Branch	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2	Patrick Surtain	2	1	3	-	0.5-2	-	-	-	1	-	-
42	Jaylen Moody	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Phidarian Mathis	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4A	Christopher Allen	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Byron Young	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	Tim Smith	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	Justin Eboigbe	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		39	26	65	2.0-15	3.0-19	1	0-0	1-0	2	0	0



Drive Chart (By Quarter) (Final)  
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
ND	1st	N12	15:00	Kickoff	N29	12:50	Punt	5 - 17	2:10
UA		A21	12:50	Punt	N00	10:14	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 79	2:36
ND		N25	10:14	Kickoff	N44	06:30	Punt	6 - 19	3:44
UA		A03	06:30	Punt	N00	04:19	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 97	2:11
ND		N25	04:19	Kickoff	A00	11:16	*TOUCHDOWN	15 - 75	8:03
UA	2nd	A16	11:10	Kickoff	N00	08:49	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 84	2:21
ND		N25	08:49	Kickoff	N43	05:39	Punt	6 - 18	3:10
UA		A23	05:39	Punt	A44	00:44	Punt	9 - 21	4:55
ND		N11	00:44	Punt	A33	00:06	Missed FG	8 - 56	0:38
UA		A33	00:06	Missed FG	A31	00:00	End of half	1 - (2)	0:06
UA	3rd	A25	15:00	Kickoff	N46	10:58	Punt	8 - 29	4:02
ND		N10	10:58	Punt	N37	07:27	Interception	7 - 27	3:31
UA		A38	07:27	Interception	N00	04:58	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 62	2:29
ND		N25	04:58	Kickoff	N38	02:05	Punt	4 - 13	2:53
UA		A30	02:05	Punt	N23	12:45	*FIELD GOAL	10 - 47	4:20
ND	4th	N25	12:45	Kickoff	A13	08:43	Downs	10 - 62	4:02
UA		A14	08:43	Downs	A34	05:32	Punt	5 - 20	3:11
ND		N20	05:32	Punt	A00	00:56	*TOUCHDOWN	14 - 80	4:36
ND		N47	00:54	Kickoff	A15	00:00	End of half	6 - 38	0:54

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Notre Dame

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	11	Ben Skowronek
WR	3	Avery Davis
LT	74	Liam Eichenburg
LG	69	Aaron Banks
C	52	Zeke Correll
RG	78	Tommy Kraemer
RT	72	Robert Hainsey
TE	88	Javon McKinley
TE	87	Michael Mayer
QB	12	Ian Book
RB	23	Kyren Williams

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	9	Daelin Hayes
DT	99	Rylie Mills
NG	41	Kurt Hinish
DE	91	Adetokunbo Ogundeji
BLB	35	Marist Liufau
MLB	40	Drew White
ROV	6	Jer., Owusu-Koramoah
CB	4M	Nick McCloud
FS	1H	Kyle Hamilton
SS	2C	Shaun Crawford
CB	2L	Clarence Lewis

Alabama

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	70	Alex Leatherwood
LG	65	Deonte Brown
C	79	Chris Owens
RG	55	Emil Ekiyor Jr.
RT	73	Evan Neal
TE	87	Miller Forristall
TE	19	Jahleel Billingsley
QB	10	Mac Jones
RB	22	Najee Harris
WR	8A	John Metchie
WR	6	DeVonta Smith

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	92	Justin Eboigbe
NG	94	DJ Dale
DE	58	Christian Barmore
MLB	32	Dylan Moses
WLB	8	Christian Harris
JLB	31	Will Anderson Jr.
CB	2	Patrick Surtain
CB	28	Josh Jobe
FS	29	DeMarcco Hellams
SS	9	Jordan Battle
CB	14	Brian Branch

Notre Dame: 0-Braden Lenzy, 1P-Isaiah Pryor, 1J-Jordan Botelho, 1B-DJ Brown, 1A-Justin Ademilola, 2K-Jack Kiser, 2B-JD Bertrand, 3G-Houston Griffith, 5C-Howard Cross III, 5B-Bo Bauer, 5-Cam Hart, 7F-Isaiah Foskey, 8-Jafar Armstrong, 10-Drew Pyne, 13-Lawrence Keys III, 18-Joe Wilkins, Jr., 19-Jay Bramblett, 20-C'Bo Flemister, 21-Caleb Offord, 24-Tommy Tremble, 25-Chris Tyree, 29-Ovie Oghoufo, 31-Jack Lamb, 32-Matt Salerno, 33-Shayne Simon, 39-Jonathan Doerer, 54-Jacob Lacey, 56-John Dirksen, 57-Jayson Ademilola, 65-Michael Vinson, 70-Hunter Spears, 75-Josh Lugg, 76-Dillan Gibbons, 84-Kevin Bauman, 85-George Takacs, 89-Brock Wright, 95-M. Tagovailoa-Amosa.

Alabama: 1D-Thaiu Jones-Bell, 1H-Slade Bolden, 1A-Ale Kaho, 1-Ben Davis, 3-Daniel Wright, 3B-Sam Willoughby, 3A-Xavier Williams, 4A-Christopher Allen, 4R-Sam Reed, 4-Brian Robinson Jr., 5-Jalyn Armour-Davis, 15-Eddie Smith, 16-Will Reichard, 20-Drew Sanders, 21-Jase McClellan, 26-Marcus Banks, 30-King Mwikuta, 40-Joshua McMillon, 42-Jaylen Moody, 45-Thomas Fletcher, 47-Byron Young, 48-Phidarian Mathis, 50-Tim Smith, 54-Kyle Flood Jr., 60-K. Randolph, 71-Darrian Dalcourt, 75-Tommy Brown, 81-Cameron Latu, 85-Charlie Scott, 88-Major Tennison.

## Quickie Statistics (Final)

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Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-28-1	30-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-375	55-437
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
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Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	8	0	12

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Shaun Crawford	5-4	9	0.0	0.0
Drew White	4-5	9	0.0	0.0
Kyle Hamilton	6-1	7	0.0	1.0
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DeMarcco Hellams	6-6	12	1.0	1.0
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# Play-by-Play Summary (1st quarter)

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*Notre Dame wins toss; will receive and defend west goal.*

1-10	ND 35	UA ball on UA35. Will Reichard kickoff 65 yards to the ND0, Tyree, C return 12 yards to the ND12, fumble forced by Josh Jobe, fumble by Tyree, C recovered by ND Kiser, J at ND8.	
1-10	ND 08	Book, I rush for 4 yards to the ND12, out-of-bounds.	
2-6	ND 12	Williams, K rush for 15 yards to the ND27, 1ST DOWN ND (Josh Jobe).	R1
1-10	ND 27	Book, I rush for loss of 5 yards to the ND22, fumble by Book, I recovered by ND ,TEAM at ND22, out-of-bounds.	
2-15	ND 22	Book, I pass incomplete to McKinley, J.	
3-15	ND 22	Book, I rush for 7 yards to the ND29 (Daniel Wright).	
4-8	ND 29	Bramblett, J punt 50 yards to the UA21, fair catch by DeVonta Smith.	
<i>5 plays, 17 yards, 2:10</i>			

ALABAMA drive start at 12:50.

1-10	UA 21	Mac Jones pass complete to M. Forristall for 15 yards to the UA36, 1ST DOWN UA (Crawford, S; McCloud, N).	P1
1-10	UA 36	Mac Jones pass complete to Najee Harris for 14 yards to the 50 yardline, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (McCloud, N; Liufau, M).	P2
1-10	UA 50	Mac Jones pass complete to J. Billingsley for 8 yards to the ND42 (Owusu-Koramoah).	
2-2	ND 42	Mac Jones pass complete to M. Forristall for 5 yards to the ND37, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Liufau, M).	P3
1-10	ND 37	Najee Harris rush for 11 yards to the ND26, 1ST DOWN UA (Hamilton, K).	R4
1-10	ND 26	Mac Jones pass incomplete to Slade Bolden (Hamilton, K).	
2-10	ND 26	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 26 yards to the ND0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, P5 clock 10:14.	
1-G	ND 03	Will Reichard kick attempt good.	

Alabama 7, Notre Dame 0

*7 plays, 79 yards, 2:36*

Will Reichard kickoff 63 yards to the ND2, fair catch by Tyree, C.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 10:14.

1-10	ND 25	Williams, K rush for 7 yards to the ND32 (D. Hellams).	
2-3	ND 32	Williams, K rush for 1 yard to the ND33 (Brian Branch; Justin Eboigbe).	
3-2	ND 33	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 6 yards to the ND39, 1ST DOWN ND.	P2
1-10	ND 39	Williams, K rush for 7 yards to the ND46 (D. Hellams; Josh Jobe).	
2-3	ND 46	Williams, K rush for loss of 4 yards to the ND42 (Jordan Battle; Patrick Surtain).	
3-7	ND 42	Book, I rush for 2 yards to the ND44 (C. Barmore).	
4-5	ND 44	Bramblett, J punt 53 yards to the UA3, downed.	

*6 plays, 19 yards, 3:44*

ALABAMA drive start at 06:30.

1-10	UA 03	Najee Harris rush for 15 yards to the UA18, 1ST DOWN UA (Hamilton, K).	R6
1-10	UA 18	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 9 yards to the UA27 (McCloud, N; Crawford, S).	
2-1	UA 27	Mac Jones pass complete to Slade Bolden for 8 yards to the UA35, 1ST DOWN UA (Hamilton, K).	P7
1-10	UA 35	Najee Harris rush for 53 yards to the ND12, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Lewis, C).	R8
1-10	ND 12	Mac Jones pass complete to J. Billingsley for 12 yards to the ND0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:19.	P9
1-G	ND 03	Will Reichard kick attempt good.	

Alabama 14, Notre Dame 0

*5 plays, 97 yards, 2:11*

Will Reichard kickoff 62 yards to the ND3, fair catch by Tyree, C.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 04:19.

1-10	ND 25	Tyree, C rush for 3 yards to the ND28 (W. Anderson Jr.).	
2-7	ND 28	Book, I pass complete to Tyree, C for 27 yards to the UA45, 1ST DOWN ND, out-of-bounds.	P3
1-10	UA 45	Tyree, C rush for 3 yards to the UA42 (W. Anderson Jr.).	
2-7	UA 42	Timeout Notre Dame, clock 02:27.	
2-7	UA 42	Tyree, C rush for 4 yards to the UA38 (C. Harris; P. Mathis).	
3-3	UA 38	Williams, K rush for 4 yards to the UA34, 1ST DOWN ND (P. Mathis).	R4
1-10	UA 34	Book, I pass incomplete.	
2-10	UA 34	Williams, K rush for 9 yards to the UA25 (D. Hellams).	
3-1	UA 25	Williams, K rush for 5 yards to the UA20, 1ST DOWN ND (C. Harris).	R5

END OF 1st QUARTER: Alabama 14, Notre Dame 0

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Notre Dame	0	10:13	3	2	0	5	1-3	0-0	15-62	2-4-0-33	0-0
Alabama	14	04:47	3	6	0	9	0-0	0-0	3-79	8-9-0-97	0-0

Quickie Statistics (1st quarter)  
 #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

	ND	UA
Score	0	14
FIRST DOWNS	5	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	15-62	3-79
PASSING YDS (NET)	33	97
Passes Att-Comp-Int	4-2-0	9-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	19-95	12-176
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-51.5	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	10:13	04:47
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 5	0 of 0
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

Notre Dame

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kyren Williams	8	48	4	44	0	15	5.5
Chris Tyree	3	10	0	10	0	4	3.3
Ian Book	4	13	5	8	0	7	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ian Book	2-4-0	33	0	27	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	27	0	27
Michael Mayer	1	6	0	6

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jay Bramblett	2	103	51.5	53	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	8	0	12

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Kyle Hamilton	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Nick McCloud	0-3	3	0.0	0.0
Marist Liufau	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Shaun Crawford	0-2	2	0.0	0.0

Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Najee Harris	3	79	0	79	0	53	26.3

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mac Jones	8-9-0	97	2	26	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	2	35	1	26
Miller Forristall	2	20	0	15
Jahleel Billingsley	2	20	1	12
Najee Harris	1	14	0	14

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
DeMarcco Hellams	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Josh Jobe	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Will Anderson Jr.	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Phidarian Mathis	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:14	UA - DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79	2:36 0 - 7
	04:19	UA - Jahleel Billingsley 12 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-97	2:11 0 - 14

## Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

### #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

1-10	UA 20	Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00.	
1-10	UA 20	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 4 yards to the UA16 (Dylan Moses).	
2-6	UA 16	Williams, K rush for 4 yards to the UA12 (Josh Jobe).	
3-2	UA 12	Williams, K rush for 3 yards to the UA9, 1ST DOWN ND (Josh Jobe).	R6
1-G	UA 09	Williams, K rush for no gain to the UA9 (C. Harris).	
2-G	UA 09	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 6 yards to the UA3 (D. Hellams;Dylan Moses).	
3-G	UA 03	Timeout Notre Dame, clock 12:04.	
3-G	UA 03	Book, I rush for 2 yards to the UA1 (C. Barmore).	
4-G	UA 01	Williams, K rush for 1 yard to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:16.	
1-G	UA 03	Doerer, J kick attempt good.	

Alabama 14, Notre Dame 7

*15 plays, 75 yards, 8:09*

Doerer, J kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, J. Billingsley return 16 yards to the UA16 (Bauer, B).

ALABAMA drive start at 11:10.

