

FINAL GAME BOOK

2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



#3 OHIO STATE
Buckeyes

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#1 ALABAMA
Crimson Tide

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Offensive Player of the Game

DeVonta Smith, WR, Alabama

Defensive Player of the Game

Christian Barmore, DE, Alabama

Ohio State (7-1) vs. Alabama (13-0)

January 11, 2021

Hard Rock Stadium • Miami Gardens, Florida

Attendance: 14,926 • Start Time: 8:15 p.m. ET • Duration: 3:32

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF



Scoring Summary (Final)
2021 CFP National Championship
#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



#3 Ohio State (7-1) vs. #1 Alabama (13-0)

Date: 01/11/21 • Site: Miami Gardens, FL • Stadium: Hard Rock Stadium

Attendance: 14926

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
#3 Ohio State	7	10	7	0	24
#1 Alabama	7	28	10	7	52

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:07	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 12-78 5:32	0 - 7
	04:55	OSU - Teague III, M. 8 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 8-75 3:12	7 - 7
2nd	14:53	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 11-75 4:58	7 - 14
	11:43	OSU - Teague III, M. 4 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 1-19 0:11	14 - 14
	09:00	UA - Harris,Najee 26 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:43	14 - 21
	05:21	OSU - Seibert, Jake 23 yd field goal, 9-69 3:39	17 - 21
	03:19	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:02	17 - 28
	01:48	UA - Smith,DeVonta 42 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 3-60 0:41	17 - 35
3rd	07:47	UA - Reichard,Will 20 yd field goal, 16-75 7:08	17 - 38
	06:45	OSU - Wilson, Garrett 20 yd pass from Fields, Justin (Seibert, Jake kick), 3-75 1:02	24 - 38
	02:52	UA - Bolden,Slade 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 8-75 3:53	24 - 45
4th	13:15	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 6-43 2:47	24 - 52

Kickoff time: 8:15 pm • End of Game: 11:47 pm • Total elapsed time: 3:32

Officials: Referee: Brandon Cruse; Umpire: M. Fitzgerald; Linesman: George Gusman;

Line judge: Derek Anderson; Back judge: Donnie Aultman; Field judge: Scott Gaines;

Side judge: Fulton Carson; Center judge: Dan Scanlan;

Temperature: 69 deg • Wind: 3 mph SW • Weather: Fair



Team Statistics (Final)
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	OSU	UA
FIRST DOWNS	19	33
Rushing	5	10
Passing	11	22
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	147	157
Rushing Attempts	29	38
Average Per Rush	5.1	4.1
Rushing Touchdowns	2	2
Yards Gained Rushing	160	170
Yards Lost Rushing	13	13
NET YARDS PASSING	194	464
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-33-0	36-45-0
Average Per Attempt	5.9	10.3
Average Per Completion	11.4	12.9
Passing Touchdowns	1	5
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	341	621
Total offense plays	62	83
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	7.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	4-29	6-44
PUNTS-YARDS	5-214	2-76
Average Yards Per Punt	42.8	38.0
Net Yards Per Punt	39.2	36.5
Inside 20	2	1
50+ Yards	1	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-215	9-510
Average Yards Per Kickoff	43.0	56.7
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.4	40.0
Touchbacks	0	6
Fair Catch Yards	50	69
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-3-0	2-18-0
Average Per Return	3.0	9.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	2-13-0
Average Per Return	0.0	6.5
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	22:34	37:26
1st Quarter	4:33	10:27
2nd Quarter	8:17	6:43
3rd Quarter	2:52	12:08
4th Quarter	6:52	8:08
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	6 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	6-6
Touchdowns	3-5	5-6
Field goals	1-5	1-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-7	1-6
PAT Kicks	3-3	7-7
Field Goals	1-1	1-1
Points off turnovers	7	0



Individual Statistics (Final)
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#3 Ohio State

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Fields, Justin	6	73	6	67	0	33	11.2
Teague III, M.	15	71	6	65	2	29	4.3
Crowley, Marcus	6	14	0	14	0	4	2.3
Sermon, Trey	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Totals	29	160	13	147	2	33	5.1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fields, Justin	17-33-0	194	1	36	1
Totals	17-33-0	194	1	36	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Olave, Chris	8	69	0	20
Wilson, Garrett	3	50	1	20
Smith-Njigba, J	2	20	0	15
Ruckert, Jeremy	1	36	0	36
Williams, J.	1	14	0	14
Crowley, Marcus	1	4	0	4
Teague III, M.	1	1	0	1
Totals	17	194	1	36

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Chrisman, Drue	5	214	42.8	50	2	0
Totals	5	214	42.8	50	2	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Wilson, Garrett	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Seibert, Jake	2nd	05:21	23 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Chrisman, Drue	5	215	43.0	0	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Olave, Chris	0	69	0	0	0	69
Fields, Justin	67	0	0	0	0	67
Teague III, M.	65	1	0	0	0	66
Wilson, Garrett	0	50	0	3	0	53

#1 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	22	83	4	79	2	13	3.6
Robinson Jr, B.	10	70	1	69	0	21	6.9
Jones,Mac	4	17	6	11	0	10	2.8
TEAM	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Totals	38	170	13	157	2	21	4.1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jones,Mac	36-45-0	464	5	44	2
Totals	36-45-0	464	5	44	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	12	215	3	44
Metchie,John	8	81	0	27
Harris,Najee	7	79	1	26
Waddle,Jaylen	3	34	0	15
Bolden,Slade	3	16	1	7
Billingsley,J.	2	27	0	22
Williams,Xavier	1	12	0	12
Totals	36	464	5	44

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,Charlie	2	76	38.0	40	1	0
Totals	2	76	38.0	40	1	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Smith,DeVonta	2	18	19	1	6	6	0	0	0
Billingsley,J.	0	0	0	1	7	7	0	0	0
Totals	2	18	19	2	13	7	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Reichard,Will	3rd	07:47	20 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Reichard,Will	9	510	56.7	6	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Smith,DeVonta	0	215	6	18	0	239
Harris,Najee	79	79	0	0	0	158
Metchie,John	0	81	0	0	0	81
Robinson Jr, B.	69	0	0	0	0	69

FUMBLES: #3 Ohio State-None. #1 Alabama-Jones,Mac 1-1.



Defensive Statistics (Final)
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#	#3 Ohio State	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
32	Borland, Tuf	7	7	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Werner, Pete	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
47	Hilliard, J.	4	4	8	-	2.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Banks, Sevyn	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Proctor, Josh	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5B	Browning, Baron	4	1	5	1.0-6	1.0-6	1	1-0	-	-	-	-
5J	Jackson, A.	4	1	5	1.0-1	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Wade, Shaun	2	3	5	-	1.0-2	-	-	-	1	-	-
19	Gant, Dallas	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Williamson, M.	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0	Cooper, J.	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Harrison, Zach	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	Friday, Tyler	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	Garrett, H.	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6V	Vincent, Taron	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1R	Ranson, Lathan	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Simon, Cody	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Williams, J.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		47	28	75	2.0-7	5.0-12	1	1-0	0-0	2	0	0

#	#1 Alabama	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
8	Harris,C.	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Moses,Dylan	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Barmore,C.	3	2	5	1.0-6	2.0-8	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Branch,Brian	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
29	Hellams,D.	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4A	Allen,C.	2	2	4	-	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Battle,Jordan	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Jobe,Josh	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Surtain,Patrick	2	1	3	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	1	-	-
31	Anderson Jr, W.	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Wright,Daniel	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Davis,Ben	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Moody,Jaylen	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Ray,LaBryan	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		30	16	46	1.0-6	4.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	4	0	0



Participation Report (Final)
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#3 Ohio State

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	1	Fields, Justin
RB	8	Sermon, Trey
WR	6	Williams, J.
WR	2	Olave, Chris
WR	5	Wilson, Garrett
TE	89	Farrell, Luke
LT	75	Munford, Thayer
LG	55	Jones, Matthew
C	71	Myers, Josh
RG	52	Davis, Wyatt
RT	78	Petit-Frere, N.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	0	Cooper, J.
DT	86	Cage, Jerron
DT	92	Garrett, H.
DE	8J	Jean-Baptiste
LB	20	Werner, Pete
LB	32	Borland, Tuf
LB	47	Hilliard, J.
SAF	41	Proctor, Josh
CB	7	Banks, Sevyn
CB	2W	Wade, Shaun
SAF	21	Williamson, M.

#1 Alabama

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	70	Leatherwood,A.
LG	65	Brown,Deonte
C	79	Owens,Chris
RG	55	Ekiyor Jr, Emil
RT	73	Neal,Evan
TE	85	Scott,Charlie
QB	10	Jones,Mac
RB	22	Harris,Najee
WR	8A	Metchie,John
WR	6	Smith,DeVonta
TE	19	Billingsley,J.

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	4	Robinson Jr, B.
NG	94	Dale,DJ
DE	58	Barmore,C.
LB	32	Moses,Dylan
LB	8	Harris,C.
LB	31	Anderson Jr, W.
CB	2	Surtain,Patrick
CB	28	Jobe,Josh
FS	29	Hellams,D.
SAF	9	Battle,Jordan
STAR	14	Branch,Brian

#3 Ohio State: 1R-Ranson, Lathan, 3-McCall, Demario, 3M-Mitchell, T., 4-Fleming, Julian, 4R-Robinson, B., 5N-Brock, Nathan, 5J-Jackson, A., 5B-Browning, Baron, 6V-Vincent, Taron, 8B-Booker, Chris, 9-Harrison, Zach, 11-Smith-Njigba, J, 13-Scott Jr., Gee, 16-Stover, Cade, 17-Shaw, Bryson, 18-Babb, Kamryn, 19-Gant, Dallas, 22-Chambers, S., 23-Hooker, Marcus, 24-Crowley, Marcus, 25-Johnson, Xavier, 33-Teague III, M., 34-Rossi, Mitch, 36-Pope, K'Vaughan, 39-Simon, Cody, 54-Friday, Tyler, 61-Cupp, Gavin, 66-Vimahi, Enokk, 74-Wray, Max, 76-Miller, Harry, 77-Johnson Jr., P., 81-Hausmann, Jake, 83-Hamilton, C., 88-Ruckert, Jeremy, 90-McKenzie, Jaden, 91-Chrisman, Drue, 97-Potter, Noah, 98-Seibert, Jake.

#1 Alabama: 1A-Kaho,Ale, 1-Davis,Ben, 1H-Bolden,Slade, 3A-Williams,Xavier, 3-Wright,Daniel, 4A-Allen,C., 5A-Baker,Javon, 9A-Young,Bryce, 13-Moore,Malachi, 16-Reichard,Will, 17-Waddle,Jaylen, 18-Ray,LaBryan, 20-Sanders,Drew, 21-McClellan,Jase, 26-Banks,Marcus, 40-McMillon,Joshua, 42-Moody,Jaylen, 45-Fletcher,Thomas, 47-Young,Byron, 48-Mathis,P., 50-Smith,Tim, 69-Dickerson,L., 75-Brown,Tommy, 81-Latu,Cameron, 87-Forristall,M., 88-Tennison,Major, 92-Eboigbe,Justin.



Drive Chart (By Team) (Final)
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
OSU	1st	V25	15:00	Kickoff	V28	13:39	Punt	3 - 3	1:21
OSU		V25	08:07	Kickoff	H00	04:55	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	3:12
OSU	2nd	V25	14:53	Kickoff	H44	12:32	Punt	7 - 31	2:21
OSU		H19	11:54	Fumble	H00	11:43	*TOUCHDOWN	1 - 19	0:11
OSU		V25	09:00	Kickoff	H06	05:21	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 69	3:39
OSU		V25	03:19	Kickoff	V29	02:29	Punt	3 - 4	0:50
OSU		V25	01:48	Kickoff	V23	00:42	Punt	3 - (2)	1:06
OSU		V18	00:10	Punt	V17	00:00	End of half	1 - (1)	0:10
OSU	3rd	V25	07:47	Kickoff	H00	06:45	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 75	1:02
OSU		V25	02:52	Kickoff	V43	01:02	Downs	5 - 18	1:50
OSU	4th	V25	13:15	Kickoff	H06	07:52	Downs	17 - 69	5:23
OSU		H47	06:22	Punt	V48	04:53	Punt	3 - (5)	1:29

#3 Ohio State	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	04:33	08:17	02:52	06:52	12:50	09:44	22:34
3rd down conversions	1-2	1-5	0-1	4-6	2-7	4-7	6-14
Average field position	V25	V33	V25	V39	V31	V32	V31
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-2

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		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
UA	1st	H22	13:39	Punt	V00	08:07	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 78	5:32
UA		H25	04:51	Kickoff	V00	14:53	*TOUCHDOWN	11 - 75	4:58
UA	2nd	H12	12:32	Punt	H19	11:54	Fumble	2 - 7	0:38
UA		H25	11:43	Kickoff	V00	09:00	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 75	2:43
UA		H25	05:21	Kickoff	V00	03:19	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 75	2:02
UA		H40	02:29	Punt	V00	01:48	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 60	0:41
UA		H28	00:42	Punt	H46	00:10	Punt	5 - 18	0:32
UA	3rd	H23	14:55	Kickoff	V02	07:47	*FIELD GOAL	16 - 75	7:08
UA		H25	06:45	Kickoff	V00	02:52	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	3:53
UA		V43	01:02	Downs	V00	13:15	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 43	2:47
UA	4th	H06	07:52	Downs	H10	06:22	Punt	3 - 4	1:30
UA		H18	04:53	Punt	V47	00:00	End of half	8 - 35	4:53

#1 Alabama	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	10:27	06:43	12:08	08:08	17:10	20:16	37:26
3rd down conversions	1-3	1-2	3-4	1-2	2-5	4-6	6-11
Average field position	H23	H26	H35	H12	H25	H25	H25
4th down conversions	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-2