1-10	UA 16	Mac Jones rush for 6 yards to the UA22.	
2-4	UA 22	Mac Jones pass complete to John Metchie for 3 yards to the UA25 (White, D).	
3-1	UA 25	Mac Jones rush for 2 yards to the UA27, 1ST DOWN UA (Oghoufo, O).	R10
1-10	UA 27	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 24 yards to the ND49, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Crawford, S).	P11
1-10	ND 49	Mac Jones pass complete to J. Billingsley for 15 yards to the ND34, 1ST DOWN UA (Crawford, S).	P12
1-10	ND 34	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 34 yards to the ND0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 08:49.	P13
1-G	ND 03	Will Reichard kick attempt good.	

Alabama 21, Notre Dame 7

*6 plays, 84 yards, 2:21*

Will Reichard kickoff 63 yards to the ND2, fair catch by Tyree, C.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 08:49.

1-10	ND 25	Williams, K rush for 3 yards to the ND28 (W. Anderson Jr.).	
2-7	ND 28	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 3 yards to the ND31 (W. Anderson Jr.).	
3-4	ND 31	Book, I pass complete to Takacs, G for 10 yards to the ND41, 1ST DOWN ND (Daniel Wright).	P7
1-10	ND 41	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 1 yard to the ND42 (Dylan Moses).	
2-9	ND 42	Williams, K rush for 1 yard to the ND43 (C. Barmore;D. Hellams).	
3-8	ND 43	Book, I pass incomplete to Davis, A.	
4-8	ND 43	Bramblett, J punt 34 yards to the UA23, out-of-bounds.	

*6 plays, 18 yards, 3:10*

ALABAMA drive start at 05:39.

1-10	UA 23	Najee Harris rush for 7 yards to the UA30 (White, D).	
2-3	UA 30	Najee Harris rush for 2 yards to the UA32 (Owusu-Koramoah).	
3-1	UA 32	Mac Jones rush for 3 yards to the UA35, 1ST DOWN UA (Crawford, S;Ademilola, Ja).	R14
1-10	UA 35	Najee Harris rush for 2 yards to the UA37 (Simon, S;Ademilola, Ju).	
2-8	UA 37	Mac Jones pass complete to Najee Harris for 1 yard to the UA38 (White, D;Ademilola, Ja).	
3-7	UA 38	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 8 yards to the UA46, 1ST DOWN UA (Crawford, S).	P15
1-10	UA 46	Najee Harris rush for 3 yards to the UA49 (Crawford, S).	
2-7	UA 49	DeVonta Smith rush for loss of 5 yards to the UA44 (Hamilton, K).	
3-12	UA 44	Timeout Alabama, clock 00:56.	
3-12	UA 44	Mac Jones pass incomplete to John Metchie.	
4-12	UA 44	Charlie Scott punt 45 yards to the ND11, fair catch by Salerno, M.	

*9 plays, 21 yards, 4:55*

NOTRE DAME drive start at 00:44.

1-10	ND 11	Book, I rush for 9 yards to the ND20, out-of-bounds.	
2-1	ND 20	Book, I rush for 20 yards to the ND40, 1ST DOWN ND.	R8
1-10	ND 40	,TEAM pass incomplete.	
2-10	ND 40	Book, I pass complete to Skowronek, B for 20 yards to the UA40, 1ST DOWN ND (Brian Branch).	P9
1-10	UA 40	,TEAM pass incomplete.	
2-10	UA 40	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for loss of 1 yard to the UA41.	
3-11	UA 41	Timeout Notre Dame, clock 00:13.	
3-11	UA 41	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 8 yards to the UA33, out-of-bounds.	
4-3	UA 33	Doerer, J field goal attempt from 51 MISSED - short, spot at UA33, clock 00:06.	

*8 plays, 56 yards, 0:38*

ALABAMA drive start at 00:06.

1-10	UA 33	TEAM rush for loss of 2 yards to the UA31.	
		End of half, clock 00:00.	

*1 play, minus 2 yards, 0:06*

END OF 2nd QUARTER: Alabama 21, Notre Dame 7

Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)  
 #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Notre Dame	7	07:38	2	2	0	4	2-5	1-1	9-43	8-11-0-51	0-0
Alabama	7	07:22	2	4	0	6	3-4	0-0	9-18	6-7-0-85	0-0

## Quickie Statistics (Halftime)

#4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

	ND	UA
Score	7	21
FIRST DOWNS	9	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-105	12-97
PASSING YDS (NET)	84	182
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-10-0	16-14-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	39-189	28-279
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-45.7	1-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	17:51	12:09
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 10	3 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0

### Notre Dame

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kyren Williams	14	60	4	56	1	15	4.0
Ian Book	7	44	5	39	0	20	5.6
Chris Tyree	3	10	0	10	0	4	3.3

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ian Book	10-13-0	84	0	27	0
,TEAM	0-2-0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kyren Williams	6	21	0	8
Chris Tyree	1	27	0	27
Ben Skowronek	1	20	0	20
George Takacs	1	10	0	10

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jay Bramblett	3	137	45.7	53	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	8	0	12

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Shaun Crawford	4-3	7	0.0	0.0
Kyle Hamilton	4-0	4	0.0	1.0
Drew White	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Nick McCloud	0-3	3	0.0	0.0

### Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Najee Harris	7	93	0	93	0	53	13.3
Mac Jones	3	11	0	11	0	6	3.7
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
DeVonta Smith	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mac Jones	14-16-0	182	3	34	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	5	101	2	34
Jahleel Billingsley	3	35	1	15
Miller Forristall	2	20	0	15
Najee Harris	2	15	0	14

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Charlie Scott	1	45	45.0	45	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jahleel Billingsley	1	16	0	16

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Josh Jobe	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
DeMarcco Hellams	2-3	5	0.0	0.0
Will Anderson Jr.	4-0	4	0.0	0.0
Dylan Moses	2-1	3	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:14	UA - DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79 2:36	0 - 7
	04:19	UA - Jahleel Billingsley 12 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-97 2:11	0 - 14
2nd	11:16	ND - Kyren Williams 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-75 8:09	7 - 14
	08:49	UA - DeVonta Smith 34 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 6-84 2:21	7 - 21

# Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

## #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00, ND ball on ND35.  
Doerer, J kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

ALABAMA drive start at 15:00.

1-10	UA 25	Najee Harris rush for 2 yards to the UA27 (Owusu-Koramoah).	
2-8	UA 27	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 22 yards to the UA49, 1ST DOWN UA (Lewis, C).	P16
1-10	UA 49	Najee Harris rush for 3 yards to the ND48 (White, D; Hinish, K).	
2-7	ND 48	Mac Jones pass complete to Najee Harris for 5 yards to the ND43, out-of-bounds (Crawford, S; McCloud, N).	
3-2	ND 43	Najee Harris rush for 6 yards to the ND37, 1ST DOWN UA (Liufau, M).	R17
1-10	ND 37	Mac Jones pass incomplete to Najee Harris, dropped pass.	
2-10	ND 37	Najee Harris rush for loss of 1 yard to the ND38 (Liufau, M).	
3-11	ND 38	Mac Jones pass complete to Mac Jones for loss of 8 yards to the ND46 (Ademilola, Ja).	
4-19	ND 46	Charlie Scott punt 36 yards to the ND10, fair catch by Salerno, M.	

*8 plays, 29 yards, 4:02*

NOTRE DAME drive start at 10:58.

1-10	ND 10	Flemister, C rush for no gain to the ND10 (W. Anderson Jr.).	
2-10	ND 10	Book, I pass complete to Skowronek, B for 6 yards to the ND16.	
3-4	ND 16	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 5 yards to the ND21, 1ST DOWN ND, out-of-bounds (C. Harris).	P10
1-10	ND 21	Book, I rush for 3 yards to the ND24 (C. Barmore).	
2-7	ND 24	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 10 yards to the ND34, 1ST DOWN ND (D. Hellams).	P11
1-10	ND 34	Tyree, C rush for 3 yards to the ND37 (Patrick Surtain).	
2-7	ND 37	Book, I pass intercepted by C. Harris at the UA38, C. Harris return 0 yards to the UA38 (Mayer, M).	

*7 plays, 27 yards, 3:31*

ALABAMA drive start at 07:27.

1-10	UA 38	Mac Jones pass complete to John Metchie for 40 yards to the ND22, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds.	P18
1-10	ND 22	Mac Jones pass incomplete to Najee Harris, PENALTY UA holding (Chris Owens) 10 yards to the ND32, NO PLAY.	
1-20	ND 32	Mac Jones pass complete to Najee Harris for 10 yards to the ND22, out-of-bounds (White, D).	
2-10	ND 22	Najee Harris rush for 6 yards to the ND16 (Cross III, H; White, D).	
3-4	ND 16	Mac Jones rush for 9 yards to the ND7, 1ST DOWN UA.	R19
1-G	ND 07	Mac Jones pass complete to DeVonta Smith for 7 yards to the ND0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:58.	
1-G	ND 03	Will Reichard kick attempt good.	

**Alabama 28, Notre Dame 7**

*5 plays, 62 yards, 2:29*

Will Reichard kickoff 61 yards to the ND4, fair catch by Tyree, C.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 04:58.

1-10	ND 25	Skowronek, B rush for 4 yards to the ND29, out-of-bounds.	
2-6	ND 29	Book, I pass incomplete, PENALTY UA roughing passer (Byron Young) 15 yards to the ND44, 1ST DOWN ND, NO PLAY.	X12
1-10	ND 44	Book, I sacked for loss of 14 yards to the ND30 (C. Barmore).	
2-24	ND 30	Williams, K rush for 1 yard to the ND31 (C. Allen; Tim Smith).	
3-23	ND 31	Pyne, D pass complete to Skowronek, B for 7 yards to the ND38 (D. Hellams; C. Harris).	
4-16	ND 38	Bramblett, J punt 52 yards to the UA10, DeVonta Smith return 20 yards to the UA30 (Wright, B).	

*4 plays, 13 yards, 2:53*

ALABAMA drive start at 02:05.

1-10	UA 30	Mac Jones pass complete to M. Forristall for 11 yards to the UA41, 1ST DOWN UA (Crawford, S).	P20
1-10	UA 41	Najee Harris rush for 1 yard to the UA42 (Hinish, K; White, D).	
2-9	UA 42	Mac Jones pass complete to Slade Bolden for 14 yards to the ND44, 1ST DOWN UA (Owusu-Koramoah).	P21
1-10	ND 44	Mac Jones pass incomplete to Najee Harris.	
2-10	ND 44	Najee Harris rush for 2 yards to the ND42 (White, D).	

**END OF 3rd QUARTER: Alabama 28, Notre Dame 7**

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Notre Dame	0	06:24	0	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	6-(-3)	4-5-1-28	0-0
Alabama	7	08:36	2	4	0	6	2-3	0-0	8-28	8-10-0-101	2-25

Quickie Statistics (3rd quarter)  
 #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

	ND	UA
Score	7	28
FIRST DOWNS	12	21
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-102	20-125
PASSING YDS (NET)	112	283
Passes Att-Comp-Int	20-14-1	26-22-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	50-214	46-408
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-47.2	2-40.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	2-25
Possession Time	24:15	20:45
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 12	5 of 7
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0

Notre Dame

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kyren Williams	15	61	4	57	1	15	3.8
Ian Book	9	47	19	28	0	20	3.1
Chris Tyree	4	13	0	13	0	4	3.2
Ben Skowronek	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ian Book	13-17-1	105	0	27	1
,TEAM	0-2-0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kyren Williams	7	26	0	8
Ben Skowronek	3	33	0	20
Michael Mayer	2	16	0	10
Chris Tyree	1	27	0	27

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jay Bramblett	4	189	47.2	53	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	8	0	12

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Shaun Crawford	5-4	9	0.0	0.0
Drew White	4-4	8	0.0	0.0
Jer., Owusu-Kora	4-0	4	0.0	0.0
Kyle Hamilton	4-0	4	0.0	1.0

Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Najee Harris	14	113	1	112	0	53	8.0
Mac Jones	4	20	0	20	0	9	5.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
DeVonta Smith	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mac Jones	22-26-0	283	4	40	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	7	130	3	34
Najee Harris	4	30	0	14
Jahleel Billingsley	3	35	1	15
Miller Forristall	3	31	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Charlie Scott	2	81	40.5	45	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	1	20	0	20

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jahleel Billingsley	1	16	0	16

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
DeMarcco Hellams	3-4	7	0.0	0.0
Will Anderson Jr.	5-0	5	0.0	0.0
Josh Jobe	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
Christian Barmore	4-1	5	1.0	1.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:14	UA - DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79 2:36	0 - 7
	04:19	UA - Jahleel Billingsley 12 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-97 2:11	0 - 14
2nd	11:16	ND - Kyren Williams 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-75 8:09	7 - 14
	08:49	UA - DeVonta Smith 34 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 6-84 2:21	7 - 21
3rd	04:58	UA - DeVonta Smith 7 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-62 2:29	7 - 28

## Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

### #4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

3-8	ND 42	Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00.	
3-8	ND 42	Najee Harris rush for 13 yards to the ND29, 1ST DOWN UA (Hamilton, K).	R22
1-10	ND 29	Mac Jones pass incomplete to DeVonta Smith (Simon, S).	
2-10	ND 29	B. Robinson Jr. rush for 2 yards to the ND27 (Cross III, H; Owusu-Koramoah).	
3-8	ND 27	Mac Jones pass complete to J. Billingsley for 4 yards to the ND23 (Hamilton, K).	
4-4	ND 23	Will Reichard field goal attempt from 41 GOOD, clock 12:45.	

Alabama 31, Notre Dame 7

*10 plays, 47 yards, 4:20*

Will Reichard kickoff 60 yards to the ND5, fair catch by Tyree, C.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 12:45.

1-10	ND 25	Book, I pass complete to McKinley, J for 18 yards to the ND43, 1ST DOWN ND, out-of-bounds, PENALTY UA holding declined.	P13
1-10	ND 43	Book, I pass complete to Skowronek, B for 8 yards to the UA49 (Jordan Battle;D. Hellams).	
2-2	UA 49	Williams, K rush for 7 yards to the UA42, 1ST DOWN ND (Josh Jobe;D. Hellams).	R14
1-10	UA 42	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 7 yards to the UA35 (Dylan Moses;Jaylen Moody).	
2-3	UA 35	Book, I pass complete to Tyree, C for 4 yards to the UA31, 1ST DOWN ND (W. Anderson Jr.).	P15
1-10	UA 31	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 18 yards to the UA13, 1ST DOWN ND (Patrick Surtain).	P16
1-10	UA 13	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 13 yards to the UA0, clock 10:06, PENALTY ND illegal shift (Takacs, G) 5 yards to the UA18, NO PLAY.	
1-15	UA 18	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 4 yards to the UA14 (D. Hellams).	
2-11	UA 14	Book, I rush for 1 yard to the UA13 (Byron Young).	
3-10	UA 13	Book, I pass incomplete to Skowronek, B.	
4-10	UA 13	Book, I pass incomplete to Davis, A (Brian Branch).	

*10 plays, 62 yards, 4:02*

ALABAMA drive start at 08:43.

1-10	UA 13	UA ball on UA14.	
1-10	UA 14	Mac Jones pass complete to John Metchie for 10 yards to the UA24, 1ST DOWN UA (Hamilton, K;Owusu-Koramoah).	P23
1-10	UA 24	B. Robinson Jr. rush for 2 yards to the UA26 (Ademilola, Ja;White, D).	
2-8	UA 26	Mac Jones pass incomplete to DeVonta Smith, PENALTY ND roughing passer (Ademilola, Ju) 15 yards to the UA41, 1ST DOWN UA, NO PLAY.	X24
1-10	UA 41	PENALTY UA false start (A. Leatherwood) 5 yards to the UA36.	
1-15	UA 36	Mac Jones rush for 6 yards to the UA42 (Liufau, M).	
2-9	UA 42	Mac Jones pass complete to Xavier Williams for no gain to the UA42 (Liufau, M;Mills, R).	
3-9	UA 42	Mac Jones sacked for loss of 8 yards to the UA34 (Ogundeji, A;Ademilola, Ja), PENALTY UA intentional grounding (Mac Jones) 0 yards to the UA34.	
4-17	UA 34	Charlie Scott punt 46 yards to the ND20, fair catch by Salerno, M.	

*5 plays, 20 yards, 3:11*

NOTRE DAME drive start at 05:32, 1st and 10.

1-10	ND 20	Book, I pass complete to Tyree, C for 3 yards to the ND23 (Jaylen Moody).	
2-7	ND 23	Book, I pass complete to Keys III, L for 20 yards to the ND43, 1ST DOWN ND (D. Hellams).	P17
1-10	ND 43	Tyree, C rush for 3 yards to the ND46 (Dylan Moses;C. Allen).	
2-7	ND 46	Book, I sacked for loss of 1 yard to the ND45 (D. Hellams).	
3-8	ND 45	Book, I pass incomplete to Mayer, M.	
4-8	ND 45	Timeout Notre Dame, clock 03:35.	
4-8	ND 45	Book, I pass complete to Davis, A for 15 yards to the UA40, 1ST DOWN ND (Brian Branch).	P18
1-10	UA 40	Book, I pass incomplete to Skowronek, B (Patrick Surtain), PENALTY UA unsportsmanlike conduct 15 yards to the UA25, 1ST DOWN ND.	X19
1-10	UA 25	Book, I pass complete to McKinley, J for 2 yards to the UA23 (Jordan Battle).	
2-8	UA 23	2nd and 8.	
2-8	UA 23	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 10 yards to the UA13, 1ST DOWN ND (Jordan Battle).	P20
1-10	UA 13	Book, I pass incomplete.	
2-10	UA 13	Book, I pass complete to Williams, K for 5 yards to the UA8, out-of-bounds (Daniel Wright).	
3-5	UA 08	Book, I pass complete to Mayer, M for 7 yards to the UA1, 1ST DOWN ND (Dylan Moses;Josh Jobe).	P21
1-G	UA 01	Book, I rush for no gain to the UA1 (Jaylen Moody).	
2-G	UA 01	Book, I rush for 1 yard to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:56, PENALTY UA offside defense declined.	
1-G	UA 03	Doerer, J kick attempt good.	

Alabama 31, Notre Dame 14

*14 plays, 80 yards, 4:38*

Doerer, J kickoff 12 yards to the ND47, on-side kick, recovered by ND Owusu-Koramoah on ND47.

NOTRE DAME drive start at 00:54.

1-10	ND 47	Book, I pass incomplete to Skowronek, B.	
2-10	ND 47	Book, I rush for 11 yards to the UA42, 1ST DOWN ND.	R22
1-10	UA 42	Book, I pass incomplete to McKinley, J, PENALTY UA pass interference (Josh Jobe) 14 yards to the UA28, 1ST DOWN ND, NO PLAY.	X23



## Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

### # 4 Notre Dame vs # 1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

1-10 UA 28 Book, I pass incomplete.  
 2-10 UA 28 PENALTY ND false start (Eichenburg, L) 5 yards to the UA33.  
 2-15 UA 33 Book, I pass complete to Tyree, C for 3 yards to the UA30, out-of-bounds.  
 3-12 UA 30 Book, I rush for 15 yards to the UA15, 1ST DOWN ND, out-of-bounds (Jordan Battle). R24  
 1-10 UA 15 Timeout Notre Dame, clock 00:01.  
 1-10 UA 15 Book, I pass incomplete to Davis, A.  
 End of game, clock 00:00.

*6 plays, 38 yards, 0:54*

FINAL SCORE: Alabama 31, Notre Dame 14

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Notre Dame	7	09:34	3	7	2	12	2-4	1-2	8-37	14-22-0-124	3-25
Alabama	3	05:26	1	1	1	3	1-3	0-0	5-15	3-4-0-14	4-34

Quickie Statistics (4th quarter)  
#4 Notre Dame vs #1 Alabama (Jan 01, 2021 at Arlington, Texas)

	ND	UA
Score	14	31
FIRST DOWNS	24	24
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-139	25-140
PASSING YDS (NET)	236	297
Passes Att-Comp-Int	42-28-1	30-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	80-375	55-437
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-20
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-8	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-47.2	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	6-59
Possession Time	33:49	26:11
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 16	6 of 10
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 0

Notre Dame

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kyren Williams	16	68	4	64	1	15	4.0
Ian Book	15	75	20	55	1	20	3.7
Chris Tyree	5	16	0	16	0	4	3.2
Ben Skowronek	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Ian Book	27-39-1	229	0	27	2
,TEAM	0-2-0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kyren Williams	8	31	0	8
Michael Mayer	7	62	0	18
Ben Skowronek	4	41	0	20
Chris Tyree	4	37	0	27

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jay Bramblett	4	189	47.2	53	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Chris Tyree	1	8	0	12

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Shaun Crawford	5-4	9	0.0	0.0
Drew White	4-5	9	0.0	0.0
Kyle Hamilton	6-1	7	0.0	1.0
Marist Liufau	4-2	6	0.0	1.0

Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Najee Harris	15	126	1	125	0	53	8.3
Mac Jones	6	26	8	18	0	9	3.0
Brian Robinson Jr.	2	4	0	4	0	2	2.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mac Jones	25-30-0	297	4	40	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	7	130	3	34
Jahleel Billingsley	4	39	1	15
Najee Harris	4	30	0	14
John Metchie	3	53	0	40

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Charlie Scott	3	127	42.3	46	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith	1	20	0	20

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jahleel Billingsley	1	16	0	16

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
DeMarcco Hellams	6-6	12	1.0	1.0
Josh Jobe	4-3	7	0.0	0.0
Will Anderson Jr.	6-0	6	0.0	0.0
Dylan Moses	2-4	6	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:14	UA - DeVonta Smith 26 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 7-79 2:36	0 - 7
	04:19	UA - Jahleel Billingsley 12 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-97 2:11	0 - 14
2nd	11:16	ND - Kyren Williams 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 15-75 8:09	7 - 14
	08:49	UA - DeVonta Smith 34 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 6-84 2:21	7 - 21
3rd	04:58	UA - DeVonta Smith 7 yd pass from Mac Jones (Will Reichard kick), 5-62 2:29	7 - 28
4th	12:45	UA - Will Reichard 41 yd field goal, 10-47 4:20	7 - 31
	00:56	ND - Ian Book 1 yd run (Jonathan Doerer kick), 14-80 4:38	14 - 31



# 107th ROSE BOWL GAME presented by Capital One

## Postgame Notes

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### #1 Alabama Crimson Tide 31, #4 Notre Dame Fighting Irish 14

AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas

Thursday, January 1, 2021

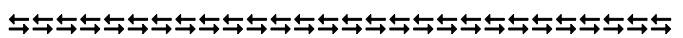
### MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	<b>ND</b>	<b>A</b>
FINAL SCORE.....	14	31
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 4:46).....	0:00	55:14
Total Plays-Yards.....	80-375	55-437
20+/10+/5+.....	4/14/32	6/17/30
2-/Zero/Negative.....	18/18/4	19/5/5
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	39-136	23-166
First Half.....	20-52	8-111
Second Half.....	19-84	15-55
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory.....	5 of 10	6 of 9
First Down Plays/Yards.....	33/95	30/318
Average on First Down.....	2.9	10.6
First Half.....	2.6 (14-36)	13.3 (17-226)
Second Half.....	3.1 (19-59)	7.1 (13-92)
Rushes/Average.....	14/2.9	13/8.4
Passes/Average (includes sacks).....	19/2.8	17/12.3
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+.....	0/2/7	4/13/19
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg.....	15/11/2	9/4/1
Second Down Efficiency.....	11-28	5-15
First Half.....	4-14	3-7
Second Half.....	7-14	2-8
Yards Gained.....	179	90
Third Down Efficiency.....	8-16	6-10
Rushing.....	4-7	5-5
Passing.....	4-9	1-5
Average Yards To Go (All).....	7.6	6.3
Average Yards To Go (Conversions).....	3.1	3.8
Yards Gained.....	85	29
3rd & 5 or less.....	6-7	4-4
3rd & 6 or more.....	2-9	2-6
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	2-3 (16)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	10/ND22	9/A23
First Half.....	5ND19	5/A19
Second Half.....	5/ND25	4/A27
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20.....	4 (3/1)	3 (3/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory.....	0 (0 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	0	0
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	0 (0)	1 (7)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts).....	2-3 (14)	2-2 (14)
Plays-Yards.....	17-43	3-28
Third Down Efficiency.....	1-3	1-1
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	1-2	0-0
Scores Outside The 20 (#/TD, FG).....	0 (0/0)	3 (2/1)
Yards by Quarter:		
1st.....	95	176
2nd.....	94	103
3rd.....	25	129
4th.....	161	29

### 107th ROSE BOWL PLAYERS OF THE GAME

**Offense: WR (#6), DeVonta Smith, Sr., Alabama**  
*8 targets: 7 receptions for 130 yards, 3 TD, 5 FDE (18.6 per)*

**Defense: CB (#2), Patrick Surtain, Jr., Alabama**  
*3 TT/ 2 UT (½ TFL, 1 PBU)*



### ONE-LINER QUICKIES

- The #1 seed is now **5-2** in the CFP semifinal (and has gone on to go **1-3** in the title game)
- **No. 1** teams are now **8-4** all-time in the Rose Bowl; the last win by a top-ranked team was Miami's 37-14 win over Nebraska in the '02 game (the only other No. 1 team in the game since until today was USC in '06, when the Trojans fell to Texas)

- With the roof closed, this officially was the first RBG in history played indoors out of the 107 in the books.
- Today's attendance of **18,373** is actually once again the highest to date of the 2020-21 bowl season; obviously reduce to do spacing restrictions of the COVID-19 virus, it bested the **17,323** the Cotton Bowl had in attendance, also at AT&T Stadium. Due to the limited seating, it was the smallest RBG crowd since 8,000 attended the 1916 game (when Washington State defeated Brown, 14-0).
- Alabama trimmed the series lead by Notre Dame to **5-3**.
- **Streak Ended.** **Art Spander's** streak of attending 67 straight Rose Bowl games came to an end (he started as a program salesman) in 1954. The RBG media staff still assigned him a press row tag and a seat.
- **Penalties, Or Lack Thereof.** The first penalty of the game came some 38 minutes and 10 seconds into the game (6:50/3Q)—holding on Alabama's Chris Owens. Notre Dame's first penalty came on an illegal shift with 10:06 left in the game. There were just nine in the game (UA 6, ND 3), seven in the final 10 minutes.
- **Ninth No. 1.** With the victory, **Alabama** has become the ninth No. 1 team to win a Rose Bowl (the fifth different school), joining **Ohio State** (1955, 1969), **USC** (1963, 1968, 1973, 2004), **Michigan** (1998) and **Miami-Fla.** (2002).

**100/100.** This was the **17th** time a team in the RBG had both a 100-yard rusher and receiver. Alabama's **Najee Harris** (15-125, 0 TD) rushing and **Devonta Smith** (7-130, 3 TD). It's the eighth occasion since 2012, when both Oregon and Wisconsin accomplished it (USC fff it first in 1972).