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OSU	1st	V25	15:00	Kickoff	V28	13:39	Punt	3 - 3	1:21
UA		H22	13:39	Punt	V00	08:07	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 78	5:32 .
OSU		V25	08:07	Kickoff	H00	04:55	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	3:12 .
UA		H25	04:51	Kickoff	V00	14:53	*TOUCHDOWN	11 - 75	4:58 .
OSU	2nd	V25	14:53	Kickoff	H44	12:32	Punt	7 - 31	2:21
UA		H12	12:32	Punt	H19	11:54	Fumble	2 - 7	0:38
OSU		H19	11:54	Fumble	H00	11:43	*TOUCHDOWN	1 - 19	0:11 .
UA		H25	11:43	Kickoff	V00	09:00	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 75	2:43
OSU		V25	09:00	Kickoff	H06	05:21	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 69	3:39 .
UA		H25	05:21	Kickoff	V00	03:19	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 75	2:02 .
OSU		V25	03:19	Kickoff	V29	02:29	Punt	3 - 4	0:50
UA		H40	02:29	Punt	V00	01:48	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 60	0:41
OSU		V25	01:48	Kickoff	V23	00:42	Punt	3 - (2)	1:06
UA		H28	00:42	Punt	H46	00:10	Punt	5 - 18	0:32
OSU		V18	00:10	Punt	V17	00:00	End of half	1 - (1)	0:10
UA	3rd	H23	14:55	Kickoff	V02	07:47	*FIELD GOAL	16 - 75	7:08 .
OSU		V25	07:47	Kickoff	H00	06:45	*TOUCHDOWN	3 - 75	1:02 .
UA		H25	06:45	Kickoff	V00	02:52	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	3:53 .
OSU		V25	02:52	Kickoff	V43	01:02	Downs	5 - 18	1:50
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OSU	4th	V25	13:15	Kickoff	H06	07:52	Downs	17 - 69	5:23 .
UA		H06	07:52	Downs	H10	06:22	Punt	3 - 4	1:30
OSU		H47	06:22	Punt	V48	04:53	Punt	3 - (5)	1:29
UA		H18	04:53	Punt	V47	00:00	End of half	8 - 35	4:53



Play-by-Play Summary (1st quarter)

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UA wins toss, defers; OSU to receive; UA to kick, defend W goal

- 1-10 OSU 35 UA ball on UA35.
 Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.
 1-10 OSU 25 Sermon, Trey rush for 2 yards to the OSU27 (Harris,C.;Moses,Dylan).
 2-8 OSU 27 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Sermon, Trey (Branch,Brian).
 3-8 OSU 27 Fields, Justin rush for 1 yard to the OSU28 (Allen,C.).
 4-7 OSU 28 Chrisman, Drue punt 49 yards to the UA23, Smith,DeVonta return -1 yards to the UA22 (Williams, J.).

3 plays, 3 yards, 1:21

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 13:39.

- 1-10 UA 22 Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Metchie,John.
 2-10 UA 22 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 22 yards to the UA44, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Williamson, M.). P1
 1-10 UA 44 Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 12 yards to the OSU44, 1ST DOWN UA (Borland, Tuf). P2
 1-10 OSU 44 Harris,Najee rush for 2 yards to the OSU42 (Cooper, J.;Hilliard, J.).
 2-8 OSU 42 Harris,Najee rush for 13 yards to the OSU29, 1ST DOWN UA (Werner, Pete;Wade, Shaun). R3
 1-10 OSU 29 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 9 yards to the OSU20 (Banks, Sevyn;Borland, Tuf).
 2-1 OSU 20 Harris,Najee rush for loss of 2 yards to the OSU22 (Wade, Shaun).
 3-3 OSU 22 Jones,Mac pass complete to Waddle,Jaylen for 15 yards to the OSU7, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Ranson, Lathan). P4
 1-G OSU 07 Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Smith,DeVonta.
 2-G OSU 07 Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 2 yards to the OSU5 (Banks, Sevyn).
 3-G OSU 05 Jones,Mac pass complete to Bolden,Slade for 4 yards to the OSU1.

Previous play, receiver ruled down at V01, reviewed; confirmed

- 4-G OSU 01 Harris,Najee rush for 1 yard to the OSU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 08:07.
 1-G OSU 03 Reichard,Will kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 7, #3 Ohio State 0

12 plays, 78 yards, 5:32

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 08:07.

- 1-10 OSU 25 Teague III, M. rush for 6 yards to the OSU31 (Anderson Jr, W.).
 2-4 OSU 31 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 3 yards to the OSU34, out-of-bounds (Battle,Jordan).
 3-1 OSU 34 Teague III, M. rush for 2 yards to the OSU36, 1ST DOWN OSU (Battle,Jordan). R1
 1-10 OSU 36 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Wilson, Garrett.
 2-10 OSU 36 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 20 yards to the UA44, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds (Hellams,D.). P2
 1-10 UA 44 Teague III, M. rush for no gain to the UA44 (Allen,C.;Harris,C.).
 2-10 UA 44 Fields, Justin pass complete to Ruckert, Jeremy for 36 yards to the UA8, 1ST DOWN OSU (Harris,C.). P3
 1-G UA 08 Teague III, M. rush for 8 yards to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:55.
 1-G UA 03 Seibert, Jake kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 7, #3 Ohio State 7

8 plays, 75 yards, 3:16

Chrisman, Drue kickoff 47 yards to the UA18, Billingsley,J. return 7 yards to the UA25 (Gant, Dallas).

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 04:51.

- 1-10 UA 25 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 32 yards to the OSU43, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Williamson, M.). P5
 1-10 OSU 43 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 12 yards to the OSU31, 1ST DOWN UA (Wade, Shaun). P6
 1-10 OSU 31 Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 9 yards to the OSU22, out-of-bounds.
 2-1 OSU 22 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 3 yards to the OSU19, 1ST DOWN UA (Proctor, Josh). P7
 1-10 OSU 19 Harris,Najee rush for 1 yard to the OSU18 (Borland, Tuf).
 2-9 OSU 18 Harris,Najee rush for 6 yards to the OSU12 (Friday, Tyler;Hilliard, J.).
 3-3 OSU 12 Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 2 yards to the OSU10 (Browning, Baron).
 4-1 OSU 10 Harris,Najee rush for 3 yards to the OSU7, 1ST DOWN UA (Borland, Tuf). R8
 1-G OSU 07 Harris,Najee rush for 4 yards to the OSU3 (Borland, Tuf).
 2-G OSU 03 Harris,Najee rush for loss of 2 yards to the OSU5 (Hilliard, J.).

END OF 1st QUARTER: #1 Alabama 7, #3 Ohio State 7

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#3 Ohio State	7	04:37	1	2	0	3	1-2	0-0	6-19	3-5-0-59	0-0
#1 Alabama	7	10:23	2	6	0	8	1-2	1-1	9-26	11-13-0-122	0-0



Quickie Statistics (1st quarter)

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	OSU	UA
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	3	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	6-19	9-26
PASSING YDS (NET)	59	122
Passes Att-Comp-Int	5-3-0	13-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	11-78	22-148
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1--1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-7
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-49.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	04:37	10:23
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2

#3 Ohio State

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Teague III, M.	4	16	0	16	1	8	4.0
Sermon, Trey	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Fields, Justin	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fields, Justin	3-5-0	59	0	36	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Olave, Chris	2	23	0	20
Ruckert, Jeremy	1	36	0	36

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Chrisman, Drue	1	49	49.0	49	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Borland, Tuf	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
Wade, Shaun	2-1	3	0.0	1.0
Hilliard, J.	1-2	3	0.0	1.0
Williamson, M.	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

#1 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	9	30	4	26	1	13	2.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jones,Mac	11-13-0	122	0	32	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	5	78	0	32
Metchie,John	3	13	0	9
Waddle,Jaylen	1	15	0	15
Harris,Najee	1	12	0	12

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	1	-1	0	0

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Billingsley,J.	1	7	0	7

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Harris,C.	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Battle,Jordan	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Allen,C.	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Anderson Jr, W.	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:07	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 12-78 5:32	0 - 7
	04:55	OSU - Teague III, M. 8 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 8-75 3:16	7 - 7



Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



3-G OSU 05 Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00.
 3-G OSU 05 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 5 yards to the OSU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 14:53.
 1-G OSU 03 Reichard,Will kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 14, #3 Ohio State 7

11 plays, 75 yards, 4:58

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 14:53.

1-10	OSU 25	Fields, Justin pass complete to Williams, J. for 14 yards to the OSU39, 1ST DOWN OSU (Hellams,D.).	P4
1-10	OSU 39	Teague III, M. rush for 3 yards to the OSU42 (Barmore,C.).	
2-7	OSU 42	Fields, Justin pass incomplete.	
3-7	OSU 42	Fields, Justin pass complete to Wilson, Garrett for 13 yards to the UA45, 1ST DOWN OSU (Hellams,D.;Branch,Brian).	P5
1-10	UA 45	PENALTY OSU false start (Wilson, Garrett) 5 yards to the 50 yardline.	
1-15	OSU 50	Teague III, M. rush for 6 yards to the UA44 (Moses,Dylan).	
2-9	UA 44	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Wilson, Garrett.	
3-9	UA 44	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Teague III, M..	
4-9	UA 44	Chrisman, Drue punt 32 yards to the UA12, fair catch by Smith,DeVonta.	
<i>7 plays, 31 yards, 2:21</i>			

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 12:32.

1-10	UA 12	Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 12 yards to the UA24, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Banks, Sevyn).	P9
1-10	UA 24	Jones,Mac sacked for loss of 6 yards to the UA18 (Browning, Baron), fumble by Jones,Mac recovered by OSU Browning, Baron at UA19.	
<i>2 plays, 7 yards, 0:38</i>			

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 11:54.

1-10	UA 19	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Williams, J., PENALTY UA pass interference (Jobe,Josh) 15 yards to the UA4, 1ST DOWN OSU, NO PLAY.	X6
1-G	UA 04	Teague III, M. rush for 4 yards to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:43.	
1-G	UA 03	Seibert, Jake kick attempt good.	

#1 Alabama 14, #3 Ohio State 14

1 play, 19 yards, 0:11

Chrisman, Drue kickoff 56 yards to the UA9, fair catch by Smith,DeVonta.

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 11:43.

1-10	UA 25	Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 16 yards to the UA41, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds.	P10
1-10	UA 41	Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 13 yards to the OSU46, 1ST DOWN UA (Banks, Sevyn).	P11
1-10	OSU 46	Harris,Najee rush for 13 yards to the OSU33, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Banks, Sevyn).	R12
1-10	OSU 33	Jones,Mac rush for 7 yards to the OSU26.	
2-3	OSU 26	Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 26 yards to the OSU0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:00.	P13
1-G	OSU 03	Reichard,Will kick attempt good.	

#1 Alabama 21, #3 Ohio State 14

5 plays, 75 yards, 2:43

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 09:00.

1-10	OSU 25	Teague III, M. rush for 3 yards to the OSU28 (Barmore,C.;Moses,Dylan).	
2-7	OSU 28	Fields, Justin rush for 28 yards to the UA44, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds.	R7
1-10	UA 44	Teague III, M. rush for 29 yards to the UA15, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds (Battle,Jordan).	R8
1-10	UA 15	Teague III, M. rush for 3 yards to the UA12 (Moses,Dylan).	
2-7	UA 12	Teague III, M. rush for loss of 4 yards to the UA16 (Allen,C.).	
3-11	UA 16	Timeout #3 Ohio State, clock 06:17.	
3-11	UA 16	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Ruckert, Jeremy (Battle,Jordan), PENALTY UA personal foul (Battle,Jordan) 8 yards to the UA8, 1ST DOWN OSU, NO PLAY.	X9

Previous play, ruled Targeting UA9, reviewed; confirmed Battle ejected

1-G	UA 08	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Wilson, Garrett.	
2-G	UA 08	Teague III, M. rush for 2 yards to the UA6 (Allen,C.;Moses,Dylan).	
3-G	UA 06	Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Ruckert, Jeremy (Surtain,Patrick).	
4-G	UA 06	Seibert, Jake field goal attempt from 23 GOOD, clock 05:21.	

#1 Alabama 21, #3 Ohio State 17

9 plays, 69 yards, 3:39

Chrisman, Drue kickoff 53 yards to the UA12, fair catch by Smith,DeVonta.

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 05:21.

1-10	UA 25	Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Metchie,John.	
2-10	UA 25	Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 11 yards to the UA36 (Banks, Sevyn), PENALTY UA ineligible downfield on pass (Leatherwood,A.) 5 yards to the UA20, NO PLAY.	
2-15	UA 20	Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 16 yards to the UA36, 1ST DOWN UA (Borland, Tuf).	P14



Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

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1-10 UA 36 Harris,Najee rush for 6 yards to the UA42 (Jackson, A.).
 2-4 UA 42 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 44 yards to the OSU14, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Proctor, Josh). P15
 1-10 OSU 14 Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Metchie,John (Banks, Sevyn), PENALTY OSU pass interference (Banks, Sevyn) 9 yards to the OSU5, 1ST DOWN UA, NO PLAY. X16
 1-G OSU 05 Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 5 yards to the OSU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:19.
 1-G OSU 03 Reichard,Will kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 28, #3 Ohio State 17

5 plays, 75 yards, 2:02

Reichard,Will kickoff 64 yards to the OSU1, fair catch by McCall, Demario.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 03:19.

1-10 OSU 25 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Teague III, M..
 2-10 OSU 25 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Wilson, Garrett (Branch,Brian).
 3-10 OSU 25 Fields, Justin pass complete to Crowley, Marcus for 4 yards to the OSU29 (Harris,C.).
 4-6 OSU 29 Chrisman, Drue punt 50 yards to the UA21, Smith,DeVonta return 19 yards to the UA40 (Simon, Cody).
3 plays, 4 yards, 0:50

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 02:29.

1-10 UA 40 Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 14 yards to the OSU46, 1ST DOWN UA (Proctor, Josh). P17
 1-10 OSU 46 Clock 02:02, Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 4 yards to the OSU42, out-of-bounds (Cooper, J.).
 2-6 OSU 42 Clock 01:55, Jones,Mac pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 42 yards to the OSU0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:48. P18
 1-G OSU 03 Reichard,Will kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 35, #3 Ohio State 17

3 plays, 60 yards, 0:41

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, fair catch by McCall, Demario.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 01:48.