**RBG LONGEST SCORING DRIVES:** Alabama recorded the second longest scoring drive in RBG history. The top three (all touchdowns):  
 99—Washington State vs. Michigan, 1998 (9 plays, 3:45)  
 97—**Alabama vs. Notre Dame, 2021 (5 plays, 2:11)**  
 95—Oregon vs. Wisconsin, 2012 (2 plays, 0:32)  
 90—on four occasions.

**SCORING DRIVE BREAKDOWN:** Alabama scored 31 points on 32 plays (379 yards, 11.8 per./its four touchdown drives consumed 332 yards on 23 plays, or 14.4 per). Notre Dame scored 14 points on 29 plays (140 yards, or 4.8 per).

**FIRST DOWN DOMINATION.** Alabama won this game on first down:  
 ● Alabama gained **318** yards on first downs, averaging **10.6** per 30 first down plays in the game. Notre Dame gained 95 yards on 33 first down plays, or **2.9** per.

- In the first half, Alabama averaged **13.3** yards on 17 first down plays (226 yards; one of those was the 2-yard loss on a kneeldown to end the half, otherwise was 14.3. That was just the second negative yardage play the Tide had in the half; it had two plays for zero (two incompletions), and 10 plays of 10 yards or longer (four 20-plus).
- Alabama earned **13** first downs on its first **18** plays (finished with 15 in the first half on 28 plays). The Crimson Tide gained **6** or more yards on **13** of its first **14** first down plays.

**RUSHING ANALYSIS** An in-depth look at how each team's 1,000-yard runner this season fared in today's game:

Player, Team	Att	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	FD	20+	10+	5+	0 Neg.
Harris, Alabama	15	125	8.3	53	0	5	1	4	7	0
Williams, Notre Dame	16	64	4.0	15	1	3	0	1	7	1

**MORE TO COME**



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### ROSE BOWL GAME RECORDS BROKEN OR TIED (5)

#### TIED

##### Most Touchdowns, Receiving

3, Devonta Smith, Alabama **TIED RECORD**  
 Also: 3, Braylon Edwards, Michigan vs. Texas, 2005  
 3, Deontay Burnett, USC vs. Penn State, 2017

##### Highest Completion Percentage

83.3—Mac Jones, Alabama vs Notre Dame, 2021 (25-of-30);  
 Previous: 80.0, Mark Sanchez, USC vs. Penn State, 2009 (28-of-35). **RECORD**

##### Most Touchdown Passes Without an Interception

4—Mac Jones, Alabama vs Notre Dame, 2021 (25-30-0, 297 yards) **TIED RECORD**  
 Also:  
 Rick Neuheisel, UCLA vs Illinois, 1984 (22-31-0, 298 yards)  
 Chad Henne, Michigan vs USC, 2005 (18-34-0, 227 yards)  
 John David Booty, USC vs Michigan, 2007, (27-45-0, 291 yards)  
 Mark Sanchez, USC vs Penn State, 2009, (28-35-0, 413, yards)

#### TEAM RECORDS

##### Fewest Interceptions

0 by Alabama, now on 67 occasions. **TIED RECORD**  
 Previous last time: Ohio State vs. Washington, 2019

#### TWO-TEAM RECORDS

##### Fewest Fumbles

0 Alabama vs Notre Dame, 2021 **TIED RECORD**  
 Also: Navy vs. Washington, 1924  
 Stanford vs. Wisconsin, 2013  
 Ohio State vs. Washington, 2009

##### Fewest Fumbles Lost

0 now 17 occasions (last: Ohio State vs. Washington, 2019)

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF RECORDS (3)

#### MOST WINS IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

Alabama has now won seven games in the College Football Playoff. This sets the record for the most playoff wins. Clemson can tie this record tonight with a win against Ohio State in the Sugar Bowl.

#### MOST PLAYS IN A SCORING DRIVE

Notre Dame's 15-play, 75-yard scoring drive in the second quarter sets the CFP semi-final record for the most plays in a scoring drive that resulted in a touchdown.

#### LONGEST SCORING DRIVE

Notre Dame's 15-play, 75-yard scoring drive in the second quarter lasted 8:03. This drive sets the record for most time consumed on a single scoring drive in a CFP semi-final.

#### SECOND MOST PLAYS IN A SCORING DRIVE

Notre Dame's 14-play, 80-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter ties 2018 Oklahoma (2018 Orange Bowl vs. Alabama) for the second most plays in a drive that has resulted in a touchdown in a CFP semi-final.

#### SECOND BEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Alabama's completion percentage was 83.3 percent (25 of 30) which is the second-best completion percentage in a CFP semi-final.

#### SECOND MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING

Mac Jones' (Alabama) four passing touchdowns ties Tua Tagovailoa (2018 Orange Bowl vs. Oklahoma) for the second most passing touchdown in a CFP semi-final.

#### SECOND MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING

Devonta Smith's (Alabama) three receiving touchdowns are the second most receiving touchdowns in a CFP semi-final.

#### SECOND MOST POINTS SCORED

Devonta Smith's (Alabama) 18 points scored are the second most points scored in a CFP semi-final.

### AT&T STADIUM RECORDS / NOTES

#### MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Devonta Smith's three receiving touchdowns ties three other players for the most receiving touchdowns in an FBS game at AT&T Stadium.

#### SECOND MOST TOUCHDOWNS SCORED

Devonta Smith's three touchdowns ties seven other players for the second most touchdowns scored in an FBS game at AT&T Stadium.

#### SECOND MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING

Mac Jones' four passing touchdowns ties five other players for the second most passing touchdown in an FBS game at AT&T Stadium.

#### SECOND BEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Alabama's completion percentage was 83.3 percent (25 of 31) which is the second-best completion percentage in an FBS game at AT&T Stadium.

#### LONGEST SCORING DRIVE

Alabama's 97-yard scoring drive in the first quarter that resulted in a touchdown ties three other teams for the longest scoring drive in an FBS game at AT&T Stadium.

#### PERFECT RECORD AFTER FIVE GAMES

Alabama is the only FBS team that has played at least five games at AT&T Stadium and has an undefeated record in those contests.

#### SEC ALL-TIME RECORD

SEC teams are now 17-2 all-time vs. non-conference opponents at AT&T Stadium.

### UPDATED 20-21 BOWL SEASON CONFERENCE RECORDS

League ('20 bowl teams)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	vs. P5	Schools (winners in bold, losers in red)	2019-20 Record
Big 12 (5)	4	0	1.000	171	98	3-0	Iowa State, <b>Oklahoma</b> , <b>Oklahoma State</b> , Texas, West Virginia	1-5
Mid-American (2)	2	0	1.000	51	23	0-0	<b>Ball State</b> , Buffalo	3-4
Big Ten (4)	2	0	1.000	77	47	2-0	Indiana, <b>Northwestern</b> , Ohio State, Wisconsin	4-5
Sun Belt (5)	4	1	.800	198	113	0-0	<b>Appalachian State</b> , <b>Coastal Carolina</b> , Georgia Southern, Georgia State, Louisiana	3-2
Independents (3)	2	1	.667	107	81	0-1	<b>Army</b> , <b>BYU</b> , Liberty	2-1
Mountain West (3)	2	1	.667	79	75	0-0	<b>Hawai'i</b> , Nevada, San Jose State	4-3
SEC (8)	3	2	.600	122	151	1-2	<b>Alabama</b> , Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, <b>Mississippi State</b> , Texas A&M	8-2
American Athletic (6)	1	5	.167	136	177	0-2	Cincinnati, Houston, Memphis, Tulane, Tulsa, UCF	4-3
Pac-12 (2)	0	1	.000	23	55	0-1	Colorado, Oregon	4-3
Atlantic Coast (6)	0	3	.000	76	110	0-3	Clemson, Miami, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Notre Dame, Wake Forest	4-7
Conference USA (6)	0	6	.000	96	206	0-0	Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Marshall, North Texas, Texas-San Antonio, Western Kentucky	3-5
<b>Totals (50)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>.....</b>		



# NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

## CFP SEMIFINAL AT THE ROSE BOWL GAME POSTGAME NOTES

### THE RECORD WHEN...

Stat	Kelly at ND		2020	
	Record (W-L)		Record (W-L)	
Home (Includes Shamrock Series)	60	13	6	0
Away	31	20	4	0
In overtime	2	3	0	0
Coming off a loss	16	11	0	0
Coming off a win	63	23	7	0
Coming off an open date	9	2	2	2
vs. AP Top 25	22	21	2	2
Both teams are in the AP Top 25	18	18	2	2
Neither team is in the AP Top 25	22	14	0	0
Team is ranked higher	70	10	9	1
Opponent is ranked higher	8	14	1	1
vs. In-State Opponents	6	0	0	0
In August	2	0	0	0
In September	31	12	2	0
In October	32	8	4	0
In November	31	13	3	0
In December	5	2	1	1
In January	1	4	0	1
On TV (except GVSU regular season)	101	38	10	2
On NBC	59	13	5	0
On NBCSN	3	0	0	0
On ABC	22	13	4	2
On ACCN	1	0	0	0
On ESPN	7	6	0	0
On ESPN2	1	0	0	0
On CBS	4	3	0	0
On CBS Sports Network	0	1	0	0
On FOX	2	3	0	0
Morning Games (kicks off before noon)	0	1	0	0
Afternoon Games	64	17	8	2
Night Games (6 p.m. or later)	37	20	2	0
Decided by three points or fewer	12	13	0	0
Decided by seven points or fewer	30	21	2	0
Scoring first	75	20	7	1
Opponent scores first	26	18	3	1
Leading at halftime	82	11	9	0
Tied at halftime	8	1	1	0
Trailing at halftime	10	26	0	2
Leading after three quarters	83	9	9	0

FIGHTING IRISH

**10-2** OVERALL **9-0** ACC



VS



**12-0** OVERALL **8-1** SEC

CRIMSON TIDE

AP rank: 4 Coaches rank: 4  
CFP rank: 4  
Head Coach: Brian Kelly  
Record: 273-96-2^

**14-31**  
FINAL

AP rank: 1 Coaches rank: 1  
CFP rank: 1  
Head Coach: Nick Saban  
Record: 260-65-1

DATE: Jan. 1, 2021 LOCATION: Arlington, TX STADIUM: AT&T Stadium

FINAL SCORE: No. 4 Notre Dame 14, No. 1 Alabama 31

NOTRE DAME CAPTAINS: QB Ian Book, S Shaun Crawford, OL Robert Hainsey, DL Daelin Hayes, DL Adetokunbo Ogundejí

#### Miscellaneous:

- **OL Robert Hainsey** represented the Irish in the coin toss. Notre Dame won the toss and elected to receive to start the first half. The Irish received the opening kick and Notre Dame defended the west end zone.

#### TEAM NOTES:

- The Irish are 33-5 since the beginning of the 2018 season (.868), and are 5-3^ all-time in the series with Alabama.
- Notre Dame is 20-14-3^ when both teams are in the Top 5.
- Notre Dame has outscored opponents 165-42 in the second quarter this season.
- The Irish are 4-4 in bowl games vs. No. 1 opponents.
- Notre Dame has won six of the last eight games when playing No. 1, the most recent win being this season vs. then-No. 1 Clemson (11/7).
- Brian Kelly is 19-11^ in his career in postseason matchups.
- Notre Dame is 120-40-7^ in neutral site games. In the Brian Kelly era, the Irish are 17-8.^
- The Irish held Alabama to 31 points Friday, Alabama's lowest point total of the season and more than two touchdowns below their 11-game average of 49.73 points per game. It is also Alabama's lowest point total since the 2018 National Championship game.
- The Irish entered the day with the ACC's top time of possession value (33:57 minutes per game), which ranked eighth in the FBS. With 33:43 Friday, Notre Dame won the time of possession battle in 11-of-12 games this season.
- Notre Dame limited Alabama to just nine possessions on the day, the fewest for the Tide this season, and the fewest for Alabama since at least 2015.

#### OFFENSIVE NOTES:

- Running back **Kyren Williams** marked his 13th rushing score of the season, the most by an Irish running back since Autry Denson's 15 in 1998. Williams is tied for ninth all-time in single-season rushing touchdowns among all players in Irish history. He also posted eight receptions on the day, leading the Irish and marking a new career-high (previous high was four receptions, occurring most recently at North Carolina this season).
- Quarterback **Ian Book** finished the day with 27 completions for 229 yards, adding 15 rushing attempts for 55 yards and a touchdown. With his rushing touchdown, Book tied for third all-time among all Irish quarterbacks with 17 rushing touchdowns, joining Rick Mirer. He ends his starting QB career with a 30-5 record, the most wins by a single Notre Dame quarterback in the 132-year history of the program.
- Tight end **Michael Mayer** set a single-game career-high with seven receptions, and his 62 yards in the air led the Irish.
- Wide receiver **Lawrence Keys III** notched a career-long reception on a 20-yard pass from Ian Book.

#### DEFENSIVE NOTES:

- Safety **Shaun Crawford** tied a career-high with nine tackles on the evening, while linebacker **Drew White** tied a season-high with nine tackles.
- Linebacker **Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah** recovered a Jonathan Doerer onside kick, giving possession back to the Irish in the fourth quarter.
- Defensive lineman **Jayson Ademilola** notched a key TFL on third down, his first TFL of the season and bringing his career total to 6.5.

^ -Includes 20 regular-season wins and two postseason appearances vacated under discretionary NCAA penalty

## HALFTIME NOTES – 1 ALABAMA VS 4 NOTRE DAME

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**UA RANKS IN THE ROSE BOWL RECORDS:** Alabama's 97-yard scoring drive in the second quarter is the second longest in Rose Bowl history. The current record of 99 yards was set by Washington State vs. Michigan in 1998.

**OPENING DRIVE TOUCHDOWNS:** Wide receiver DeVonta Smith scored a 26-yard touchdown on Alabama's opening drive of today's matchup with No. 4 Notre Dame. The Crimson Tide has won 39 straight games when scoring a touchdown on the first offensive possession of the game. The Tide's last loss after finding the end zone on its first drive was to the Oklahoma Sooners in the 2014 Allstate Sugar Bowl.

**SCORING STREAK CONTINUES:** Alabama extended its school record for consecutive games with a score to 267 thanks to wide receiver DeVonta Smith's 26-yard receiving touchdown on the Crimson Tide's opening drive against No. 4 Notre Dame. The Crimson Tide was last held off the scoreboard in a 9-0 loss to Auburn on Nov. 18, 2000. Alabama has a 211-55 (.793) record over the course of the current streak.

**FIRST QUARTER SCORING:** With a 14-0 advantage after the opening 15:00, Alabama has now outscored its opponents 146-37 (+109) in the first quarter this season.

**LEAP GOES LONG:** On his third carry of the game, running back Najee Harris ran and leaped over a defender for a career best 53-yard long rush. His previous high was 42 yards against Kentucky earlier this season.

**SMITTY OVER 100 AGAIN:** DeVonta Smith finished the first half of the CFP Semifinal matchup with Notre Dame by totaling 101 receiving yards to go over the 100-yard marker for the eighth time this season. Those eight 100-plus yard performances give him 13 for his career as he entered his senior campaign with five in hand. Smith totaled two in 2018 and followed that up with three as a junior a season ago. His 13 100-plus yard performances ties DJ Hall (2004-07) for the second-most in Alabama history.



**MAC MAKING HIS MARK:** Signal caller Mac Jones threw for three touchdown passes in the first half against Notre Dame to total 35 touchdowns through the air this season. Jones' 35 touchdowns rank as the second-most in a single season in program history. Only Tua Tagovailoa has thrown more touchdowns for Alabama in a single season with 43 in 2018.

**JONES FIRST HALF PASSING:** In the first half alone, Jones started today's game 14-of-16 with 182 yards and a trio of touchdowns.

**148-8 UNDER SABAN WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF:** Under head coach Nick Saban, Alabama is 148-8 (.949) when leading at the half. The Crimson Tide has held the lead in 65 of its last 83 games dating back to the start of the 2015 season. UA is also 132-4 (.971) when leading by seven or more points at the break during the Saban era.

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**12-WIN CLUB:** With Alabama's win over Notre Dame today, the Crimson Tide has reached the 12-win mark for the 10th time in the last 13 seasons (2008, 12; 2009, 14; 2011, 12; 2012, 13; 2014, 12; 2015, 14, 2016, 14; 2017, 13; 2018, 14; 2020 12).

**ALABAMA IN THE ROSE BOWL:** Alabama has now played in a total of seven Rose Bowl matchups, holding a 5-1-1 mark in those games.

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**BEATING THE BEST:** The Crimson Tide is 65-17 (.793) against the Associated Press Top 25 since the start of 2008. Alabama is 5-0 against the Top 25 this season with a 41-24 win over then-No. 3 Georgia on Oct. 17; a 52-24 win over then-No. 13 Texas A&M on Oct. 3; a 42-13 victory in the Iron Bowl against then-No. 22 Auburn; a 52-46 win over then-No. 11 Florida in the SEC Championship Game; and most recently today's 31-14 victory over No. 4 Notre Dame in the CFP Semifinal.

**SABAN vs. AP TOP 25:** The Crimson Tide's 31-14 win over No. 4 Notre Dame in the CFP Semifinal was Nick Saban's 89th career win and 66th at Alabama vs. the Associated Press Top 25.

**149-8 UNDER SABAN WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF:** Under head coach Nick Saban, Alabama is 149-8 (.949) when leading at the half. The Crimson Tide has held the lead in 66 of its last 84 games dating back to the start of the 2015 season. UA is also 133-4 (.971) when leading by seven or more points at the break during the Saban era.

### OFFENSIVE NOTES

**28-OR-MORE IN 25 STRAIGHT:** Alabama is the current FBS leader for scoring at least 28 points in consecutive games with 25. What's more impressive over that streak is the fact that Alabama has produced 35-or-more points in the 24 games before today.



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**BALL PROTECTION:** In the last 179 games dating to the start of the 2008 season, Alabama has turned the ball over only 193 times (106 fumbles, 87 interceptions) for 1.08 turnovers per game. Since 2009, the Tide has turned the ball over only 175 times in 165 games (1.06/game). That number since 2009 includes 69 interceptions in 4,231 attempts (1 INT every 61.3 attempts) by UA starting quarterbacks and 30 fumbles in 4,316 carries (one fumble lost every 143.9 carries) by the Tide's top two running backs.

**LEAP GOES LONG:** On his third carry of the game, running back Najee Harris ran and leaped over a defender for a career best 53-yard long rush. His previous high was 42 yards against Kentucky earlier this season.

**SMITTY AND NAJ KEEP ROLLING:** The Alabama offense has been nearly unstoppable all season and a big part of that is the play of seniors DeVonta Smith and Najee Harris. Smith has been the Tide's leading receiver with 105 catches, 20 of which have gone for a touchdown, and added one rushing score. Harris has paced the UA rushers with 229 carries and totaled 24 rushing touchdowns while adding 36 receptions and three receiving scores. The seniors have combined for 48 offensive touchdowns heading into the College Football Playoff Championship Game.

**HARRIS OVER 100, AGAIN:** Najee Harris totaled 125 rushing yards against Notre Dame in the Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 1 for the 13th 100-plus yard rushing game of his career and his sixth this season. The 13 100-yard rushing games passes Mark Ingram (2008-10), Kenneth Darby (2003-06) and Sherman Williams (1991-94) for fourth all-time on the career 100-yard rushing performances list at UA. The Alabama career record for 100-plus yard games is 16 by Derrick Henry (2013-15).

**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** DeVonta Smith now has 20 receiving touchdowns, making Alabama the first team in FBS history to have a player with 20 receiving touchdowns (Smith), along with 20 rushing scores from Najee Harris in a single season.

**SMITTY OVER 100 AGAIN:** DeVonta Smith finished the first half of the CFP Semifinal matchup with Notre Dame by totaling 101 receiving yards to go over the 100-yard marker for the eighth time this season. He finished with 130 yards by game's end. Those eight 100-plus yard performances give him 13 for his career as he entered his senior campaign with five in hand. Smith totaled two in 2018 and followed that up with three as a junior a season ago. His 13 100-plus yard performances ties DJ Hall (2004-07) for the second-most in Alabama history.

**JONES SETS SINGLE-SEASON PASSING YARD RECORD:** With 4,036 passing yards this season, Mac Jones moved into the top spot on the UA single-season passing yards list. Jones passed Tua

Tagovailoa, who had been No. 1 with 3,966 yards in 2018. Jones is just the fifth quarterback in school history to throw for 3,000 yards in a season and is the first to go over 4,000 yards.

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**JONES FIRST HALF PASSING:** In the first half alone, Jones started today's game 14-of-16 with 182 yards and a trio of touchdowns and finished 25-of-30 with 297 yards and four touchdowns.

**3.6K for DEVONTA PUTS HIM NINE YARDS OFF SEC MARK:** Senior DeVonta Smith has totaled 3,750 receiving yards in his Crimson Tide career. That total not only ranks atop the Alabama records but ranks second overall in SEC history. Smith's 130 yards against Notre Dame puts him within nine yards of tying Vanderbilt's Jordan Matthews (2010-13) who had 3,759 yards for the all-time conference record.

### **DEFENSIVE NOTES**

**TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS:** Alabama's defense forced a turnover in the Crimson Tide's win over No. 4 Notre Dame in the 2020 Rose Bowl Game on Jan. 1 after Christian Harris grabbed a third-quarter interception. With the turnover in Dallas, the Crimson Tide has forced at least one turnover in 78 of the last 84 contests dating back to the start of the 2015 season, including 11 of 12 matchups during the 2020 campaign. During the current run, Alabama has forced 142 turnovers (91 interceptions, 51 fumbles) and returned 29 of those miscues for touchdowns.

**CAREER FIRST FOR CHRISTIAN:** Linebacker Christian Harris caught his first career interception during the third quarter.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

**FOURTEEN IN A ROW FOR REICHARD:** Dating back to last season, placekicker Will Reichard has made 14 straight field goals, including all 13 attempts in 2020. The streak of 14 straight is tied with Jake Oldroyd of BYU for the longest active consecutive made field goals streak in Division I.

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Friday, January 1, 2021

Arlington, Texas, USA

## Coach Brian Kelly

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Alabama - 31, Notre Dame - 14

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly. We'll begin with an opening statement.

COACH KELLY: It was certainly a disappointed locker room. I think I'm probably more disappointed about the fact that I don't get a chance to see these guys, many of them, as they move on and graduate, because it's just been an incredible group of guys to be around on a day-to-day basis, what they've committed to and sacrificed to be playing this year. So from that perspective, the game aside, it's a pretty disappointing feeling that we've played our last game.

Congratulations to Alabama. They're a fine football team. They made the plays today. Today was about making plays. They made them on the perimeter. Their skill players showed up today as they have all year. Made it difficult for us.

We battled. I thought we did some of the things that we wanted to today. But we simply didn't make enough plays. We're going to continue to battle, continue to recruit, and continue to put ourselves in this position to win a National Championship.

So, again, proud of my guys. Proud of the way they battled today against a very good football team. And just wish we made a couple more plays when we had the opportunity.

**Q. After admittedly, obviously, getting better and getting back to this place in the playoff, how frustrating is it to just be sort of in the same place competitive-wise?**

COACH KELLY: I don't know what the question is. What's the question?



**Q. How frustrating is it to get to a playoff again and lose by this margin?**

COACH KELLY: The margin is not the issue. Losing is losing. I don't know really what the inference is. This football team battled. And they made a few more plays on the perimeter.

I'm not sure, really, what the question is. When you lose football games, you know, there's a few more plays that you have to make. We had the opportunity. You watched the game. I watched the game.

We did not score in the red zone when we had opportunities. We moved the ball into the red zone. We missed a field goal. We had two opportunities in the red zone to score, where this would be a competitive football game. And we didn't make enough plays.

This wasn't a matter of getting knocked off the ball or not having enough players to compete against Alabama. This was about making plays.

And so, you know, I guess everybody needs to continue to carry this narrative that Notre Dame is not good enough. Look at the scores of the games that Alabama has played all year, and I think we need to start to change the narrative a little bit.

This team was out there competing and having a chance to win. And I'm proud of the way our guys competed.

**Q. As you look at it, you feel like the program has gotten a lot closer, what's the first next step you feel like you guys could take or need to take?**

COACH KELLY: I don't know how I need to -- I really don't want to continue to go down this path. We're going to keep getting here, okay? And we're going to keep banging at it and you guys watched the game, didn't you? They made plays on the perimeter. They made some dynamic plays.

They had the college football player of the year who made some dynamic plays. We battled. We were right there. So we're going to keep getting back here.



And I'm sorry if you don't like it or if the national media doesn't like it, but we're going to go back to work. We're going to keep recruiting and we're going to put ourselves back in this position again. And I think our kids battled and played really hard and physical. We ran the ball today.

And I'm not taking it personal, because these questions keep coming up like we have to reinvent ourselves. We were physical today. They were dynamic on the perimeter, like they have been all year. This is a really good football team. And we're just going to keep recruiting and keep playing and we're going to keep putting ourselves in this position. And that's all we can do.

**Q. Congratulations on a successful season.**

COACH KELLY: That would be nice if our local people felt that way. But they don't use any of those kinds of those terms. This is always about where our program needs to go. So I appreciate that. Thank you.

**Q. I was hoping, since now you've played Alabama and Clemson, how do those two teams compare, Coach?**

COACH KELLY: That's a good question. I think both of them have dynamic players on the perimeter. I think overall they're really closely matched teams. Both have explosiveness, I think, on the offensive side of the ball.

And I think defensively, I think that whoever really plays the better defense will probably have the edge. Now, I don't know much about the Ohio State situation -- and you didn't ask me -- but that would be how I compare those two teams.

**Q. At the end of the second drive, you had a QB run in third-and-seven. Was there a consideration of going for it on fourth down? Did that impact the third down at all?**

COACH KELLY: Which one are you referring to? What quarter are we talking about?

**Q. First quarter.**

COACH KELLY: Oh, yeah, yeah. I think we were being probably, from an analytic standpoint, we took the suggestion of analytics in the first and second quarter relative to field position and pinning the field position. I think I reacted off of what our analytics had called in that situation.

**Q. If this is indeed the last game for Ian Book, what do**

**you think what his legacy is for the program? Obviously most wins of a starting quarterback. But what do you hope people will remember Ian Book for, I guess?**

COACH KELLY: He's a winner. He's won more games than any quarterback in Notre Dame history. Period. End of discussion. The guy's a winner and we're going to miss him. He just wins football games. And there is no other story, just a winner.

**Q. On the interception to Mayer in the third quarter, what did you see on that play and how do you feel that swung momentum a little bit?**

COACH KELLY: Ian got flushed out of the pocket. And he just need today put a little bit more on that, kind of floated it a little bit. I think if he had another shot at that he probably would have put -- that would have been a fastball instead of a level two with some touch to it.

I think he felt like he was in a better position than he was. And a good play by Alabama in that situation.