1-10 OSU 25 Crowley, Marcus rush for 3 yards to the OSU28 (Branch,Brian).
 2-7 OSU 28 Fields, Justin rush for 3 yards to the OSU31, PENALTY OSU holding (Jones, Matthew) 10 yards to the OSU18, NO PLAY.
 2-17 OSU 18 Crowley, Marcus rush for 3 yards to the OSU21 (Anderson Jr, W.).
 3-14 OSU 21 Crowley, Marcus rush for 2 yards to the OSU23 (Ray,LaBryan;Anderson Jr, W.).
 4-12 OSU 23 Timeout #1 Alabama, clock 00:49.
 4-12 OSU 23 Chrisman, Drue punt 49 yards to the UA28, fair catch by Smith,DeVonta.
3 plays, minus 2 yards, 1:06

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 00:42.

1-10 UA 28 Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 6 yards to the UA34 (Harrison, Zach).
 2-4 UA 34 Timeout #1 Alabama, clock 00:33.
 2-4 UA 34 Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 10 yards to the UA44, 1ST DOWN UA (Browning, Baron). P19
 1-10 UA 44 Clock 00:25, Jones,Mac pass complete to Bolden,Slade for 7 yards to the OSU49.
 2-3 OSU 49 Timeout #1 Alabama, clock 00:20.
 2-3 OSU 49 PENALTY UA false start (Owens,Chris) 5 yards to the UA46.
 2-8 UA 46 Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Williams,Xavier.
 3-8 UA 46 Clock 00:15, Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Smith,DeVonta (Wade, Shaun).
 4-8 UA 46 Clock 00:10, Scott,Charlie punt 36 yards to the OSU18, fair catch by Wilson, Garrett, PENALTY OSU roughing the kicker declined.
5 plays, 18 yards, 0:32

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 00:10.

Flag on punt Running into Kicker; Declined

1-10 OSU 18 TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the OSU17.
 End of half, clock 00:00.

1 play, minus 1 yard, 0:10

END OF 2nd QUARTER: #1 Alabama 35, #3 Ohio State 17

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#3 Ohio State	10	08:17	2	2	2	6	1-5	0-0	13-81	3-10-0-31	3-24
#1 Alabama	28	06:43	1	9	1	11	1-2	0-0	4-21	14-17-0-220	4-33



Quickie Statistics (Halftime)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



	OSU	UA
Score	17	35
FIRST DOWNS	9	19
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	19-100	13-47
PASSING YDS (NET)	90	342
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-6-0	30-25-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	34-190	43-389
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-18
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-7
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-45.0	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-24	4-33
Possession Time	12:54	17:06
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 7	2 of 5
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2

#3 Ohio State

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Teague III, M.	12	66	4	62	2	29	5.2
Fields, Justin	2	29	0	29	0	28	14.5
Crowley, Marcus	3	8	0	8	0	3	2.7
Sermon, Trey	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fields, Justin	6-15-0	90	0	36	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Olave, Chris	2	23	0	20
Ruckert, Jeremy	1	36	0	36
Williams, J.	1	14	0	14
Wilson, Garrett	1	13	0	13

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Chrisman, Drue	4	180	45.0	50	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Borland, Tuf	5-1	6	0.0	0.0
Banks, Sevyn	4-1	5	0.0	0.0
Proctor, Josh	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Browning, Baron	3-0	3	1.0	1.0

#1 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	11	49	4	45	1	13	4.1
Jones,Mac	2	7	5	2	0	7	1.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jones,Mac	25-30-0	342	4	44	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	12	215	3	44
Harris,Najee	5	66	1	26
Metchie,John	5	35	0	16
Bolden,Slade	2	11	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,Charlie	1	36	36.0	36	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	2	18	0	19

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Billingsley,J.	1	7	0	7

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Moses,Dylan	2-3	5	0.0	0.0
Harris,C.	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Allen,C.	2-2	4	0.0	1.0
Battle,Jordan	3-0	3	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:07	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 12-78 5:32	0 - 7
	04:55	OSU - Teague III, M. 8 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 8-75 3:16	7 - 7
2nd	14:53	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 11-75 4:58	7 - 14
	11:43	OSU - Teague III, M. 4 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 1-19 0:11	14 - 14
	09:00	UA - Harris,Najee 26 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:43	14 - 21
	05:21	OSU - Seibert, Jake 23 yd field goal, 9-69 3:39	17 - 21
	03:19	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:02	17 - 28
	01:48	UA - Smith,DeVonta 42 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 3-60 0:41	17 - 35



Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00, OSU ball on OSU35.
Chrisman, Drue kickoff 48 yards to the UA17, Smith, DeVonta return 6 yards to the UA23, out-of-bounds.

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 14:55.

1-10	UA 23	Harris,Najee rush for 13 yards to the UA36, 1ST DOWN UA (Hilliard, J.).	R20
1-10	UA 36	Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Smith,DeVonta (Werner, Pete).	
2-10	UA 36	Harris,Najee rush for 4 yards to the UA40 (Werner, Pete).	
3-6	UA 40	Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 9 yards to the UA49, 1ST DOWN UA (Banks, Sevyn).	P21
1-10	UA 49	Jones,Mac pass complete to Waddle,Jaylen for 13 yards to the OSU38, 1ST DOWN UA.	P22
1-10	OSU 38	Harris,Najee rush for 1 yard to the OSU37 (Garrett, H.).	
2-9	OSU 37	Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 10 yards to the OSU27, 1ST DOWN UA (Borland, Tuf).	P23
1-10	OSU 27	Jones,Mac sacked for loss of 1 yard to the OSU28 (Jackson, A.).	
2-11	OSU 28	Jones,Mac pass complete to Williams,Xavier for 12 yards to the OSU16, 1ST DOWN UA (Banks, Sevyn).	P24
1-10	OSU 16	Jones,Mac pass complete to Billingsley,J. for 5 yards to the OSU11, out-of-bounds (Browning, Baron).	
2-5	OSU 11	Jones,Mac pass incomplete.	
3-5	OSU 11	Harris,Najee rush for 6 yards to the OSU5, 1ST DOWN UA (Werner, Pete).	R25
1-G	OSU 05	Harris,Najee rush for no gain to the OSU5 (Borland, Tuf;Werner, Pete).	
2-G	OSU 05	Jones,Mac pass incomplete to Metchie,John.	
3-G	OSU 05	Jones,Mac pass complete to Harris,Najee for 3 yards to the OSU2 (Wade, Shaun;Hilliard, J.).	
4-G	OSU 02	Reichard,Will field goal attempt from 20 GOOD, clock 07:47.	

#1 Alabama 38, #3 Ohio State 17

16 plays, 75 yards, 7:08

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 07:47.

1-10	OSU 25	Fields, Justin pass complete to Wilson, Garrett for 17 yards to the OSU42, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds.	P10
1-10	OSU 42	PENALTY UA offside defense (Allen,C.) 5 yards to the OSU47.	
1-5	OSU 47	Fields, Justin rush for 33 yards to the UA20, 1ST DOWN OSU (Surtain,Patrick;Harris,C.).	R11
1-10	UA 20	Fields, Justin pass complete to Wilson, Garrett for 20 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN OSU, TOUCHDOWN, clock 06:45.	P12
1-G	UA 03	Seibert, Jake kick attempt good.	

#1 Alabama 38, #3 Ohio State 24

3 plays, 75 yards, 1:02

Chrisman, Drue kickoff 61 yards to the UA4, fair catch by Billingsley,J..

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 06:45.

1-10	UA 25	Robinson Jr, B. rush for 2 yards to the UA27 (Hilliard, J.;Garrett, H.).	
2-8	UA 27	Jones,Mac pass complete to Waddle,Jaylen for 6 yards to the UA33, out-of-bounds.	
3-2	UA 33	Jones,Mac pass complete to Billingsley,J. for 22 yards to the OSU45, 1ST DOWN UA (Borland, Tuf).	P26
1-10	OSU 45	Timeout #3 Ohio State, clock 05:20.	
1-10	OSU 45	Jones,Mac rush for 10 yards to the OSU35, 1ST DOWN UA (Werner, Pete).	R27
1-10	OSU 35	Robinson Jr, B. rush for 4 yards to the OSU31 (Werner, Pete;Borland, Tuf).	
2-6	OSU 31	Robinson Jr, B. rush for 21 yards to the OSU10, 1ST DOWN UA (Browning, Baron;Wade, Shaun).	R28
1-G	OSU 10	Robinson Jr, B. rush for 5 yards to the OSU5, out-of-bounds (Borland, Tuf;Vincent, Taron).	
2-G	OSU 05	Jones,Mac pass complete to Bolden,Slade for 5 yards to the OSU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 02:52.	
1-G	OSU 03	Reichard,Will kick attempt good.	

#1 Alabama 45, #3 Ohio State 24

8 plays, 75 yards, 3:53

Reichard,Will kickoff 65 yards to the OSU0, touchback.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 02:52.

1-10	OSU 25	Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 11 yards to the OSU36, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds.	P13
1-10	OSU 36	Teague III, M. rush for 2 yards to the OSU38, out-of-bounds (Wright,Daniel).	
2-8	OSU 38	Fields, Justin rush for 4 yards to the OSU42 (Hellams,D.).	
3-4	OSU 42	Teague III, M. rush for 3 yards to the OSU45 (Moses,Dylan;Barmore,C.).	
4-1	OSU 45	Teague III, M. rush for loss of 2 yards to the OSU43 (Barmore,C.).	

5 plays, 18 yards, 1:50

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 01:02.

1-10	OSU 43	Harris,Najee rush for no gain to the OSU43 (Jackson, A.).	
2-10	OSU 43	Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 27 yards to the OSU16, 1ST DOWN UA (Werner, Pete).	P29

END OF 3rd QUARTER: #1 Alabama 45, #3 Ohio State 24



Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)
#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#3 Ohio State	7	02:52	1	3	0	4	0-1	0-1	5-40	3-3-0-48	0-0
#1 Alabama	10	12:03	4	6	0	10	3-4	0-0	12-65	10-13-0-112	1-5



Quickie Statistics (3rd quarter)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



	OSU	UA
Score	24	45
FIRST DOWNS	13	29
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-140	25-112
PASSING YDS (NET)	138	454
Passes Att-Comp-Int	18-9-0	43-35-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	42-278	68-566
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	2-18
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-13
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-45.0	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-24	5-38
Possession Time	15:46	29:09
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 8	5 of 9
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 2

#3 Ohio State

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Fields, Justin	4	66	0	66	0	33	16.5
Teague III, M.	15	71	6	65	2	29	4.3
Crowley, Marcus	3	8	0	8	0	3	2.7
Sermon, Trey	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fields, Justin	9-18-0	138	1	36	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Wilson, Garrett	3	50	1	20
Olave, Chris	3	34	0	20
Ruckert, Jeremy	1	36	0	36
Williams, J.	1	14	0	14

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Chrisman, Drue	4	180	45.0	50	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Borland, Tuf	7-4	11	0.0	0.0
Banks, Sevyn	6-1	7	0.0	0.0
Werner, Pete	4-3	7	0.0	0.0

#1 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	17	73	4	69	1	13	4.1
Robinson Jr, B.	4	32	0	32	0	21	8.0
Jones,Mac	4	17	6	11	0	10	2.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jones,Mac	35-43-0	454	5	44	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	12	215	3	44
Harris,Najee	7	79	1	26
Metchie,John	7	71	0	27
Waddle,Jaylen	3	34	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,Charlie	1	36	36.0	36	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	2	18	0	19

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Billingsley,J.	1	7	0	7
Smith,DeVonta	1	6	0	6

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Moses,Dylan	2-4	6	0.0	0.0
Harris,C.	2-3	5	0.0	0.0
Hellams,D.	3-1	4	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:07	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 12-78 5:32	0 - 7
	04:55	OSU - Teague III, M. 8 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 8-75 3:16	7 - 7
2nd	14:53	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 11-75 4:58	7 - 14
	11:43	OSU - Teague III, M. 4 yd run (Seibert, Jake kick), 1-19 0:11	14 - 14
	09:00	UA - Harris,Najee 26 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:43	14 - 21
	05:21	OSU - Seibert, Jake 23 yd field goal, 9-69 3:39	17 - 21
	03:19	UA - Smith,DeVonta 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 5-75 2:02	17 - 28
	01:48	UA - Smith,DeVonta 42 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 3-60 0:41	17 - 35
3rd	07:47	UA - Reichard,Will 20 yd field goal, 16-75 7:08	17 - 38
	06:45	OSU - Wilson, Garrett 20 yd pass from Fields, Justin (Seibert, Jake kick), 3-75 1:02	24 - 38
	02:52	UA - Bolden,Slade 5 yd pass from Jones,Mac (Reichard,Will kick), 8-75 3:53	24 - 45



Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)

1-10 OSU 16 Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00.
 1-10 OSU 16 Harris,Najee rush for 2 yards to the OSU14 (Borland, Tuf;Jackson, A.).
 2-8 OSU 14 Jones,Mac pass complete to Metchie,John for 10 yards to the OSU4, 1ST DOWN UA (Proctor, P30
 Josh;Borland, Tuf).
 1-G OSU 04 Harris,Najee rush for 3 yards to the OSU1 (Jackson, A.).
 2-G OSU 01 Harris,Najee rush for 1 yard to the OSU0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 13:15.
 1-G OSU 03 Reichard,Will kick attempt good.

#1 Alabama 52, #3 Ohio State 24

6 plays, 43 yards, 2:47

Reichard,Will kickoff 60 yards to the OSU5, fair catch by McCall, Demario.

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 13:15.

1-10 OSU 25 Crowley, Marcus rush for no gain to the OSU25 (Harris,C.).
 2-10 OSU 25 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for loss of 3 yards to the OSU22 (Surtain,Patrick).
 3-13 OSU 22 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 14 yards to the OSU36, 1ST DOWN OSU, P14
 out-of-bounds (Jobe,Josh).
 1-10 OSU 36 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 10 yards to the OSU46, 1ST DOWN OSU, P15
 out-of-bounds (Surtain,Patrick).
 1-10 OSU 46 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Williams, J..
 2-10 OSU 46 Fields, Justin pass complete to Smith-Njigba, J for 5 yards to the UA49 (Branch,Brian).
 3-5 UA 49 PENALTY OSU false start (Petit-Frere, N.) 5 yards to the OSU46.
 3-10 OSU 46 Fields, Justin pass complete to Smith-Njigba, J for 15 yards to the UA39, 1ST DOWN OSU P16
 (Branch,Brian).
 1-10 UA 39 Crowley, Marcus rush for 2 yards to the UA37 (Davis,Ben).
 2-8 UA 37 Crowley, Marcus rush for 4 yards to the UA33 (Wright,Daniel).
 3-4 UA 33 Fields, Justin rush for 7 yards to the UA26, 1ST DOWN OSU, out-of-bounds. R17
 1-10 UA 26 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 6 yards to the UA20.
 2-4 UA 20 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Smith-Njigba, J (Branch,Brian).
 3-4 UA 20 Fields, Justin pass complete to Olave, Chris for 8 yards to the UA12, 1ST DOWN OSU X19
 (Jobe,Josh), PENALTY UA roughing passer (Barmore,C.) 6 yards to the UA6, 1ST DOWN OSU.
 1-G UA 06 1st and 6.
 1-G UA 06 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Crowley, Marcus.
 2-G UA 06 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Smith-Njigba, J.
 3-G UA 06 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Olave, Chris.
 4-G UA 06 Timeout #3 Ohio State, clock 07:58.
 4-G UA 06 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Fleming, Julian.