But it's one of those where he's trying to make a play. And I told him, I said, listen, I don't fault you at all for trying to make that play. I just think the selection of the type of throw in that situation -- and he gets it. He's trying to make a play in that situation.

**Q. As you said, you ran the ball in the first half and you possessed the ball. Did you feel like taking a few deep shots would hurt your ability to continue to possess it and control the clock and control the running game?**

COACH KELLY: Yeah, it's a slippery slope, Tim. I respect the question, and I think it's a good question. And that's what we're talking about all the time, right, in terms of taking the shots versus possessing the football.

We felt like we were going to be able to control it as we had with some of the spacing throws that we had. And then trying to get it set up. And then we lost Tommy there on some of 13-personnel throws that we had set him up for, which kind of put us back a little bit.

So, yeah, Tommy and I were having that conversation virtually every drive as to when we wanted to take our shots. And we had to balance that with ball control and limiting possessions.

**Q. To follow up on that, what were your thoughts on Kyren's performance today? He had, I think, 24 touches. It got away from him a bit but may have been**



**a result of the scoreboard as the game went on. What did he show you especially in the first half?**

COACH KELLY: I thought he was solid tonight. I thought he played the way he's capable of playing. He would admittedly tell you that he was probably not in his zone against Clemson. But this was the Kyren Williams we had known to see for ten weeks during the season -- caught the ball out of the backfield, he ran tough, he was physical, protected well. He was a complete back tonight. And I thought he was good today.

**Q. Just on the first three Alabama possessions, they made a lot of spectacular plays with great athletes there. Were you misaligned in any of those situations, or was that just them making better plays?**

COACH KELLY: Well, I would say no, we weren't misaligned, but we felt we could get and rally to them a little bit more physically. As you know, they exploited some matchups into the short field where we thought we could get out and box that a little bit better. And it didn't happen.

And then the bubble to the field -- essentially what happened, I would just be clear with you, is that we were a little tentative. We shut our feet down. And you can't do that against highly skilled players. You have to be aggressive and attack those skill players in space. If you shut your feet down for a second they are gone.

Now, we got better at that and started to swarm to the football better. But it put us in a hole early on by not being decisive and aggressive on some of those boundary throws and then the one that got outside Lewis to the field.

**Q. What's the latest on Tommy Tremble's status? And how do you think his injury impacted the game once he was out?**

COACH KELLY: No ligament damage. No fractures. He had an MRI and an X-ray. He's good to go. Ankle sprain.

Tommy's an important part of our offense, but we've got to be able to overcome it. But the margin is very fine when you lose an important piece of our offense. But again, we had other guys step up. I thought Mike Mayer was an absolute beast tonight, the way he competed for every pass that was thrown his way.

We just needed more firepower, quite frankly. And we just came up short with the firepower. That's it. There is no other wider story than we just came up a little short with making a few plays. And they made a few more plays than we did today.

**Q. I know you are probably tired of this narrative and it's not necessarily a Notre Dame-specific thing. But does college football have a top-end talent issue between 1, 2 and 3 and the other teams in the top 10?**

COACH KELLY: Look, we beat the No. 1 team in the country. Now people will say, well, the quarterback wasn't there. Still, we feel like we're really as good on any given day as a top team in the country.

There's certainly a few teams that have a couple more weapons that can be explosive. But you don't necessarily have to walk around and be the best team every week. You just need to be the best team on that given day.

And I think there's more than just two or three teams that can be the best team on that given day. And I think that that opens it up to more than just two or three teams.

So I would say that we're both right. I would say that you're right in assessing that there's two or three that have prolific, prolific weapons and more than some. But I think there's enough balance with this others teams, and Notre Dame would be one of those included, that have enough to beat you on any given day.

**Q. You guys have some premier talent. You've also played some of the best players in the country week in and week out, a bunch of Heisman finalists -- DeVonta Smith, Max Jones and Trevor Lawrence. I'm curious, after playing all these guys in big-time games, if you had a Heisman vote, where would it go?**

COACH KELLY: Boy, I'll tell you, Lawrence, Jones, Harris, Smith, those four guys, they influence the game in a manner that you could make the case for any one of those. I think those -- are those the finalists? Those are the four finalists?

They're all capable of handling that trophy without feeling as though they shouldn't have it in their hands. They're that good, all of them.

Harris is multidimensional, physical at the point of attack, soft hands, runs great routes, makes you work to get them down on the ground as well as any back that we've seen. So I would put him right in that category as well.

**Q. With DeVonta Smith, the wide receiver for Alabama, if you had to vote for the Heisman, would he be your vote for the Heisman Trophy?**

COACH KELLY: Were you not paying attention to the last answer?

**Q. Yes, I was listening, sir. He's so good, dynamic.**

COACH KELLY: Okay, then I'll give it to him.

**Q. You keep on reiterating the point about Alabama just made more plays in the game. For you, where do you guys have to go to maybe get players that can make those plays in these big games to get over the hump? Is there something recruiting-wise, player development? I'm just curious, what is the next step? I know Pete asked that earlier, but what's the next step to get those playmakers in the program, I guess?**

COACH KELLY: You guys are killing me. Big games, big games. You mean when we play Alabama and Clemson, right? And those are the big games. Those are elite, talented teams that have elite players. I just mentioned four players that are going to be vying for the Heisman.

When they're on the perimeter, nobody has shut them down. Tell me who has tackled those guys. Everybody has the same problem that I do. It's tackling those guys and getting them down. And it's the same issue.

I don't have a unique problem at Notre Dame. I think you need to look at the scores that everybody played against Alabama and Clemson. Everybody's got the same issue.

So we're going to keep recruiting. We're going to keep getting back here and everybody can keep saying, you know, Notre Dame is not good enough. You know what? You're going to have a problem because we're going to keep winning games and keep getting back here and we're going to break through. And then I am going to be terrible to be at a press conference with. Terrible.

**Q. Following up on that with the firepower aspect you mentioned, does that mean -- and the fact you're saying these guys have the elite talent -- can Notre Dame get to that elite talent pool, or is that just the obstacle that you face being with academic standards at Notre Dame, that you're just going to be in that uphill battle to get to the level of Alabama and Clemson and where they're currently at?**

COACH KELLY: No, we think we can get there. Look, we were physical. We ran the football. There wasn't a physicality issue out there. Last time we played Alabama and Clemson, I felt like there was a physicality issue. We've got that -- we know where that story needs to end.

We have to continue to find more playmakers. And we'll keep working at it. We're committed to doing it and we're not going away.

So great year. It's not where we wanted it. We wanted to win a National Championship. But Notre Dame Nation, you guys can get some sleep, recharge your battery. And we're going to get ourselves back in this position again. So you don't need to jump off a bridge, a building. We're going to keep working. We're going to rededicate ourselves in the offseason, back in the weight room. And we hope to get right back here in Dallas next year.

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**Ian Book**

**Kyren Williams**

**Robert Hainsey**

**Michael Mayer**

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THE MODERATOR: We'll continue with the Notre Dame offensive student-athletes Ian Book, Kyren Williams, Robert Hainsey and Michael Mayer.

**Q. Ian, you leave Notre Dame as the all-time winner. What does this program and university mean to you?**

IAN BOOK: It means everything to me. Making that decision to come to Notre Dame, it's just been unbelievable. It's been everything to me. It didn't finish the way I wanted to it to.

But I love these guys so much, this whole entire team, the entire program. I didn't know what I was getting myself into going to Notre Dame and it's just exceeded every expectation I've had.

And I'm blessed. It's awesome. What an unbelievable journey. Definitely going to stay positive. And just some special guys. Met lifelong friends and unbelievable coaches. It's just been everything I've wanted it to be. Super fortunate and super grateful. We'll keep our heads high.

**Q. Kyren, as one of the guys coming back next year, where do you feel best about this program long hall? Obviously your quarterback, offensive line are a little different next year, but where do you get the most confidence you guys can come back to a stake like this?**



KYREN WILLIAMS: I think it's from our past leaders. Rob and Ian, they set a great example, and every other senior set a great example to where we need to be in the future and as players at Notre Dame. So we know what we have to do. We know the work starts tomorrow. So we're ready for what's ahead of us and ready to take it on with new leadership.

**Q. Ian, what's changed about the program from your perspective from when you came in, initially, to your five years on campus, all the winning, everything that's gone on? From your perspective what's changed?**

IAN BOOK: We talk about traits and a process that we follow. And it really just means living your life the right way on and off the field. And you follow that and you call it a process and there's so many things that go into it. But that's what we call it.

And it's about being the best student-athlete you can be. And it's about graduating and winning a National Championship. We talk about it every single day. When you focus on that, good things happen.

And I remember when I got there, just started with the seniors that took me under their wing and then I try to do the same now that when I'm here. So that just builds on, and I know these guys, when they're seniors, they'll do the same thing.

**Q. Ian, those first two drives did it feel like the offense needed to settle down a bit? And how were you guys able to maybe recover from that third drive to get on the board?**

IAN BOOK: We just kept saying focus on the next play or one play at a time. No point in looking to the future or no point in looking back at the past. We knew we were going to have some good plays. And we were playing a really good team. We knew they were going to make some plays and we'd have some bad ones. That's part of the game. It's about forgetting about it and moving on.

**Q. Ian, we heard you guys and the coaches talk about being able to control the ball, and just by looking at**



**time of possession, you guys were able to do that. What do you think despite that what went into Alabama being able to still win by multiple touchdowns?**

IAN BOOK: That's part of our plan. And they just made more plays than we did tonight. And we talked about that that all week. We were going to try to win the time of possession and then when it's time to make a big play, make a big play. And they made more big plays. That's why they came out victorious tonight.

**Q. Michael and Robert, with COVID, you guys really had to come together as a team. What did you learn about leadership and how will this propel the team forward, not only with the leadership aspect but with the physical conditioning playing so late in the season into December and now January?**

MICHAEL MAYER: What I learned was that this team has very, very good leaders. Coming in as a freshman there's a lot of things you've got to learn about college football. And seniors in the fifth years here have done a very good job with me and they've taught me a lot. I learned this team has very good leadership. And that's going to keep continuing next year and for as long as I'm here.

ROBERT HAINSEY: I mean, all the seniors, like Ian and Tommy and Liam, Bags, all the guys I've left with, it's been a great couple of years. But the guys to my right and left, Kyren and Mike, sophomore, freshman coming in, those are the guys -- you guys made this season an absolute blast to play.

Kyren, your tenacity and the way you play, it was some of the most fun I've had playing football. And, Mike, seeing you step in as a young guy, I did the same thing. It was a blast, and seeing you excel and do that stuff is what made this season so much fun. So, thank you guys for being there and doing that.

**Q. Robert, I hate to pile on right after you showed that bit of emotion, but as Ian's final pass fell incomplete, to my eye, you were the first guy to embrace him. What was said between the two of you at that point?**

ROBERT HAINSEY: I told him I love him to death, love him with all my heart. He's been a great teammate and a great quarterback. And I couldn't put it into words how much fun it's been having him as a friend. And he's a true friend and we're going to be friends forever.

And it's been a great four years. I can't wait to see what he does next. The kid's a winner, and all he's going to do is go on and be the best he can be, the best Ian Book he can be. And that's all that he needs to be.

**Q. Robert and maybe Kyren or Ian if they want to jump in on it. Obviously there's a lot of offensive linemen leaving. Where do you think the next group can succeed in terms of the offensive line and what it will that take for them? And can that still be the identity of this offense starting up front in the trenches with a younger group next year?**

ROBERT HAINSEY: Yeah, they have to be. I just told them in the locker room, as one group leaves, another group comes in. We've seen it and we've been through it. We were a younger group in 2018, and we won 12 games and we're back here.

So there's no doubt in my mind that these guys can step up and play the type of football that they learned how to play from Coach Quinn and Coach Rees and from each other. I think that there's no doubt that they'll be able to step up and attack.

And this team's going to go as the offensive line goes. It always has, always will, as with any team. But they need to be the core of the offense like we were, and I think they'll do a great job of that as they step up. And this offseason is going to be huge. And they have a great running back, a great group of tight ends and a great quarterback, great couple of young quarterbacks are going to come in and compete and have fun. So this offense is only going up with the coaching we have and the players we have. I'm excited to watch it.

**Q. Kyren and Michael, Coach Kelly talked about just Alabama making more plays and kind of having that firepower. Are there things that you guys can work on in the offseason to where you guys are in the position where you have that firepower on the offense, that you are making those plays instead of watching another team do that against you, I guess?**

KYREN WILLIAMS: I just feel like with the offseason work that we're about to put in, we're going to get to that point where we can have that fire point offense or whatever that you seem to think we don't have now. But I feel like this offense has the exact same firepower as the team we just played. Like Ian said, they just made more plays than we did. So I feel like with this work we can only get better and improve.

MICHAEL MAYER: I agree with Kyren. We're just going to come in, keep working. We had a great offense, great firepower this year. It's not going to stop here. We're going to keep it going into next year.

**Q. Knowing that it was a great season, can you**

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**describe the disappointment of coming up short in this final one?**

ROBERT HAINSEY: No.

KYREN WILLIAMS: No. I really can't.

IAN BOOK: It's tough. It's pretty hard to explain. It fell short. Our goal was to win a National Championship and we didn't do that. So some of -- a lot of us -- Rob and I, we're done. It's up to these guys now. But I trust them and I plan on them being back here, and I'll be watching.

**Q. Ian, what can you tell us about the younger quarterbacks and what you see happening with that position moving forward? Because obviously not a lot of experience from those guys. You took pretty much every snap this year. But you've seen those guys. What do you think the future at QB can be?**

IAN BOOK: I think it's a bright future. I love all those guys. I thought we had an unbelievable room with a bunch of different guys in it. And I just enjoyed this year with all those guys. And I think the competition in the spring is perfect. I think everybody in that QB room wants that. And that's what you need: You want competition and you want guys who want competition.

And it's going to be an unbelievable battle. But all those guys can do it. Every guy in that QB room can do it. I know they have the potential. I'm just excited to watch, and I believe in all of them.

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**Shaun Crawford**  
**Kyle Hamilton**  
**Jeremiah**  
**Owusu-Koramoah**  
**Drew White**  
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

THE MODERATOR: Thanks for joining us. Available to answer your questions tonight will be the following members of the Notre Dame defense. From left to right on our screens, starting with No. 20 Shaun Crawford, No. 14 Kyle Hamilton, No. 6, Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, and No. 40 Drew White.

Shaun, could you just lead us off with an opening statement on how your defensive unit played tonight.

SHAUN CRAWFORD: We went into the game wanting to play physical. We tried to eliminate all of the explosive plays. I think as a unit in the second half -- or as a unit in the first half, we were playing physical. We let a run slip. We let an explosive run slip, but I think overall in the game we held the line of scrimmage. We tackled the running back, forced him to get the ball on the perimeter, throwing the ball.

So in the second half, I think we stepped it up as a group, as a unit, to try to eliminate the run game completely and just try to make them one-dimensional as an offense.

**Q. This question is for all of you. Brian Kelly talked about in his press conference how maybe early in the game, especially in like the first three drives, maybe there was some tentativeness and not really playing aggressively enough coming up to make tackles. Can one of you guys kind of address that? And if you guys kind of saw the same thing and maybe how you settled in as the game went on.**



JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH: I don't really think it was us being shy or any tension of us holding back. I think it just wasn't the execution deal. I don't think we executed well in those first few drives, and we just had to settle down.

Coach Lea always preaches to us to start fast. When you don't do that, you see what happens. So I don't think it was us being timid or shy or anything, but just the deal where we didn't execute to the fullest of our ability.

**Q. I guess kind of looking at the final score the first time in the last two years Alabama has been held to less than 35 points. I guess in some ways there's definitely some things you're happy with your performance, and in a way, you guys may have done some of what you could to help win the game.**

SHAUN CRAWFORD: As a unit, our job is to go out there and limit the offense to zero points if we can. We don't try to take moral victories by holding them to 31 points. If our offense can't get it going, then our job is to go out there and limit them to no points, if we can, limit them to field goals in the red zone.

So, yeah, we stepped it up as a defense in the second half, and we fought to the end as a defense, but this unit, we don't believe in moral victories. So we pride ourselves on trying to shut out teams. So if our offense can't get it going, then 3-0 should be the game-winning score for us.

**Q. For any of the student-athletes, how difficult is it to fall just a tad bit short in this game after a terrific season?**

DREW WHITE: I think the loss is hurtful to all the guys on the team. We battled through a lot of stuff, but a lot of adversity through 2020. In August, going back, we didn't even know if we were going to have a season. So having a successful season, going undefeated in the regular season is special.

I attribute it to the senior class and the fifth years and even the sixth year of creating an identity for the team, creating



a brotherhood that propelled us in the season. So coming up short hurts. We came in looking to go to the National Championship, but looking back at it through 2020, I'm extremely proud of what we accomplished and how this team is heading into 2021.

**Q. I'll do this with Kyle and Drew. Just with, obviously, Clark Lea taking the Vanderbilt job, what would you guys say are the top qualities you would like in a new defensive coordinator? What are kind of the priorities and qualities you would like in a new D.C.?**

DREW WHITE: Well, I know into the hiring process, we got full trust in Coach Kelly to sit down and interview a bunch of candidates, and I'm sure me and Kyle will be in the room for some of those meetings as well. I'm just excited to see who the next D.C. is because he's got a unit here that is super close with each other, that plays for the ball and hunts.

I really think Coach Kelly has done a great job in his hires through my four years here, so I have full trust in him to pick the right candidate.

KYLE HAMILTON: Yeah, kind of going off that, I think we all trust Coach Kelly and his judgment and whatever decision he's going to make, along with the rest of the defensive staff. But I mean, filling Coach Lea's shoes are big shoes to fill. He's going to do great at Vanderbilt. I believe that with my whole heart. He's a great guy, great coach, and I think that Coach Kelly knows that we respond well to that, and I think he'll try to find a guy that's as cerebral, as dedicated, and as focused on making us better football players as well as better men.

**Q. Shaun, this one is for you. I know you already said you don't foresee yourself coming back next year. What things are you most proud of for the season and kind of switching positions and what you'll remember most fondly about your six years at Notre Dame?**

SHAUN CRAWFORD: Just first off, I want to just thank Coach Kelly for continuing to stick with me throughout all the adversity, throughout all the years. He's trusted me with playing different positions and learning new positions. I'm grateful for just being named the captain this year, being a part of this 2020 team.

Each year I've been on the team, the teams have been close, but there was never one like this. So I'm going to definitely miss it the most. I was a leader on this team, and just the young guys stepped up when their name was called. So I was just proud to see that. I was grateful to play with some All-Americans throughout my time here and

see some All-Americans, as I was like sidelined.

But it's just been a tremendous ride here, and I'm just so grateful for Coach Kelly and the guys on the team and the rest of the staff members just continuing to believe in me through the hard times and just cheering for me through the good times. So I appreciate all of them, appreciate all the memories, and I'm definitely going to miss this place.

**Q. Sorry for the tough loss down there tonight. What does Alabama, their wide receiver Smith, what does he look like up close and personal? He looks like one of those that's going to be playing Sunday afternoons or any time during the NFL.**

JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH: What does he look like up close?

**Q. Yeah, in person. You see him in person because we've only seen him on video and film and all that stuff. What does he look like up close?**

SHAUN CRAWFORD: I think he's 6'1", 175.

**Q. And he's probably going to be playing on Sundays, right?**

SHAUN CRAWFORD: I think so.

**Q. Jeremiah, I want to ask you about the conflict that Alabama put you in as a defense. Clark Lea talks about making the opponent play left-handed. Is that -- with Devonta Smith and Najee Harris and Metchie, does Alabama sort of let you do that, to take away a strength when they have others?**

JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH: I'm not sure the specifics on what their game plan was. There's a lot of runs to the boundary, a lot of runs to the field as well. There was a lot of throws to the boundary, a lot of throws to the field. I'm not sure on the details of what the game plan was. Regardless of where the ball went, I feel like our guys did the best that they could do.

There's some errors where we needed to execute, but overall, you know what I mean, this is a brotherhood. All of our guys are out there trying to play to the best of their abilities and just making sure we execute, but tonight we came up short.

**Q. Jeremiah, you're set to leave Notre Dame and go to the big leagues. What does this university mean to you?**

JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH: Well, I haven't yet

announced anything, but what this university means to me is just the people who are in this university. I think that's what makes up such a prominent place. I've been here for four years, and I love the brotherhood that came through here, love the coaches that have coached me and just the process in which we've always worked to fulfill not only -- as Kyle said, not only the football player, but also the man himself.

So I'm thankful for the coaches, thankful for my teammates, and also thankful for all my professors and things like that.

**Q. For any of the student-athletes, was the Alabama big play capability more about them making plays or your defense not being able to make plays?**

KYLE HAMILTON: I definitely think it was more about us, just playing within our structure and doing what we were supposed to do. I think every time they got a big play, whether it was missing tackles or not getting off blocks or not being in the right spot at the right time, it's all the stuff that we can control, and our coach has always preached that, that the offenses never really do anything special when they get big plays against us. It's more us just having mental errors. That's something we can improve on as a defense just going forward in the future.

I think big plays have hurt us a lot this year and obviously hurt us tonight. I think that's something to grow on and something to be better at, but I think we'll be there eventually.

**Q. Drew, I wanted to ask you sort of just about a kind of similar question to Jeremiah, the conflict that Alabama puts you in. How difficult is that to read it out? Is it an overly complicated scheme? It doesn't sound like it is. Or does it have to do more with the players they have at their disposal?**

DREW WHITE: Yeah, they're an extremely talented offense. I think the whole country knows that. Our game plan going into it was to make them make the big plays and line it up and snap it as many times as they can. In the first quarter, it was really communications and just not executing the defensive structure well. So that was attributed to those scores.

Then battling back the rest of the game, I thought we did a pretty good job. They have an electric offense. Of course they're going to make big plays. The real emphasis was to down the ball and live another day and make them drive the field.

**Q. This question is addressed to all the**

**student-athletes. Can you talk about the physicality and what's been done over the last couple of years to put you in a position to compete, especially going into the latter stages of the year and the season from a physical standpoint.**

JEREMIAH OWUSU-KORAMOAH: Yeah, I mean, just starting from when we first got here, when I first got here. Coach Balis has done a tremendously awesome job with understanding how the body works, understanding how to get one stronger, but even above that, you have a mental aspect of it that is really prominent. Guys wanting to be able to be physical. Guys wanting to be able to answer back.

Notre Dame has always been known for its physicality, and we just wanted to get back to that. Coach Balis has done a great job. It's about the brotherhood and how the brotherhood elevated in their mindset. So I think that was a key thing in how physical we've been over the past few years.

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## Coach Nick Saban Alabama Crimson Tide

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THE MODERATOR: Good evening and welcome to this 2021 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game Presented by Capital One news conference with Nick Saban, head coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

We will start with an opening statement from Coach Saban and then start with questions.

NICK SABAN: First of all, I'd like to thank all the people at the Rose Bowl. This has always been a first-class venue to be a part of. The people here, the Capital One, Dallas, to make this transition to where it was pretty seamless for the players. I'd like to congratulate Notre Dame's team on an outstanding year. A tough game for us.

Then I'd like to also congratulate our team, who they played really well all year long. They've earned the right to be here. It's always an honor to say you won a Playoff game and won a Rose Bowl, which has great tradition. Our players are excited about that. They've earned the right now to play in the National Championship Game.

It will be kind of up to them to see how we manage that, how we get ready to go down to Miami and play in that game. But I'm really proud of the way our players have handled disruptions all year long. I know this has been a difficult season for fans, players, coaches managing their team. But I think this is good for everyone when we have these games, people have something to be interested in, and players have the opportunity to compete.

We're excited about it. This was a great win for us. We knew this would be a tough game, and it certainly was. We'll learn what we need to learn from it so we have a chance to improve and get better.

But I was really excited for Patrick and Smitty to be



honored as Players of the Game, but at both guys said, not everybody gets honored but everybody contributes to the success of the team. It's that way in life sometimes. You do great things, but you don't get recognized. So it's part of it. We had a lot of great players do a lot of great things to get here and also have success today.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Coach.

We will now go to questions.

**Q. The last few times you guys have played, the defenders have chosen to drop a lot of guys into coverage. Is there a comfortability knowing that you guys can play sort of any style you need to to win?**

NICK SABAN: I think you have to be able to play every style. I think that if people get a bead on you in terms of what is successful against you, you don't have answers for it, then everybody's going to do it and they're going to take a lot of things away.

I think the thing that was a little tough for us in the second half is we didn't run the ball very effectively in the second half. We wanted to try to take the air out of it at the end of the game. Didn't have much success. They had the ball for almost the entire last eight minutes of the game.

But we have to be able to finish a little bit better, regardless of what style of defense anybody is going to try to play against us. I'm sure we'll learn from it and hopefully do better the next time.

**Q. One of the guys that stepped up was DeMarcco Hellams. What have you seen from him in the secondary this season, especially in the games where he's really come on?**

NICK SABAN: DeMarcco has played well for us all year long. He just hadn't had a lot of opportunities. DeMarcco is a smart guy. He understands the system and the scheme. He's a good tackler. He's physical. We knew that they were going to be a physical team, so we chose to play him today a little bit more. He did a really good job.



But he's done a really good job in practice, and I think that's the key to the drill. He deserved the opportunity to play. I think he did a pretty good job for us today.

**Q. Smitty had another dominant performance tonight. Do you think this cements his Heisman Trophy chances?**

NICK SABAN: We love it when our players get recognized. Smitty has done as much for our team as any player could do for any team. So we were so happy he was recognized as the College Football Player of the Year.

I don't get the opportunity to see all players play, really know exactly what they've done for their team. I'd love to see another one of our players win the Heisman Trophy. Smitty has done as much for our team as any other player who did win the Heisman Trophy, and they did a great job, too.

I just don't like to make predictions about things. I love it when our players get recognized. It would be a tremendous honor for him if that happened.

**Q. What was the explanation given to you for the unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at the end?**

NICK SABAN: I was out on the field about two steps because I was yelling at one of our linebackers who didn't drop in the right direction. I've done that pretty much all of my career. It wasn't during a live ball, so...

I guess technically you're not supposed to do that. I mean, look, I'm not criticizing anybody, I'm not complaining. I'm just saying I've been a head coach for 20-some years and I've never been called for that, but I got called today. I'll have to do better the next time.

**Q. I wanted to get your thoughts on just Patrick Surtain as far as what makes him so difficult, what makes him so swift as far as being in the secondary, being able to make those coverages?**

NICK SABAN: Patrick has got great size. He's got great speed, very instinctive, a great athlete, change of direction, great cover guy, really smart. He does a great job of preparing for the game, so he really knows what he has to do in a game to have success against whoever he has to corner. We've asked our corners to do a lot of bump-n-run, and he and Josh have done a pretty good job all year.