17 plays, 69 yards, 5:23

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 07:52.

1-10 UA 06 Harris,Najee rush for no gain to the UA6 (Hilliard, J.).
 2-10 UA 06 Harris,Najee rush for 4 yards to the UA10 (Borland, Tuf;Werner, Pete).
 3-6 UA 10 Jones,Mac pass incomplete.
 4-6 UA 10 Scott,Charlie punt 40 yards to the 50 yardline, Wilson, Garrett return 3 yards to the UA47 (Moody,Jaylen).

3 plays, 4 yards, 1:30

#3 OHIO STATE drive start at 06:22.

1-10 UA 47 Fields, Justin sacked for loss of 6 yards to the OSU47 (Barmore,C.).
 2-16 OSU 47 Fields, Justin pass complete to Teague III, M. for 1 yard to the OSU48 (Jobe,Josh).
 3-15 OSU 48 Fields, Justin pass incomplete to Williams, J..
 4-15 OSU 48 Chrisman, Drue punt 34 yards to the UA18, fair catch by Bolden,Slade.

3 plays, minus 5 yards, 1:29

#1 ALABAMA drive start at 04:53.

1-10 UA 18 Robinson Jr, B. rush for 13 yards to the UA31, 1ST DOWN UA (Proctor, Josh). R31
 1-10 UA 31 Robinson Jr, B. rush for 4 yards to the UA35 (Friday, Tyler).
 2-6 UA 35 Robinson Jr, B. rush for 6 yards to the UA41, 1ST DOWN UA (Vincent, Taron;Harrison, Zach). R32
 1-10 UA 41 Young,Bryce at QB for #1 Alabama.
 1-10 UA 41 Robinson Jr, B. rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA40 (Hilliard, J.).
 2-11 UA 40 Robinson Jr, B. rush for 2 yards to the UA42 (Gant, Dallas).
 3-9 UA 42 Robinson Jr, B. rush for 13 yards to the OSU45, 1ST DOWN UA (Gant, Dallas). R33
 1-10 OSU 45 TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the OSU46.
 2-11 OSU 46 TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the OSU47.
 End of game, clock 00:00.

8 plays, 35 yards, 4:53

FINAL SCORE: #1 Alabama 52, #3 Ohio State 24

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#3 Ohio State	0	06:52	1	4	1	6	4-6	0-1	5-7	8-15-0-56	1-5
#1 Alabama	7	08:08	3	1	0	4	1-2	0-0	13-45	1-2-0-10	1-6



Quickie Statistics (Final)

#3 Ohio State vs #1 Alabama (01/11/21 at Miami Gardens, FL)



	OSU	UA
Score	24	52
FIRST DOWNS	19	33
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	29-147	38-157
PASSING YDS (NET)	194	464
Passes Att-Comp-Int	33-17-0	45-36-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	62-341	83-621
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	2-18
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-13
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-42.8	2-38.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-29	6-44
Possession Time	22:34	37:26
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 14	6 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	6-6

#3 Ohio State

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Fields, Justin	6	73	6	67	0	33	11.2
Teague III, M.	15	71	6	65	2	29	4.3
Crowley, Marcus	6	14	0	14	0	4	2.3
Sermon, Trey	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fields, Justin	17-33-0	194	1	36	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Olave, Chris	8	69	0	20
Wilson, Garrett	3	50	1	20
Smith-Njigba, J	2	20	0	15
Ruckert, Jeremy	1	36	0	36

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Chrisman, Drue	5	214	42.8	50	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Wilson, Garrett	1	3	0	3

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Borland, Tuf	7-7	14	0.0	0.0
Hilliard, J.	4-4	8	0.0	2.0

#1 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	22	83	4	79	2	13	3.6
Robinson Jr, B.	10	70	1	69	0	21	6.9
Jones,Mac	4	17	6	11	0	10	2.8
TEAM	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0

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Metchie,John	8	81	0	27
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Waddle,Jaylen	3	34	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,Charlie	2	76	38.0	40	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Smith,DeVonta	2	18	0	19

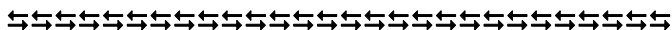
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Billingsley,J.	1	7	0	7
Smith,DeVonta	1	6	0	6

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
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4th	13:15	UA - Harris,Najee 1 yd run (Reichard,Will kick), 6-43 2:47	24 - 52

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	OHIO STATE	ALABAMA
FINAL SCORE	24	52
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 14:38)	0:00	45:22
Total Plays-Yards	62-341	83-621
20+/10+/5+	6/13/20	8/23/43
2-/Zero/Negative	13/2/4	19/2/8
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	25-128	48-306
First Half	13-84	25-184
Second Half	12-42	23-122
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	7 of 12	9 of 12
First Down Plays/Yards	28/175	42/251
Average on First Down	6.3	6.0
First Half	5.0 (16-80)	7.8 (23-179)
Second Half	7.9 (12-95)	3.8 (19-72)
Rushes/Average	16/6.4	21/4.2
Passes/Average (includes sacks)	12/6.0	21/7.8
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	3/7/11	1/11/21
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg	12/7/2	16/7/4
Second Down Efficiency	3-18	16-28
First Half	3-11	8-13
Second Half	0-7	8-15
Yards Gained	97	287
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	6-11
Rushing	2-5	2-3
Passing	4-9	4-8
Average Yards To Go (All)	7.9	5.2
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	6.5	5.0
Yards Gained	69	79
3rd & 5 or less	3-4	4-7
3rd & 6 or more	3-8	2-4
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-2 (0)	2-2 (4)
Total Possessions/Average FP	12/OS31	12/A26
First Half	8/O31	7/A26
Second Half	4/OS32	5/A26
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	1 (1/0)	3 (3/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	2 (7 pts)	1 (7 pts)
Three Plays & Out	4	1
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)	1 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts) .	4-5 (24)	6-6 (38)
Plays-Yards	23-41	24-71
Third Down Efficiency	0-2	1-4
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	2-2
Scores Outside The 20 (#/TD, FG)	0 (0/0)	2 (2/0)
Yards by Quarter:		
1st	78	148
2nd	112	241
3rd	88	177
4th	63	55



CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Offensive: #6 DeVonta Smith, Sr., WR, Alabama

12-215, 3 TD, 9 FDE (receiving); 239 all-purpose yards

Defensive: #58 Christian Barmore, Soph., DE, Alabama

(3,2—5 TT; 2 TFL/ 1 QBS, 1 3rd Down Stop, 1 4th Down Stop)

ATTENDANCE Tonight's attendance of **14,926** brought the final count to **170,453** for the 2020-21 bowl season (**6,556** average for 26 games with the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions)..

ONE-LINER QUICKIES

- The winning team has now been seeded 4, 2, 2, 4, 2, 1 and 1.
- This is the first of the seven CFP Championship games where the winner never trailed.

● Offensive Fireworks Continue. The seven title games have now produced **465** points; the winner has scored **286**, the loser **179**, making the average score **41-26**. Six of the seven games have seen **60+** points scored; the lone exception was the only overtime game (Alabama 26, Georgia 23 in 2018).

● Since 1968, this was the fourth-most points scored in a championship game that determined the champion (**76**); it was the second-most in a CFP title game (85, Alabama beat Clemson, 45-40 in the 2015 game).

—Alabama's **52** points are the third-most scoring in a game deciding the national title, trailing only Nebraska (62-24 over Florida in the '95 Fiesta Bowl) and USC (55-19 over Oklahoma in the 2004 BCS title game).

● Alabama won the opening coin toss (chose to defer); the winner of the toss is **4-3** in CFP title games.

● Alabama's **621** yards are the third-most in a game deciding the national championship, barely behind Nebraska (629 vs. Florida, '95 Fiesta) and LSU (628 vs. Clemson, 2020 CFP).

—Its **33** first downs were the most, previous high 31 twice.

● The Buckeyes, with the loss, drop to second behind Boise State with the second-best record this millennium (214-44, .829; BSU is 224-45, .8327). Alabama remains fifth (195-63, .756).

● In all-time No. 1 vs. No. 3 games, No. 1 teams now lead, **17-11-1** (AP, UPI/Coaches/BCS/CFP).

● Alabama doubled up Ohio State in plays gaining five or more yards (**43-20**), and had a big advantage in 10-plus plays (**31-19**).

● Alabama is the **52nd** undefeated national champion (polls, dating back to 1936), the ninth with a **13-0** record.

● **Possession Breakdown.** The nine touchdown drives in this

	ALABAMA			OHIO STATE		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.
Touchdown Drives	50	477	9.5	12	149	12.4
Field Goal Drives	15	75	5.0	9	61	6.8
Non-Scoring Drives	18	69	3.8	41	131	3.2
Total	83	621	7.5	62	341	5.5

RUSHING ANALYSIS An in-depth look at how the top rushers and quarterbacks for each team this season fared in tonight's game:

Player	Team	Att	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	FD	20+	10+	5+	0	Neg.
Harris	ALA	22	79	3.6	13	2	5	0	3	6	2	3
Sermon	OSU	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teague	OSU	15	65	4.3	29	2	2	1	1	4	1	2
Fields	OSU	6	67	11.2	33	0	3	2	2	3	0	1

Rushing Minus Sacks: Fields 1-6.

PASSING ANALYSIS An analysis of where each quarterback threw the ball and the result:

Player	Team	1-10 YARDS				11-20 YARDS				21-PLUS YARDS						
		A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD			
Jones	ALA	34	29	0	265	4	7	5	0	64	0	4	4	0	125	1
Fields	OSU	18	8	0	41	0	11	8	0	117	1	4	1	0	36	0

UNDER PRESSURE What kind of pressure each defense was able to put on the opposing quarterback:

	JONES, ALABAMA	FIELDS, OSU
Sacked	2/7	1/6
Hurried Throws	6	7
Times Knocked Down	3	8
Passes Broken Up	2	4

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CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS

(set tonight; includes the most significant ones from the seven games to date)

INDIVIDUAL

MOST PASSING YARDS, GAME

464, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (36-44-0, 5 TD)

MOST PASSING YARDS IN A HALF

319, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (25-30-0, 4 TD, first half)

MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS (tied)

36, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS

12, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State at Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, GAME (tied)

5, Mac Jones, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST RECEPTIONS, GAME

12, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS, GAME

3, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A HALF

215, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (12 receptions, first half)

MOST POINTS RECEIVING, GAME

18, DeVonta Smith, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN, GAME

7, Will Reichard, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

TOTAL TACKLES, GAME

14, Tuf Borland, Ohio State vs. Alabama, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (7 UT)

TEAM

MOST POINTS, GAME

52, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST POINTS, FIRST HALF

35, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, PASSING (tied)

5, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST COMPLETIONS, GAME (tied)

36, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (36-45-0, 464 yards)

MOST NET YARDS PASSING, GAME

464, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (36-45-0)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, GAME

80.0, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (36-45-0)

LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL, GAME (tied)

28, Alabama (52) d. Ohio State (24), Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, GAME

7, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (5 pass, 2 rush)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER, GAME

28, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ANY QUARTER, GAME

28, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (2nd quarter)

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), GAME (tied)

12, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (78 yards)

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL), GAME

16, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021 (75 yards)

MOST FIRST DOWNS, GAME

33, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING, GAME

22, Alabama vs. Ohio State, Miami Gardens, 1/11/2021

RECEIVING An in-depth look at how the top receivers for each team this season fared in tonight's game:

Player Team	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	FD	20+10+	5+	0	Neg.	
Smith, ALA	12	215	17.9	44	3	9	4	8	11	0	0
Metchie, ALA	8	81	10.1	27	0	4	1	3	7	0	0
Harris, ALA	7	79	11.2	26	1	5	1	5	5	0	0
Olave, OSU	8	69	8.6	20	0	5	1	4	6	0	1
Wilson, OSU	3	50	16.7	20	1	3	1	3	3	0	0

WHO HELD SERVE?

Alabama came in the nation's leader in completion percentage (75.8), and completed 80 percent tonight (36-of-45); Ohio State was 93rd in completion percentage defense (63.8).

--Alabama finished the year 324-of-425 (76.2), just shy of the NCAA record of 76.7 in 2008.

SCORING MACHINE

● Alabama scored **83** in its two playoff games, behind LSU (103 in 2020), Ohio State (84 in 2015) and the Tide in 2016 (83); but needed only 21 possessions to do it (which included kneeldowns to end the first half in the semifinal and the game tonight). So take those out, and Alabama averaged **4.4** points per possession, a rare-air type of number.

STATISTICAL QUIRKS

● In the two playoff games, Alabama ran **138** plays, earning first downs on **55** of them (40 percent); the Tide converted **21-of-43** times on second down, **12-of-21** on third down and **2-of-2** on fourth down.

● Alabama never had a third down play longer than 9 yards.

OTHER TIDBITS

● The SEC is now 3-0 against the Big Ten in national championship games, with Ohio State on the short end all three times (Florida won, 41-14 in the 2006 BCS title game and then LSU did the same, 38-24, in the 2007 BCS battle).

● Tonight marked Alabama's sixth National Championship in the last 12 seasons. The Crimson Tide are the first team in the Poll Era (since 1936) to win six titles in a 12-season span. The only other team to win six in a quarter century or less is Alabama in 19 seasons from 1961-79.

● Nick Saban has now led his teams to seven National Championships (six at Alabama and one at LSU). That allows him to pass Bear Bryant for the most national titles in the Poll Era (since 1936).

● **DeVonta Smith** joined Alabama's two previous Heisman winners, Mark Ingram (2009) and Derrick Henry (2015) to also win national championships in the same season.

● **DeVonta Smith** (3 receiving) and Najee Harris (2 rushing, 1 receiving) became the first teammates to each record 3 scrimmage touchdowns in a CFP National Championship Game.

● Tonight marked the 21st game in CFP history (semifinals and Championship Games). Nick Saban has coached Alabama in more than half of those, compiling an 8-3 record.

● Alabama improved to 13-7 all-time in postseason games in the state of Florida, while Ohio State dropped to 2-11, losing in the Sunshine State for the 10th straight time.

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TOP 10 POSTSEASON PERFORMANCES (2020)

Two players in tonight's game cracked the top 10 in the below categories, thus the final leaders for the 2019-20 bowl season (DeVonta Smith had two of the top eight and Mac Jones had two of the top 11 performances):

RUSHING LEADERS (23 100-yard games)

Player, School	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
*Camerun Peoples, Appalachian State	22	317	14.4	5	76
Trey Sermon, Ohio State	31	193	6.2	1	32t
Rhamondre Stevenson, Oklahoma	18	186	10.3	1	50
Bijan Robinson, Texas	10	183	18.3	1	66
Tyler Allgeier, BYU	19	173	9.1	1	39t
Asim Rose, Kentucky	12	148	12.3	0	44
Devon Achane, Texas A&M	12	140	11.7	2	76t
Kevin Marks Jr., Buffalo	35	138	3.9	1	25
Malik Willis, Liberty (OB)	21	137	6.5	4	26
Breece Hall, Iowa State	34	136	4.0	2	19

PASSING LEADERS (18 250-yard games)

Player, School	Att-Com-Int	Yards	Pct.	Avg.	TD	Rating
Mac Jones, Alabama	45-36-0	464	80.0	10.2	5	203.3
Zach Wilson, BYU	34-26-0	425	76.5	12.5	3	210.6
Trevor Lawrence, Clemson	48-33-1	400	68.8	8.3	2	148.3
J.T. Daniels, Georgia	38-26-1	392	68.4	10.3	1	158.5
Justin Fields, Ohio State	28-22-1	385	78.6	13.8	6	257.6
Zach Smith, Tulsa	46-26-2	347	56.5	7.5	2	118.4
Matt Corral, Mississippi	44-30-0	342	68.2	7.7	2	148.5
Grayson McCall, Coastal Carolina	32-21-1	318	65.6	9.9	3	173.8
Sam Hartman, Wake Forest	37-20-4	318	54.1	8.6	3	131.4
Spencer Sanders, Oklahoma State	40-27-0	305	67.5	7.6	4	164.6
11. Mac Jones, Alabama	30-25-0	297	83.3	9.9	4	210.5

RECEIVING LEADERS (19 100-yard games)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
DeVonta Smith, Alabama	12	215	17.9	3	44
Jaiwon Heiligh, Coastal Carolina	13	178	13.7	0	45
Cornell Powell, Clemson	8	139	17.4	2	29
George Pickens, Georgia	7	135	19.3	1	51
Chris Olave, Ohio State	6	132	22.0	2	56t
Austin Ogunmakin, North Texas	7	131	18.7	1	34t
Jacquarii Roberson, Wake Forest	8	131	16.4	3	39
DeVonta Smith, Alabama	7	130	18.6	3	34t
Jason Ivory, Memphis	7	126	18.0	1	51
Ainias Smith, Texas A&M	6	125	20.8	0	54

FIRST HALF LINER NOTES

- **First Possession Score:** Alabama joined Oregon in the first CFP title game as the only teams to score on their first possession (Oregon also scored a TD, against Ohio State in the 2015 game at Arlington: Marcus Mariota 7 pass to Keanon Lowe; tonight: Najee Harris 1 run on fourth down).
--Alabama mixed it up on the drive (8 passes, not hurried on any, 4 rushes, completing passes to five different receivers).
- Fifth of the seven title games where both teams scored in the first quarter.
- Alabama: **19** of its first **23** plays were run in plus territory (gaining 87 yards) and wound run 25 of 43 overall in the first half.
- Ohio State couldn't pressure UA QB Jones on his first 15 pass attempts; when it got through, Baron Browning recorded a strip-sack, leading to the tying touchdown. It was Alabama's 12th turnover of the season (never more than one in a game, and the Tide did not have one against Notre Dame in the semifinal).

- Alabama's Jordan Battle was ejected for targeting with 6:13 to play in the first half (on a 3rd-&-11 for OSU at the UA 16).

HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS IN NAT'L CHAMP GAMES

Alabama's DeVonta Smith became the 19th player to play in a national championship game, the first wide receiver to do so. How he fared against the previous winners (^—denotes MVP in bowl/title game; *—BCS Championship games; #—CFP Championship games):

Player, School	Heisman Season	Game Result / Stats
^O.J. Simpson, USC	1968	L 28-171, 1 TD rush; 8-85 receiving
^Herschel Walker, Georgia	1982	L 28-103, 1 TD rush
Vinnie Testeverde, Miami	1986	L 50-26-5, 285, 0 TD; 9-(10) rush
Gino Torretta, Miami	1992	L 56-24-3, 278, 0 TD; 5-1 rush
^Charlie Ward, Florida State	1993	W 43-24-0, 286, 0 TD; 8-(-3) rush
*Chris Weinke, Florida State	2000	L 51-25-2, 274, 0 TD; 4-7 rush
*Eric Crouch, Nebraska	2001	L 15-5-1, 62, 0 TD; 22-114 rush
*Jason White, Oklahoma	2003	L 37-13-2, 102, 0 TD; 7-(-46) rush
^*Matt Leinhardt, USC	2004	W 35-18-0, 332, 5 TD; 2-(-11) rush
*Reggie Bush, USC (vacated)	2005	L 13-82, 1 TD rush; 6-95, 0 TD rec
*Troy Smith, Ohio State	2006	L 14-4-1, 35, 0 TD; 10-(-29) rush
*Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	2008	L 41-26-2, 256, 2 TD; 2-(-18) rush
^*Mark Ingram, Alabama	2009	W 22-116, 2 TD
*Cam Newton, Auburn	2010	W 34-20-1, 265, 2 TD; 22-64 rush
^*Jameis Winston, Florida St.	2013	W 35-20-0, 237, 2 TD; 11-26 rush
^#Marcus Mariota, Oregon	2014	L 37-24-1, 333, 2 TD; 10-39 rush
#Derrick Henry, Alabama	2015	W 36-158, 3 TD rush
^*Joe Burrow, LSU	2019	W 49-31-0, 463, 5 TD; 14-58 rush
DeVonta Smith, Alabama	2020	W 12-215, 3 TD (239 all-purpose)

He is also the 17th player to win the Heisman and play on a national championship team (dating back to 1938, the seventh in the BCS/CFP era and the third in a CPF game, joining Henry and Burrow).

FINAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

League ('20 bowl teams)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	vs. P5
Big 12 (5)	5	0	1.000	205	115	4-0
Mid-American (2)	2	0	1.000	51	23	0-0
SEC (8)	7	2	.778	264	243	5-2
Sun Belt (5)	4	1	.800	198	113	0-0
Independents (3)	2	1	.667	107	81	0-1
Mountain West (3)	2	1	.667	79	75	0-0
Big Ten (4)	3	2	.600	170	153	3-2
American Athletic (6)	1	5	.167	136	177	0-2
Pac-12 (2)	0	2	.000	40	89	0-2
Atlantic Coast (6)	0	6	.000	152	223	0-6
Conference USA (6)	0	6	.000	96	206	0-0
Totals (52)	26	26	.500	1498	1498

LOOKING AHEAD For the 2021 season, the **Cotton** and **Orange** bowls will serve for the third time as the semifinal games, which will be played on Friday, December 31. The championship game, to be hosted by **Indianapolis, Ind.** (Lucas Oil Stadium), will be on Monday, January 10 ... Alabama will open the 2021 season on Saturday, Sept. 4, against Miami-Fla., in Atlanta, while **Ohio State** opens at Minnesota on Thursday night, September 2.



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GENERAL NOTES

GAME CAPTAINS: Alabama's captains for today's game vs. Ohio State are Landon Dickerson, Mac Jones, Alex Leatherwood and DeVonta Smith. Dickerson went to midfield for the coin toss.

ALABAMA IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF: Alabama played in its 11th College Football Playoff matchup Monday night. The Crimson Tide is 8-3 all-time in College Football Playoff games since the playoff's inception in 2014 and is one of only two teams to appear in five of the six Playoffs, joining Clemson. The Crimson Tide (8-3) holds the record for the most CFP wins with eight and most games played at 11. Alabama claimed CFP National Championships in 2015, 2017 and 2020 and has reached the National Championship Game in five of its six seasons in the Playoff.

HEISMAN HONORS: DeVonta Smith became the seventh player in the BCS/CFP era to win the Heisman and a national title in the same season. Alabama's two previous Heisman winners, Derrick Henry (2015) and Mark Ingram (2009), also won national championships in the same season.

50-PLUS vs. RANKED OPPONENTS: Under head coach Nick Saban, Alabama has posted 50-plus points against Associated Press Top 25 teams on seven occasions. Tonight, the Crimson Tide took down No. 3 Ohio State, 52-24, in the 2021 National Championship Game to mark UA's third 50-plus point effort this season.

MOST POINTS IN FIRST HALF UA BOWL HISTORY: Alabama's 35 first-half points are the most scored in an opening half of a bowl game in Alabama history. The previous record was 31 set by the 2018 team against Oklahoma in the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl.

150-8 UNDER SABAN WHEN LEADING AT THE HALF: Under head coach Nick Saban, Alabama is 150-8 (.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 134-4 (.971) when leading by seven or more points at the break during the Saban era.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

OPENING DRIVE TOUCHDOWNS: Running back Najee Harris ran in the endzone for a 1-yard rushing touchdown on Alabama's opening drive vs. No. 3 Ohio State. The Crimson Tide has won 41 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 268 thanks to Najee Harris' 1-yard rushing touchdown on the Crimson Tide's opening drive. The Alabama was last held off the scoreboard in a 9-0 loss to Auburn on Nov. 18, 2000. The Tide has a 213-55 (.795) record over the course of the current streak.

600+ YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE: Alabama eclipsed the 600-plus yard marker for the 11th time in program history by rolling up 621 yards of total offense against Ohio State in tonight's CFP Championship Game. The Crimson Tide had reached the 600-yard plateau only 10 times prior to the matchup with the Buckeyes, most recently against Florida earlier this season on Dec. 5, when UA produced 605 yards of offense in the SEC Championship Game.

500+ YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE: Alabama recorded 621 yards of total offense against No. 3 Ohio State, marking the 41st time in the last 83 games, dating to the start of the 2015 season, that the Crimson Tide has eclipsed the 500-yard mark. In 2018, UA totaled 500-or-more yards in 12-of-15 games to set a single-season record. The Tide followed that up by eclipsing 500 yards of offense in nine of the 13 games of the 2019 campaign. Alabama went over the 500-yard marker in eight of 13 games this season.

NAJEE MAKES A NAME FOR HIMSELF: The 2020 Doak Walker Award winner, Najee Harris, scored three touchdowns in the CFP National Championship Game to give him 30 total touchdowns for the most by any Alabama or SEC player. Harris' 26 rushing and four receiving scores passed the previous record held by Alabama great Derrick Henry from the 2015 season. All 28 of Henry's touchdowns were rushing.

SCORE SOME MORE: Senior running back Najee Harris became just the fifth player to score touchdowns rushing and receiving in a BCS/CFP title game with his 1-yard rushing touchdown in the first and fourth quarter along with the 26-yard receiving score in the second quarter. Harris joins Eddie Lacy (2013) as the second player from Alabama to do so.

HARRIS KEEPS FINDING THE END ZONE: Najee Harris racked up 26 rushing touchdowns during his senior season. With his two rushing scores vs. Ohio State, Harris totaled at least one touchdown in 11 of the Crimson Tide's 13 games this season and two-or-more scores in nine of those contests. His 26 rushing scores are also the most in a single season in Alabama history.

3.7K for DEVONTA PUTS HIM ATOP THE SEC: DeVonta Smith totaled 3,965 receiving yards in his Crimson Tide career. That total not only ranks atop the Alabama records but ranks first overall in Southeastern Conference history as well. Smith's 215 yards against No. 3 Ohio State today passed Vanderbilt's Jordan Matthews (2010-13) who had 3,759 yards for the all-time conference record.

SMITH LOOKING TO SET ALL THE CAREER RECORDS: Wide receiver DeVonta Smith has rewritten the Alabama record books yet again. Entering tonight's game, he already owned the career yardage and touchdown receptions marks. With 12 catches vs. No. 3 Ohio State, Smith captured the No. 1 spot on the Alabama career receptions list with 235. Amari Cooper (2012-14) held the previous record with 228 receptions.

SMITTY OVER 100 AGAIN: DeVonta Smith finished the first half by totaling 215 receiving yards to go over the 100-yard marker for the ninth time this season. Those nine 100-plus yard performances give him 14 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 14 100-plus yard performances are tied for the most in Alabama history with Amari Cooper (2012-14).

SMITTY OVER 200 AGAIN: Wide receiver DeVonta Smith finished 215 receiving yards in the Crimson Tide's matchup vs. Ohio State. The 200-plus yard performance was the fifth of Smith's career and the 12th instance in program history. His five 200-plus yard career receiving games sets the Alabama program record.

200-PLUS HALF BY SMITTY: Senior DeVonta Smith totaled 215 yards and three receiving touchdowns in the first half alone vs. Ohio State. The impressive half was the third 200-plus, three-plus touchdown performance of his career. The three career 200-plus, three-plus touchdown halves are the most by an FBS player in the last 15 seasons.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS: DeVonta Smith's marks the first player to have three receiving touchdowns in a CFP National Championship Game and the most receptions with 12. He also holds the record for most receiving yards in a half of the national championship game (215), the previous was 183 by OJ Howard in 2016.

CAREER DAY LEADS THE WAY: Signal-caller Mac Jones completed a career-high 36 passes and 464 yards in the win over No. 3 Ohio State. He passed his previous highs of 33 completions and 435 yards passing in the 2020 SEC Championship Game vs. Florida.