Patrick has played phenomenally well for us and great to see him get recognized tonight as the Defensive Player.

**Q. To go back to opposing defenses kind of sagging**

**back and playing a more conservative style of defense, what are some of the checks that Sarkisian has made to go against that and how have the players executed those?**

NICK SABAN: I think when people play us that way, you got to take what the defense gives. Mac threw a couple check-downs tonight, which become catch-and-run plays for you. They're not the big-time explosive plays we sometimes make. But they do keep the chains moving.

I think Najee had a couple catch and runs today. I think he dropped one. I don't really think there's anything from a style standpoint that is not something that we can attack, and that we'll have to attack it in the future. When people play zone, they sag off, you got to throw the ball and take what they give.

The key to the drill is, if you don't get long-yardage situations, they don't really have the opportunity to do that. You can't do that on third and four or you still make a first down. So to have more positive plays on first and second downs so you don't get in long-yardage situations, which we got in too many long-yardage situations today, especially in the second half, and we didn't convert.

But if we make those third down and four, five and six, it's hard to play that way and really stop them playing zone.

**Q. I was wondering how you teach Najee Harris how to jump over (indiscernible) football players?**

NICK SABAN: I actually try to teach him not to do it, and it didn't work (laughter).

Anyway, for a big guy, it's pretty amazing that he can do that. He's kind of got a great feel when a guy is going to try to cut him, which a lot of guys, smaller DBs, all try to cut tackle, bigger backs. When he sees that head go down, man, he'll go over top of them in a heartbeat. It's been very effective for him.

**Q. Any health update for injured players, Christian Harris, Malachi Moore wasn't out there. Any update on them?**

NICK SABAN: Malachi Moore is day-to-day. He injured himself a little bit in the Florida game. He was able to practice on and off. It's the type of injury that exercise aggravates it. He wasn't able to go today.

Really nothing else. Christian Harris we took out because we didn't want him to get hurt. He was getting a little sore, which the injury that he has will do that on occasion. But he played through it. He could have finished the game.



We just took him out.

**Q. You've obviously coached in the Rose Bowl before. What did you make of the setting?**

NICK SABAN: Well, we've played here, I think this was our fifth time that we've played here. We were actually supposed to play USC here this year, in AT&T Stadium, Cowboy Stadium. We've played here before. I think this is one of the finest venues in college football.

I don't think that there's anything quite like the Rose Bowl, the tradition, the setting, the mountains. It's just a phenomenal experience to play in the Rose Bowl.

I wish our players would have gotten that opportunity, but at the same time these people did a phenomenal job of the transition from the Rose Bowl to here. The Playoff folks, the Capital One folks, the people here in Dallas, as well as the Rose Bowl folks. It was pretty seamless for our players. They enjoyed the opportunity to be able to play in the Rose Bowl, even though they had to play here in Dallas, which is really a great experience for players as well.

**Q. Did you notice any surprises from Notre Dame on offense, defense or special teams? Did they have anything for you today?**

NICK SABAN: Well, they did a lot of shifting and motioning, shifting in and out of unbalanced formations, which I didn't think our players managed very well in the first half. They had a good plan against us. They do a great job. I think Brian Kelly is a great coach. His entire staff deserves a lot of credit for the plan they put together to play against us, as well as all the things they've done all season long to get here.

Their players really play hard. They play with great discipline. They did a good job of stopping the run in the second half. They plugged backers, did a really good job from that standpoint. But I think that when you play in games like this, you know that the other team practices, too. So they're going to do something different, try to take advantage of something that you maybe didn't do so well on at some point in time during the season. The players really have to be able to adjust in the game.

I tell our players that all the time. We certainly had to do some adjusting today. I think our players did a good job of it.

Then in the fourth quarter the game kind of changed a little bit, and they started throwing it all over, like two minute, which was a little different. Not different for what they've

done in the past, but something they're very effective as, as well.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Coach.

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THE MODERATOR: Welcome to this 2021 College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Presented by Capital One news conference featuring the Alabama student-athletes, Miller Forristall, quarterback Mac Jones, offensive lineman Chris Owens, and wide receiver DeVonta Smith.

We will open it up for questions.

**Q. Mac, last few teams that you have played dropped a lot of guys into coverage. We've also seen this offense be explosive in shootouts. Is there a comfort that you can play any style of offense the defense wants to play?**

MAC JONES: Yeah, that's just the basic adage of football, is take what the defense gives you. We have a great offensive line. We have plenty of time to take shots down field and then plenty of time to hit the quick game stuff to our receivers, tight ends, and running backs. Really Sark dials it up, and we make the plays for him.

**Q. Mac, when they have so much possession of the ball, how do you as an offense stay so sharp?**

MAC JONES: I mean, we definitely have a lot to clean up. We got to take advantage of every play and play each play play by play. A team like that, that's what they kind of wanted to do, is keep us off the field. I think they probably did a good job. I haven't looked at how many drives we have or anything like that.



We have to take advantage of those third-and-longs we had that we didn't convert. That's on me, have to stick to my reads and find somebody to get the ball to.

**Q. DeVonta, I wanted to ask you, obviously winning the game MVP is a big deal. Tell us how you're feeling about getting that award, your performance tonight as a whole.**

DEVONTA SMITH: Well, my performance, I wouldn't be able to do it without my quarterback, offensive line, running backs, just the whole team. Defense getting me prepared for the game today. I wouldn't be able to do none of it without them.

**Q. DeVonta, obviously you had a great game today. You set a few records as far as the Rose Bowl, the College Football Playoff. What goes through your mind after you hear all the accomplishments that especially in this special year you've been having?**

DEVONTA SMITH: Just coming into practice every day, working hard. I truly believe if you work hard, you're going to get the results that you want.

**Q. Chris and Miller, Chris, you were playing in your hometown. How did you feel you did today? Did you have an extra motivation playing in front of your hometown fans? Miller, did you like lining up outside to catch those passes?**

CHRIS OWENS: I think the extra motivation came from having the opportunity to play in the Playoffs. I mean, being home is great, but no matter where we play, it's my job to play as well as I can, which I feel like I can play better.

There's going to be things to clean up, but just getting the victory in the Playoffs is hard enough. Appreciate that victory and move on to next week and get ready for it.

MILLER FORRISTALL: Yeah, I always appreciate catching a pass or two (laughter). It was fun when they let me split out, play a little bit more receiver. A nice wrinkle in





the offense. Whatever it is, I just want to do my job.

**Q. For all four of you. What was your reaction on Najee's hurdle?**

MILLER FORRISTALL: I don't know why I'm surprised every time he does it because I've been seeing it for three years. You're just like, geez. I play with some really good players and I'm thankful.

MAC JONES: Like Miller said, he's been doing that for years. At this point just kind of what he does. He makes plays, so that's what he does.

CHRIS OWENS: Just like they said, we expect it from him. He's athletic. He can get a lot of things done. When he did it, my first thought was just go chase the ball, get ready for the next play because you know he's going to run for a long time.

DEVONTA SMITH: That's what he do on the regular. That's just something that we see normally.

**Q. Mac and DeVonta, now that the game is over, now you can think about what's going to happen Tuesday. What are your thoughts as you look to that ceremony, and how much does it mean to be a part of? How much thought have you given or will you give to an acceptance speech in terms of writing it in the next few days?**

MAC JONES: That's a rat poison question. I don't know what to tell you. We were really focused on this game, which I'm really proud everybody just locking into this. We've won a lot of games, a lot of people are going to get awards. It's just part of the team effort.

Then obviously the most important thing is not letting that be a distraction for our next game because the next game is the most important game. That's where we want to be. We're finally here. We got to score one more point than the other team. That's kind of our goal.

DEVONTA SMITH: Whatever happens happens. I mean, I'm looking forward to the next game.

**Q. Mac and Chris, this was the Rose Bowl, but it wasn't in the Rose Bowl. How interesting was that moment for you to play in a game called the Rose Bowl in Texas? The postgame celebration, what was that like, not having a huge crowd out there?**

CHRIS OWENS: There hasn't been a huge crowd all season. 2020-2021 has been an interesting year. I mean, as long as we can play in the Playoffs, have a game, that's

all that matters. It doesn't matter what the venue is or what's the name of it, whatever it is. We just want to play.

MAC JONES: The only cool thing was obviously our families got to come, so we're really grateful for that. Other than that, like Chris said, play ball, hundred yards along, 53 and a third wide, just do what we do.

**Q. Mac, talk about the offense. It's amazing that we're talking about 31 points being the lowest point total of the season. What were some of the struggles out there offensively?**

MAC JONES: Yeah, I mean, we kind of protected the lead a little bit. Obviously we have to do a better job of just playing the plays, not look at the scoreboard.

But really that just starts with me. Stay aggressive, do what the offensive coordinator and Sark tells us to do. So really just getting ready for the next game. We got to make improvements, find out what we did bad, find out what we did good, just grow off that.

**Q. Chris, you played a lot of football here. Since Landon's injury, what are the things he has shared with you to have you ready for this one?**

CHRIS OWENS: Me and Landon are really close. We talk all the time. All season, whether I was playing tackle, backing him up at center, we always talk about different techniques and stuff.

One of the things he told me was to be myself, make sure I'm getting everybody on the same page. I think he helped me out a lot throughout this week just looking at different things they did on defense, giving me some of the tips of what's helped him be successful.

**Q. Mac and DeVonta, typically the Heisman ceremony, you'd have your family there, it would be a big celebration. Do you plan on having family in town for that or too much of a distraction with the game coming up?**

MAC JONES: I don't know. You'll have to ask my family. I don't really know what they're doing. I know they're here right now. They got to watch us, a lot of players' families got to watch us tonight.

I'm just happy that they're here. They're obviously going to be at the next game. We're looking forward to that.

DEVONTA SMITH: Just get in and get out. I'm not trying to have too many people around. Just trying to make it to the next game.

**Q. Mac, another dominant game for you. How much easier does it make playing football when you're with guys to the left and right of you and guys like Najee Harris?**

MAC JONES: These guys up here did a great job playing today. I've always said this, they make me look a lot better than I am. I'm not very athletic. I just try to get the ball to the right people. We have the best offense in the country in our mind. But we have to prove that every week and every snap.

You can't base things off the past. We got to fix what we got to fix and move on.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you.

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# CFP Semifinal at the Rose Bowl Game presented by Capital One: Alabama vs Notre Dame

Friday, January 1, 2021  
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**Christian Harris**  
**Patrick Surtain II**  
**Dylan Moses**  
**Phidarian Mathis**  
Alabama Crimson Tide

Alabama 31, Notre Dame 14

THE MODERATOR: Welcome to the 2021 College Football Playoff Semifinal Rose Bowl Game presented by Capital One. Tonight we are joined by the following Alabama defensive student-athletes: We have No. 8 Christian Harris, No. 2 Patrick Surtain, No. 23 Dylan Moses and No. 48 Phil Mathis. We are going to start this evening with brief opening statements from each player about their experience in today's game and then we will roll to any questions with the media members.

Let's start with No. 8 Christian Harris. Give us your thoughts on today's game.

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: You know, it's always good to win a game like this, especially being that it's a playoff game. It'll be my first opportunity to be able to play in a National Championship.

But you know, it's all good. We didn't really play the way we wanted to. I felt like we could have done a lot more. We left a lot more out on the field, so we've just got to make sure we redeem ourselves and fix that for next week or whenever, the 11th.

THE MODERATOR: No. 2, Patrick Surtain, give us your thoughts on today's game.

PATRICK SURTAIN: I felt like we started off great. Like Christian said, we didn't finish how we wanted to. We can always make some corrections going back in the film, but I feel like we flew around. We was around the ball almost



every play. We was making plays out there and having fun.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you. And now No. 32, Dylan Moses?

DYLAN MOSES: I feel like we played a good game the first half. I was talking to my coach afterwards, just letting him know that I feel like we need to just finish the game better. We started off really good, and like I said, on the back end we just kind of let up, and I feel like going into the National Championship we can't do that. We have to keep our foot on the pedal, and these are some things that we have to better ourselves with throughout our off week, or not really off week but throughout practice but before the game we've got coming up.

THE MODERATOR: Now No. 48, Phil Mathis.

PHIDARIAN MATHIS: I just feel like we've got to take what we did from this game and learn from it and get back into film so we can go out and ball our next game.

**Q. Surtain, with Brian Branch coming in for Malachi Moore, how do you think he performed and how do you think the secondary adapted to having him and Hellams out there in different roles?**

PATRICK SURTAIN: Brian did well. He was playing confident out there. We knew he had to come in because Malachi was down, but he held his own and he played a great ballgame. We expect him to come in and play good because it's a key role, so he did good.

THE MODERATOR: Give me your thoughts on winning tonight's game and heading into the championship and what you guys are expecting there. We'll start with Christian.

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: It's a very exciting opportunity, but I think just talking about this game, really we've just got to, like Phil said, learn from it, fix all the mistakes we had and go into this week and just prepare like we did for every other week, for every other game that we played. I think that's really it.



PATRICK SURTAIN: Like Christian said, prepare every week like how we had been, nothing new. Probably a bigger game. We understand that. But if we prepare and focus on what we need to do, there shouldn't be no anxiety going into it. As long as we focus and do what we need to do, we should be fine.

DYLAN MOSES: This is definitely going to be a great opportunity for us to play in a great game against a great team, whoever it's going to be out of Ohio State and Clemson, but I feel like for this game coming up we just have to clean up the little things that we messed up in this game and just focus on finishing.

PHIDARIAN MATHIS: I'm very excited to get back to the championship. I just feel like we've got to go out and practice hard all week long so we can get back to the Bama standard.

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