JONES GOES OVER 400 PASSING...AGAIN: Mac Jones finished the National Championship Game with 464 passing yards on the night. His performance against the Buckeyes marked his fifth 400-plus yard performance this season. Thanks to his efforts in Miami, Jones now owns five of Alabama's 11 all-time 400-plus yard passing performances, passing the previous record of three which was held by Tua Tagovailoa (2017-19). Tagovailoa's all came during his junior campaign in 2019.

RECORDS BY JONES: Mac Jones' 36 completions ties Deshaun Watson (Clemson, 2017) for the CFP national championship single-game record. His 464 passing yards passes LSU's Joe Burrow (463) for the most in a CFP national championship game, and his five passing TDs tie Burrow for the national championship game single-game high.

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Ohio State Notes

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- Ohio State's fourth-year seniors have a career record of 45-5 with four Big Ten championships and two consecutive College Football Playoff appearances.
- QB **Justin Fields** is 20-2 in his career as a starter. It's the second-highest winning percentage (.909) for a starting QB in Ohio State history (minimum 16 starts). Only Rex Kern (25-2, .925 from 1968-70) has a better mark.
- Fields' 63 career touchdown passes in just 22 career games at Ohio State ranks 17th all-time in Big Ten history.
- Fields finished the season with a .702 completion percentage, the highest in Ohio State single-season history. Dwayne Haskins previously held the mark of .700 in 2018.
- Head coach Ryan Day's career record at Ohio State is 23-2. He's 10-2 against AP Top 25 ranked teams and 5-2 against top 10 teams.
- Day is the third consecutive Ohio State coach to reach the national championship within the first three years of his tenure. Jim Tressel did it in 2002, his second season, and Urban Meyer in 2014, his third.
- The Buckeyes were appearing in their fifth national championship game of the BCS/Playoff era. Their previous appearances came following the 2002, 2006, 2007 and 2014 seasons.
- Tonight was the fifth meeting all-time between Ohio State and Alabama. The Crimson Tide hold a 4-1 edge in the series.
- Ohio State's bowl record falls to 25-27 all-time.
- Since 2012 (nine seasons), Ohio State has 106 wins, third most nationally during that span.
- Senior captain **Tuf Borland** played his 49th game as a Buckeye and started for the 34 time.
- Borland set a career high with 14 tackles. His previous high was 12 vs. Army on Sept. 16, 2017.
- Other Buckeye seniors who started included DE **Jonathon Cooper** (45th game played), LB **Pete Werner** (47th game played), LB **Justin Hilliard** (48th game played), RT **Thayer Munford** (46th game played), **Haskell Garrett** (41st game played) and **Marcus Williamson** (35th game played).
- LB **Pete Werner** started for the 28th consecutive game, the longest active streak on the team. RG **Wyatt Davis** is second with 24 consecutive starts.
- RB **Master Teague** registered the fourth multi-TD game of his 24-game Ohio State career. Three of those games have come this season: vs. Nebraska, vs. Indiana and vs. Alabama.
- The 23-yard field goal by K **Jake Seibert** in the second quarter was the first of his career.
- WR **Garrett Wilson** caught a touchdown pass for the fifth time in eight games this season.
- CB **Sevyn Banks** finished with a career-high seven tackles.
- WR **Chris Olave** finished with a team-high eight catches for 69 yards. He averaged 7.1 receptions per game this year, which is tied with David Boston for most in a single season.

CFP National Championship: Ohio State vs Alabama

Monday, January 11, 2021

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Nick Saban

Alabama Crimson Tide

Alabama 52, Ohio State 24

THE MODERATOR: Welcome to the postgame news conference for the 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship game. We are now joined by Nick Saban, head coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide.

We'll start with an opening statement and then go to questions.

Coach, congratulations. Please give us a brief opening statement.

NICK SABAN: Thank you.

Well, I'm just so proud of our team for what they've accomplished all season long, the adversity they had to overcome, the togetherness that they have as a group, the way they've supported one another. To go undefeated, win 11 SEC games, win the national championship, beat two fine teams in Notre Dame and Ohio State, tell you how proud I am of that.

A lot of guys played not absolutely 100% because we were pretty beat up, but showed a lot of guts and a lot of grit out there in terms of the way they competed and the way they performed.

I think it was a fantastic offensive performance by Mac and Smitty, the whole group. The offensive line has done a great job all year long. Really just can't say enough, can't really put it into words in terms of how proud I am of this group, this team, because they are the ultimate team.

THE MODERATOR: We'll take questions.

Q. I know you don't like to compare teams, but both of your undefeated teams, really different offensively, and probably defensively. Could you compare the two, what it's like to have another undefeated team.

NICK SABAN: Well, I think especially in this year, with all



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the disruptions, no spring practice, really no summer ball at all of any sort to develop players, no games where you could play other players and develop players on the team. I think this, based on the circumstances, this team has really accomplished a lot, to be able to do what they did.

We have great leadership on this team, really good players, that are the best people on the team. I think it's always fun to coach when the best players on your team are the best people.

The other undefeated team we had had great people and great players. They were a great team, too. I think ball has changed. It's a little more wide open, a little more spread. This team has adapted, and we've changed with it.

Our coaches did an outstanding job with this team all year long. Just proud of our whole organization and everybody who contributes to it for what we were able to accomplish.

Q. Smitty and Najee, two of your players that set single-season records for receiving and rushing yards. Seemed like their performance this year is largely a product of your shift in offensive scheme in the last few years. Could you explain how much of a difference you think your change in philosophy played in getting those two players to have the games they did and the seasons that they did.

NICK SABAN: Well, I think it had a significant difference. We've gradually changed through the years to be more spread oriented but still keep post style, drop-back concepts with our offense, legitimate play-action passes.

This whole sort of blend of all these things, creating balance to be able to run, make explosive plays, with play-action passes that complement the runs, and be able to throw RPOs to people in the box a lot. We threw a lot of RPOs tonight. A lot of those slants and glances. They had eight guys in the box, one more than we could block. Went one-on-one with the corner.

Mac does a great job of executing it. Smitty obviously had a great half. Najee has played well all year long, had some tough yards to get out there tonight. We knew it would be



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tough running against these guys the way they play. We knew we'd have to throw the ball to win, and we did it effectively.

Q. What kind of job did Sark do finding a way to get play-makers in position to make plays?

NICK SABAN: He does a fabulous job. He's done a fabulous job all year long. He had got a great plan, does a great job preparing the players. He does a really good job of calling a game. He knows what the other team is doing, knows how to attack it, knows where to put the players to put them in position to be able to make those plays against what the other team is doing.

He has just done a fantastic job this year. I can't even tell you. Can't even put into words what a great job he's done, how much confidence the players have in the plan and the execution. He's really helped Mac, as well, I think. Mac had a phenomenal year.

Our offense was really the key to the success of this team. We're an okay defensive team, not a great defensive team. We played well enough, got enough stops. But the offense was dynamic. That's what made the difference.

Q. You had a couple teams, 2016, 2018, that came close to going undefeated. This team actually did it. What do you think is the legacy of this team finishing the undefeated season?

NICK SABAN: Well, to me, this team accomplished more almost than any team. No disrespect to any other teams that we had or any championship teams. But this team won 11 SEC games. No other team has done that. They won the SEC, went undefeated in the SEC, then they beat two great teams in the Playoffs with no break in between.

This is our fifth game in a row, from LSU to Arkansas to Florida to Notre Dame to here. Played 13 games, went undefeated with all the disruption that we had in this season. I think there's quite a bit to write about when it comes to the legacy of the team.

Q. What does it mean, one, to have guys like Mac, Jaylen, even Landon at the end, gut through the injuries you were talking about? You were asked about Bear Bryant afterwards. What does it mean to you to continually be compared to a coach with his legacy?

NICK SABAN: Well, I don't think anybody really compares to Coach Bryant. In the era that he coached, the era that he won, he won a lot of different ways. He won throwing it. He won running a wishbone. He won it running

conventional offensive formations.

His legacy lasted over a long, long period of time. We all have to adjust with the times. Obviously things are a little different now. The challenges are a little bit different with the spread offense, the things that make it more difficult I think to play good defense in this day and age.

I think Coach Bryant is sort of in a class of his own in terms of what he was able to accomplish, what his record is, the longevity that he had and the tradition he established. If it wasn't for Coach Bryant, we would never be able to do what we did. I mean, he's the one that made Alabama and the tradition at Alabama a place where lots of players wanted to come. We've been able to build on that with great support. His family has always supported us in a tremendous way that has helped us have the success that we have.

But that tradition that he established, that's a big part of that.

Q. How difficult was it to see Devonta go down in the second half after the season he's had? How is he doing as far as his hand after the game?

NICK SABAN: Well, he really dislocated his finger. I told Smitty after the game, I said, You're the only player that I know that missed a whole half because of your finger.

It was dislocated and they couldn't get it back in. If they'd have got it back in, he would have been fine. He actually wanted to play, we just didn't allow him to.

He's a great competitor. I heard somebody say he set some kind of record in the first half of the game. Heavens knows what he would have done if he played the whole game.

But you're talking about the ultimate warrior, ultimate competitor. I'm so happy for him that he was recognized as the best player in college football because I don't think anybody's done more for their team than he has for our team.

THE MODERATOR: Coach, thank you for your time tonight. Again, congratulations on the national title.

NICK SABAN: Thank you. Appreciate it.

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THE MODERATOR: We're joined by the most outstanding defensive player of the game, Christian Barmore. We'll go right to questions.

Q. Christian, Mac talked about it, Nick talked about this team's place in history, all the adversity you had to overcome. Was there a sense of this team playing for history coming in tonight?

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: They a real good defense, real good defensive team. I had to play a really good game. Mac did a really good job. We all played really well today. Doesn't really matter about the hurdles, but he played how he wanted to play. I'm glad he did.

The defense was really good from Ohio State. They was a really good team.

Q. What did you love about this team?

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: My team? Well, we all brothers. We all fight together. We practice hard together. Like, we just do everything together. It's just like nobody have a strong relationship like we have for our whole team.

Like, we just compete every day to become the best player we can be. We strive to be the best. That's what just happened. We won because we all really good brothers and we worked hard together.

Q. You've always had a high motor. This game you were particularly on point. What was the motivation for you to really get after that quarterback?

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: Well, really D-line, the whole team really because we worked hard. This game right here was like the last game of all here.

Me and my brothers, we was all fighting. We told each other like we going to be the best that we can be. Like, I



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did this for my coaches, my D-line and my whole team.

Q. Mac said he thinks this is the best college football team that ever played. Do you agree? What is your argument for this being the best team, if so?

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: Well, to me, I agree with him. Yes, we really is the best team because we worked hard. We didn't hear the outside noise. We ignored the COVID stuff. We just worked hard together. We just really grinded out for this camp, scrimmages, everything. Even the first game, we were just grinding.

Yeah, I believe we is the best team, yes, sir.

Q. How much of this do you contribute to Coach Gor back home?

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: That's really my father. He's just like a father to me. Every day he always tells me, Let's keep working, work on stuff, like playing the run better, doing stuff better. Literally he motivates me every day to work hard. I worked the whole time. That guy right there is like a father to me. Like, he's just my mentor.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you, Christian. We appreciate you being with us. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN BARMORE: Appreciate it. Thank you.

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Christian Harris

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Q. Justin Fields threw for six touchdown passes in the semi-final. What did your defense do to slow him down?

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: I think today we just went out and tried to execute whatever coach's game plan was. Coach put together a great game plan, like I just said, so I think all we had to do was go out there, just execute. I think that's all we did.

Q. This was the 18th National Championship for Alabama. What does it mean to you to be a part of that?

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: It's a blessing, truly a blessing to even be able to have the opportunity to play in this game, especially being that we've been through so much this season with corona and injuries and stuff.

But we persevered and we just stayed the course and just truly a blessing to be in this position.

Q. To follow up on that, it's obviously been a challenging season for you and everybody, but how rewarding is it to finish on top like y'all have?

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: It's amazing. Like I said, it's a blessing. From going in the summers to having workouts to not knowing if we're going to have a season, just trusting the coaches and staying to the course and it's just truly a blessing. I'm at a loss for words right now. I can't really believe it. It's still hitting me right now, so, yeah, it's just amazing.

Q. What was that game plan as far as trying to stop Justin? I know he had a couple big runs there, but it seemed like generally you were able to contain him both on the ground and through the air.

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: Like you just said, containing him



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and making sure we were all disciplined in our drops. They got a lot of crazy route concepts out there. They got a lot of great explosive receivers and they had some real good catches out there.

But it was just going in there and just trying to make sure we contained them and make sure that we run the routes. We didn't play that much man-to-man. I think we played a lot of zone. So it really just helped us out take away a lot of his looks. We just executed and came out with a victory.

Q. Kind of looking back over the season, how do you feel like this performance kind of validated what you were talking about over the past couple weeks, just how the defense has gotten better and kind of shown that some of those early season games were maybe a little bit of a fluke?

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: Well, I personally think there was a lot of question about our defense after that Ole Miss game. They had almost like 700 some yards on us. I think ever since then, we just tried to go in and make sure we stay focused on communication. I think that's what really played a big part in our success as a defense as a whole, making sure everybody communicates and we're all on the same page, whether it's the right call or the wrong call, as long as we're on the same page we can all go out there and execute. And I think we do a really great job of that whenever we're communicating.

So I think coming into this game just making sure we over-communicate whenever we have to and just trying to make a statement and I think we did that.

Q. Talk about just the discipline from you guys, and this is a talented schedule you had to play. I mean, you had to play Georgia and you had to play Florida. It's all SEC. And then you play a team like Notre Dame, who is talented, and obviously tonight. Talk about this unit, the discipline, and just the coaching staff what all this means to you.

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: We started being here, being disciplined is our number one thing definitely. It kind of starts in the fourth quarter whenever we're going throughout these crazy workouts that we have, just

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ignoring the fact that, yeah, your body's hurting or you might be tired or you might be tired of doing the same stuff every single day, but, like you just said, staying disciplined is very important, sticking to the course and trusting what the coaches say, trusting what the coaches say every single day, with the corona and the fact that we had to do the same thing every single day it does get repetitive, but when you stay to the course you see what happens, we won a National Championship, so...

Q. I figured since we're here, I'll ask you another one. Coach Saban talked about it's the next-man-up mentality. Talk about that for this defense. I mean, obviously in a COVID year you have to have that, but in a normal year it's a next-man-up mentality. Talk about the depth of this team and just what you've seen from some of your fellow teammates out there on the field.

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: You know, everybody says when you come to Bama, you might not play as a freshmen, but we have a lot of talented freshmen who came in here and stepped up, guys that were starting and guys that were second string that prepared just as well as the first string did. That way, because you never know when your opportunity will come. You could be one play away from you being a starter and you having to go out there and execute whatever the game plan is and in a National Championship games like this. So, and I think just trying to make everybody understand that you never know when your time could come. You need to prepare for every single game just like you're a starter. That really helped us out a lot. So, yeah, I think it really played a big part in our success.

Q. Justin had a pretty big game last week against Clemson and came out this game and had a couple big runs, a couple of big plays here and there, but it seems like you guys contained him fairly well. What was the game plan coming in and how were you able to execute it?

CHRISTIAN HARRIS: The main thing was to make sure we were all on the same page and put pressure on the quarterback. He's a really great quarterback whenever pressure's not on him and he has time to look down the field and pass to his receivers. This week we tried our hardest to put pressure on him and do what we can and see if we could get off the field on third down.

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Najee Harris

Alabama Crimson Tide

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Q. Obviously an amazing performance tonight from the whole offense. I know as a running back, you want to give a lot of props to the offensive line. There's been a lot of talk all been about the big three, Mac, Devonta and Najee. Talk about what the offensive line has done for you guys. They have opened up holes that when you hit the hole, your eyes are wide open. Talk about what this line has done for you guys.

NAJEE HARRIS: Well, that where it starts, the whole offense all season, it starts with the line. The line, for them to overcome everything this off-season and perform the way they did, that's where it starts. That's why we came out here victorious because the O-Line was able to stop the fronts and do what they do, create moment to create holes for me. They hold it long enough for us to get the shot plays down there, the RPOs, all that.

So the line is obviously is the heart of the team. We're just like -- what the media will put out there, but the heart of the team, what makes a team go, is the O-Line.

Q. Coach Saban talked about discipline and how it was really big this year. Talk about what you guys did to stay disciplined and stay focused on the goal which is obviously winning, and that's why a lot of you guys came back. Talk about that and how important it was to you.

NAJEE HARRIS: Yeah, so we had to be really disciplined this year, like I said, all the outside stuff that's happened and especially this is a different year with coronavirus and stuff. We have to be really disciplined in how we approach games, especially because it's an SEC schedule. Every game is going to be a tough battle when you're playing all SEC teams.

The discipline and commitment of learning, what you have to do every day in practice, from the small stuff, from obviously like me personally, pass protection-wise,



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different ways that linebackers or corners will blitz, if they are bull rushers, they are going to move, stuff like that. You have to be really disciplined for stuff in the game that I guess other people don't see.

But discipline all year, that's one of the things that's that Saban always harp on because like you said, discipline will get you far and stuff like that because without discipline, you know, just a talented team with no discipline don't get you nowhere. But a disciplined and talented team get you here, right now.

Q. Ohio state has a really good front. How were you able to expose those holes so effortlessly?

NAJEE HARRIS: Effortlessly? You didn't see what they was doing? They was blowing my ass up, what you talking about? It wasn't effortlessly, I tell you what. They did their bring, Bro, to be honest with you. It was just, you know, what they did is every time we did a playaction, they just shot the gaps, shot the gaps. The linebackers, we got a couple of them to play a lot of fakes, that's why we're able to throw so much bubbles and slants and all that. But Bro, they was blowing my ass out, you trippin', it was not easy. I am hurting.

Q. What does this win mean to you and to your family?

NAJEE HARRIS: I mean, we won the National Championship. I think that should be a pretty good feeling. My family's always supported me back home. But I guess this is a good feeling, excited. Long season. Long, long season, so for it to come to the end the way it did, it's good for not only the program and us, but there's other people to say what discipline does. Like I said, it was a really disciplined team, so it was good, exciting, I guess.

Q. How is this group, I guess we've named "The Triplets," going to be remembered after tonight, all three of you guys?

NAJEE HARRIS: You talking about -- who is The Triplets again?

Q. You, Mac and Devonta?

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NAJEE HARRIS: Oh, how will we be remembered? Shoot. You tell me. I don't know.

Q. I'm only watching.

NAJEE HARRIS: You only watch what?

Q. I'm only watching. I'm asking you.

NAJEE HARRIS: Oh, I mean, shoot, there's a lot of good teams that came across here. For us three, it's hard for this offensive team to just say us three. I mean, there were so many people that played a role in this season and like what y'all saying, the O-Line, what they have done for us, it's hard to just say three people brought us here. Like there's no way you could do it, especially in this sport when it's 11-on-11. It's the ultimate team sport. There's no way you can say three people did it.

Like I said, it starts with the O-Line. Y'all should really be thinking about how the O-Line should be remembered, not us. I mean, we just put up the numbers following what they did for us.

So I don't know how we'll be remembered. You tell me, though, after this call. Let me know. (Laughs).

Q. In terms of the first receiving touchdown of the game that you had, what did you diagnose pre-snap that put you in the perfect position to catch that pass from Mac Jones?

NAJEE HARRIS: The sideline from the left to the end zone, that one? Oh, man, so -- there was another one?

Q. It was the one where the blitz came and then you kind of got on the side and caught it.

NAJEE HARRIS: And I scored, right? Yeah, so those were in the blitz off the edge. I didn't really get to see. I feel -- what type of blitz it was. I don't know if it was --

Q. Your receiver came over there and then the linebacker came to try to cover on you but then he blitzed instead. So then you got an opening on the edge.

NAJEE HARRIS: He didn't try to cover me. He was on a design blitz, so I knew I was hot right there. I knew Mac was going to have to throw hot. That's why the pass was kind of right behind me because I knew Baron -- that's his name, Baron, No. 5, he was blitzing, I knew he was coming obviously to blitz Mac so I knew that was hot so I have to look fast. I got an open space, man. As much as I'm in

open space, I try to take advantage of me being in open space, you know, so shoot, I was in open space right there and I made the most of it.

Q. Your career, just look back, this is the storied history of Alabama players and running backs, you come in as a freshman with an absolute loaded group in front of you. What does it mean to you to end your career here with a National Championship on top, and whatever happens next happens next, that's in the Lord's hands, but when you look at this, just reflect what has it meant to you to be an Alabama football player and just live out your dream here at Alabama?

NAJEE HARRIS: Yeah, like you said, I came here with a loaded backfield. But I didn't really see it as like -- I didn't really see it as a loaded backfield, though. I seen it as like, okay, it's opportunity for me to compete. I love competition, man. Any shape or -- any shape way or fashion, I live competition. I think that's what -- that's what separates me is the way I compete and I thrive off competition.

So when I saw the competition here, I got frustrated because I didn't have the opportunities to show people what I could do when I'm in the game. I felt like I could make a difference. So I didn't have those opportunities until freshman year when they threw me in the Natty -- national championships, and I made the best of my opportunities.

Fast-forward it to sophomore year, I was playing behind two guys and whenever I have opportunities, I made the most of it every time I had the ball.

And then fast-forward to last year, my role on the team started increasing more. And I started getting more game reps, and the more game reps I get, the more experienced I am and the more fast I can play and the more comfortable I can be.

So junior year, I got more comfortable with the scheme and stuff like that. And I didn't like the season I had, truthfully, because a lot of things I lacked. Just looking at my game. So the decision to come back was improving the things that I lacked, and try to show, I guess, other people that, you know, I can play three downs, three-down back. I feel like -- I mean, I don't know, I'm not going drafting, but I feel like I showed people I'm a three-down back: Blocking, passing, running between tackles, running outside zone, all that stuff.

So it's been a long journey. I appreciate all the coaches for helping me along the way. I appreciate Saban, of course. And I appreciate just the 'Bama Nation really for believing

in me and cheering me on. It's been a great career here. We done a lot of things outside of football. I've done a lot of things outside of football. And I guess I'll always be a Crimson Tide.

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Mac Jones

Alabama Crimson Tide

Alabama 52, Ohio State 24

THE MODERATOR: Mac, thank you for being with us. When you're ready, why don't you give us an opening statement, then we'll take some questions.

MAC JONES: Yeah, I'm just really proud of this team, from everybody, top down, the coaches, players obviously, and the fans for sticking with us all year. We set this as a goal, to potentially be the greatest team to ever play. I think we made a valid statement in winning the national championship tonight.

Who would have thought we would have won every game, all SEC schedule with everything going on. Then to finish off the last couple games the way we did, I'm just so proud of my teammates, the coaches, and everyone that supported us.

THE MODERATOR: We'll start with questions.

Q. Mac, the guy calling a lot of those plays, Sarkisian, what kind of job has he done to put all of you in position to make plays?

MAC JONES: Coach Sark, all year long he's called great plays. We really just think alike. I know exactly what he's looking for. We had that communication that every quarterback and offensive coordinator wants. He put our best players in position to make plays. My job was always to get them the ball.

Beyond football, Coach Sark means so much to me. He made me such a better player and person. I love Coach Sark. For him to deal with all the stuff he was dealing with with the Texas stuff, just locked in and gave us the best chance to win.

So that just shows the type of person he is. I know he's going to do great things in the future, and we just all love Coach Sark.



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Q. You played for a legendary coach in high school, obviously now played for Nick Saban. He now has seven national championships. Is he the G.O.A.T.? Is he the greatest college football coach of all time?

MAC JONES: C'mon, man. Of course he is (laughter).

How could he not be? He does it the right way. He recruits well, but more importantly develops great players and young men. I'm just so blessed that he gave me a chance to come here along with all my teammates. I wouldn't trade it for anything. He's the greatest to ever do it. He'll be the greatest for a long time.

Q. You made a statement about what you thought this team did. Would you say you guys made a case to be the greatest college football offense, given all the awards, accolades, points, what you did tonight? Was there an extra sense of motivation, it's Ohio State, but just the history with these two programs? Was there some extra motivation around the building over the last week or so?

MAC JONES: Yeah, I mean, in the first question, I mean, I think we're the best team to ever play. There's no team that will ever play an SEC schedule like that again. At the same time we're just so happy to have won this game and kind of put the icing on the cake.

There was not a lot of pressure. We just wanted to go out there and play the game we've been playing since we were all five years old. We did that really well.

I think you just have to give credit where credit's due with everybody. So yeah.

Q. What does it say about Jaylen Waddle and Landon Dickerson that they were even able to play in this game? How special a moment was that at the end of the game to see Landon go in there and take that snap?

MAC JONES: It was awesome. Waddle, to go through what he had to, rehabbed his butt off. Fought to just get in there and help the team. Smitty kind of went down, he was in there. It wasn't like one or two plays, he was in for the

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drives. I was super happy for him, man.

That shows what type of person he is, to put literally his career and body on the line to help us out and help us to win a game. That means so much to everybody. I'm so proud of Waddle.

With Landon, I don't know if I can disclose his full injury, but the guy, most people can't even walk after the time period where he's at. He's worked his butt off, too, in the last couple weeks to get back on the field. He kind of joked with me, he's like, I'm playing. He texts me every morning, 7:00 in the morning, I'm playing, Mac, I'm playing. Just to see him go in there and do that.

After the game, just being with him, us getting a little emotional, means a lot. Landon has been through a lot. Transferred schools, took a risk to come to Alabama. A lot of people said that Landon was going to be done with the injuries that he HAD but he just keeps fighting. And I love Landon Dickerson.

Q. 464 yards, a hell of a way to go out on. Have you thought about this being your last game? What has been your career like, reflect back on that?

MAC JONES: Yeah, there's a lot of distractions and stuff. My family has kind of handled all that. I'm just really happy to have won this game. Even for us to focus with coaches leaving. We just locked in, gave everything we could to win this game. Obviously there's decisions to be made. I'm going to make the best decision for me and my family. I put myself, I'm blessed to put myself in a position to do either one, come back or hopefully go to the NFL. We'll discuss that this week and see what my plan is.

In terms of legacy, I mean, I just think it's cool. Just the class that we had coming in, the four teams that I played on throughout my career here, I just am so blessed to be on each team. Two national championships, one kind of watching from the sideline, one getting a chance to play. It just goes to show that anything is possible. When you put your mind to something, believe in your teammates and coaches, you can get things done.

Q. Are you okay? You hobbled around a little bit in the fourth quarter. Did you take a shot?

MAC JONES: I had a really bad bone bruise, which I don't know, they thought maybe something worse had happened. We did the x-rays and stuff and everything is good. I'll probably be really sore, black and blue, but just happy to be able to finish out the game. I mean, a lot of guys out there were kind of limping around. That just shows we wanted to finish strong for Alabama.

THE MODERATOR: Congratulations, Mac, on the national title. We appreciate you being with us.

MAC JONES: Thank you. Appreciate it.

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Q. There was a lot of talk about what you guys wanted to do. You wanted to come back and you really wanted to make this year about winning. Talk about the discipline it took the entire year and with the distractions, and just what it meant for you to come back and have this opportunity?

ALEX LEATHERWOOD: I mean, just like you said, there were a lot of distractions: COVID, the off-season workouts, the whole nine yards. It was an unprecedented year with a lot of adversity.

But we just stayed the course, you know what I mean. Tried to stay focused and took everything day-by-day and really got everybody bought in and locked into what we wanted to achieve and we came out victorious.

Q. It meant a lot for you to come back and get this done. Reflect on your years at Alabama and what has the coaching staff meant to you and what do you take away from your career here?

ALEX LEATHERWOOD: I mean, looking back on it, it's some of the best years of my life. I feel like I learned a lot throughout the years about myself as a player and about people and just a lot of things, how to handle adversity, how to work hard, how to do a lot of things, you know what I mean, and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

I don't regret coming back, and I love everybody on this team and all of my past teams because you just don't get the opportunity to have a family like this, you know what I mean. College football is special and I'm glad I got to be a part of it.

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III John Metchie

Alabama Crimson Tide

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Q. What was the most exciting moment of the game for you?

JOHN METCHIE III: Most exciting moment of the game, it was definitely the end. Definitely the confetti coming up. Just finally being able to say that we're National Champs and that we went undefeated. It had been a long road, so I think that was the best moment of the game for me.

Q. Nick Saban said this was the ultimate team. Can you just elaborate on just the season that you had and just how the preparation this week led you to play your best football this week?

JOHN METCHIE III: Yeah, I think all around, this is an amazing team. Just our ability to fight through adversity, personal adversity, team adversity, able to come together, able to get down to the nitty-gritty of football and just persevere, really. I love this team and I really think that this is really a really great team.

Q. And how do you use the performance that you had tonight going forward in your football career at Alabama?

JOHN METCHIE III: Just continue to work and continue to hold ourselves and continue to hold myself to a high standards. We set really high standards for us, so we have to reach it or exceed it. Going forward, it's continuing to build up what this program means and what this program does, and just be able to get back to this point. This is what we do it for, for the game like this, and to be able to continue and keep it going.

Q. Can you tell us what it feels like for a Canadian kid to play on a stage like this and such a big game?

JOHN METCHIE III: It feels great. I do it for all my people back home who continue to support me. I remember watching these National Championship games when I was



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a kid in Canada and dreaming of playing in it. So being able to finally play in one and win one, as a matter of fact, is surreal. It's something that's kind of hard to put words to describe.

Q. Nick Saban talks about how Alabama is a next-man-up type of team. When you saw Devonta go down, how did you know that you have to be next man up then?

JOHN METCHIE III: It's just how the team is. We practice this way and play this way. It's always been next-man-up mentality. Make sure when the next man steps up that there's no drop-off; and it's just part of holding ourselves to that standard and when we set a standard for ourselves, making sure everyone reaches that standard, so that when one person goes down, there's no dropoff and we're able to continue playing good football.

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Dylan Moses

Alabama Crimson Tide

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Q. Dylan, with Christian playing in front of you, how have you seen him progress as the season's gone on? He was the defensive MVP tonight. How has he gotten better as the year's gone on?

DYLAN MOSES: He's progressed a lot. I'm so proud of him, me and him being close and growing up together and knowing him since we was kids. Like I said, it's a blessing to be in this position and I was, and I'm proud to be able to play beside him and I'm sure he's feels the same way with me.

Q. Coach Saban now has seven national championships, more than any other coach in history. What has he meant to you, as a player?

DYLAN MOSES: He's meant everything to me. Like he changed my life. I don't know if you guys remember, but he offered me a scholarship out of the 8th grade. I've been knowing him since I was 14 years old, personally. So the relationship everyone else has with him and the relationship I have with him is completely different.

So for him to be the greatest of all time and to surpass seven titles, to make seven titles and surpass all the other coaches, I congratulate him for that and I'm proud of him. I'm sure he's proud of his team for accomplishing his great task.

But as far as Coach Saban, man, he will always be the great coach, the greatest coach I've ever played for.

Q. How rewarding is this victory after such a challenging season?

DYLAN MOSES: It's like a weight off our backs after going through all the adversity we went through, not knowing whether or not we would play. And as far as like my personal things that I've went through just as far as life and all that, it's definitely a weight off our shoulders and this



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was our main goal. This is what we wanted to do. This is what I came back for, and I kept my word and we won the title. So I'm happy.

Q. For someone who's been through a knee injury, what was it like to watch Landon come in for the final snap there and be able to be on the field for this game?

DYLAN MOSES: It was motivating, it reminded me of what I did last year whenever we played LSU, back in 2019, whenever I dressed full pads and all that. So that gave a lot of motivation to a lot of guys, along with seeing Jalen playing after getting hurt against Tennessee a couple, well, yeah, several weeks ago. So we just wanted to play for our guys, play for our team and that's how we came out on top.

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Devonta Smith

Alabama Crimson Tide

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THE MODERATOR: We have our most outstanding offensive player of the game, Devonta Smith.

When you're ready, give us an opening statement, then we'll take some questions.

DEVONTA SMITH: Just blessed to be in this situation.

THE MODERATOR: Let's go ahead with questions.

Q. Just wondering what happened with the hand injury. How did it happen? What was going on in the locker room when you were trying to get it fixed?

DEVONTA SMITH: Just dislocated my finger. Just tried to put it back in place.

Q. Watching your teammate, Jaylen Waddle get back on that field tonight, talk about his toughness in wanting to be out there with you guys.

DEVONTA SMITH: Just shows the commitment, how much he love his team. Him just wanting to be out there, just doing what he can, give us everything he got. That was just the message, give us what you got, we'll take anything.

Q. From a year ago to now, what is the biggest difference in Mac Jones that enabled him to have a performance like this on this stage?

DEVONTA SMITH: Just his commitment, his dedication to everything. Him just getting in the film room, getting prepared for moments like this.

I don't think nobody prepared as hard as him on this team just with everything that he's done.

Q. Now that the game is over, what is your reaction to Shaun Wade saying he wanted to cover you, how you



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think that matchup went?

DEVONTA SMITH: Well, I mean, I just practiced hard all week, just worked, came to do my job. It just worked out well for me and the team.

Q. I wanted to ask you about you and your classmates, how you approached going into this season. After the Orange Bowl last year -- the Citrus Bowl, sorry, maybe wasn't quite the end of the season that you wanted. To come back and commit to this season, not knowing it was going to be as crazy as it was during a pandemic, what was that like? What were the conversations like between you and your teammates when you decided to go all in on this season?

DEVONTA SMITH: Well, we had a mission. Everybody wanted to end things the right way. We just all came to work every day and just put in the work. We got the result that we wanted.

Q. To have over 600 yards, you, Jaylen, Landon, what do you think that says about this offense, having that many injured guys play through it and put on the performance that you did?

DEVONTA SMITH: Just the love for the team. Just everybody want to do what they can. Just have young guys there just ready if anything happen, their dedication. Just the love that this team has for each other.

Q. Your last game with Sark. What kind of job did he do? Every defense is trying to focus in on you every game, yet you're still getting open, getting mismatches. What kind of job did he do helping that happen?

DEVONTA SMITH: He just called the game the way he's been calling all year. Just putting in the right position to make plays, just trusting in us. That comes with us coming to practice every day, getting in the film room, doing the things we need to do.

Q. If you had to convince anybody to come back this year with the pandemic and everything? Also why was



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this the ultimate team? Nick Saban called this the ultimate team.

DEVONTA SMITH: No, I didn't pressure anybody to come back, just let everybody make their own decisions because you don't know what they're going through or what their family situations are like. I just kind of let everybody just do what they wanted to do. The guys that did come back, I'm glad they came back. The guys that left, I'm proud of them. I'm happy they made the decision that was best for them.

With everything this team has been through with the pandemic, everybody staying as one, coming closer as a family.

Q. What do you feel is your legacy? You won all the awards this year, a championship as a freshman with the winning touchdown, a championship this year, came back for your senior season, set all the records at Alabama receiving-wise. What do you think your legacy would be?

DEVONTA SMITH: I wouldn't be able to do none of this without my teammates or without God. Just come here, I just put in the work every day no matter what the situation was, just believing in my coaches and them putting me in the right situations just to make plays.

Q. What makes Christian Barmore special? What is that switch he flips on? He plays with such an edge to him.

DEVONTA SMITH: He's just got a high motor, a guy that's going to give it 100% every time. He puts the work in. He just love the game. He just loves being out there. He's just an unbelievable player.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you very much for being with us. Congratulations again.

DEVONTA SMITH: Thank you.

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Patrick Surtain II

Alabama Crimson Tide

Alabama - 52, Ohio State - 24

Q. I think you held Justin Fields to about 50 percent passing, under 200 yards. And after the big game that he had against Clemson, what was the plan coming in and how were you able to kind of slow him down a little bit?

PATRICK SURTAIN II: The plan coming in was focus on our keys, communicating out there, and flying around to the ball. We knew what type of offense we was going against and our plan was to manage the game where it would eliminate those explosive plays that they had been consistently getting. So that was our main focus.

Q. This is the 18th National Championship for Alabama. What does it mean to you to be a part of those championships?

PATRICK SURTAIN II: It means a lot. We're another team in the history books. This team accomplished a lot and it's no better feeling to end this way. So I'm proud of this whole team.

Q. How rewarding is this season after such a challenging year with everything going with COVID?

PATRICK SURTAIN II: It's even more special. This team has been through a lot in the off-season, going into the season. But the main thing was we focused on one goal and that was to win the National Championship. We finished it. I'm proud of this team and what we have accomplished knowing what was going on before the season and I just say that we did it.

Q. What does it mean to you to win a National Championship in a stadium that your dad played in professionally?

PATRICK SURTAIN II: It means a lot, just playing a game that you seen your dad playing it for years and just to win it here, the big National Championship, it's a special moment



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and it's just a blessing to be here.

Q. Coach Saban preached discipline, that's what he's preached all year and I think especially in this year it's really important. Talk about how you guys stayed disciplined and stayed true to the goal. This is, you wanted to come back and you had a lots of seniors that wanted to come back to win this National Championship, talk about that what means to you just seeing what you set out in August to do with all the uncertainty right now culminating in this moment?

PATRICK SURTAIN II: Coach Saban always talk about being prepared, being focused and locked in, no matter which part of the season we're in, we can't be too complacent. But all those things he said, you know, it means something leading up to this point. And just winning it, especially during this season, finishing a goal, finishing a mission, there's nothing more things you can say, you know, we did it and like I said before, I'm proud of this team and what we have accomplished and we just, another team in the history books.

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Ryan Day

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama 52, Ohio State 24

RYAN DAY: Tough night. Tough night. I'm proud of our team, proud of the seniors, proud of the year that we've had. But it was a tough night.

A lot to unravel there, but when you look a team in the eye in the locker room after the long season we've been through, it's hard to start focusing on one or two plays or whatever it was because they've been through so much. I'm proud of the legacy that the seniors have left behind. But you've got to give credit to Alabama. Certainly a very good team, and they played really well tonight.

Q. Coach, I want to ask you about the game difference. You guys played seven games versus their 12 games in the season. Do you think those extra games allowed them more time to get comfortable with each other versus your seven games? You guys still working on some stuff maybe?

RYAN DAY: I think this season has been crazy, disruptive, all of the above. I think some games being canceled, not being canceled, that's what it was. You know what I tried not to do and what we tried not to do was focusing on those things, have built-in excuses. We just kept pushing forward. Not having guys available and then like you said getting into a rhythm.

I thought going into the semifinal game against Clemson we hadn't played our best game yet, and we needed to play our best game tonight against Alabama, and we didn't.

Q. I know this just ended half an hour ago, but I wonder, where do you go from here? This year was so long. You guys worked so hard. I can't imagine that you want to just go straight back into off-season workouts. What's the next step now?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, we need a break. We need to get away. The kids are -- guys are missing their families, and we all just need a break.



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We've already started to put together the schedule for the spring, but we all need to get away for a while. This has been a long, long road. Guys miss their families, and they deserve time to be with them.

We'll unwind for a little while, have an opportunity to reflect on what the season has been, and then get back into it. But you're right, you can't just go back into work here. You need some time to rest and reflect.

Q. Ryan, you've done this a lot of times, game-planned for a game, but what's it like looking at film and tendencies and everything else against Alabama and then actually facing them, facing all that firepower? What's it like to deal with it?

RYAN DAY: Well, they're very good schematically, and they have really good personnel. And so it's one thing to have a good play, it's another thing to execute it. We didn't do that well enough on either side of the ball tonight.

Q. Coach, second half why do you think the game slipped away from you guys?

RYAN DAY: I don't think there's one thing. I think it's several things. We didn't finish a couple of those drives, didn't get the 4th down conversion, two of them, and they continued to make big plays. They got up, I think, four scores on us, and we couldn't quite keep up. It was just a combination of things.

I thought there was a point there where if we had got a stop and got into the end zone, that we had an opportunity to get back in within a couple scores, maybe get it down to 10, but that didn't happen. I just think it's a combination of things.

Q. I know that just minutes after his last game or presumably his last game, it's tough to take stock of what Justin Fields meant for this program, but your thoughts in a net shell if this is it for him, 20-2 I believe as a starter, and just the courage and everything he showed and leadership he brought to your program, really kind of bridged the gap for you getting this program and your part of it started.

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RYAN DAY: Yeah, I mean, Justin has been unbelievable. He's as competitively tough a player as I've been around. For him to go out there and play today really shows his toughness and how much he loves his brothers; he still took some shots on that hip. He was not 100 percent tonight. He was working through it and made some really good throws, made some gutsy plays, kept us in the game there for a while, but he's an unbelievable player, and I'm going to miss him.

Q. You knew that with their explosiveness and their balance that I guess you were kind of in a damned if you do, damned if you don't feeling on defense, but what was the approach? And as far as how to play the mix of linebackers, mix of defensive backs, what was the choice there and why do you think they were able to exploit it so well?

RYAN DAY: Well, you know, we wanted to make sure we didn't change what we do, just fundamentally, but we also had to have some change-ups because if you just sit there, they're going to pick you apart.

But again, I think it goes back to it's one thing to have some ideas, it's another thing to execute them. We didn't do that well enough. There was just obviously way too many big plays, and then on offense we couldn't go score for score with them, and then the game gets out of hand.

Our guys competed. They played all the way to the end. I wouldn't have any other group with me. They're a special group of men. But to go back to your question, yeah, we had some things that we did that we wanted to change it up. We also wanted to make sure we were doing the same things that got us to this point, but clearly it wasn't good enough.

Q. It's one thing to see a guy on tape, another to see him live. Can you just comment on DeVonta Smith? Have you seen anything quite like that? Is he one of the best you've seen? And the pressure of having to score every time as an offensive coach, can you speak to that?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, no, it's -- that part is tough, and then I think that there's a feeling of if you don't score, you're going to get down and then, like you said, the pressure mounts. We got that turnover early, that kind of got us going a little bit.

But yeah, I mean, I don't know if I've seen one better than that. He just seemed to create a lot of separation. He's obviously very fast. He plays stronger than he looks. He's not a very big guy, but his play strength is significant. He

just eats up ground down the field once he gets those strides going. Tremendous ball skills, Heisman Trophy winner and well deserved. He's a great player.

Q. You said you didn't want to change your defensive plan coming into this game, this vision, the structure of this defense is something you said you wanted to keep in place. Do you think you need to change it? Is it too rigid when you get on the field with a team that has this kind of talent, a team that you're going to see every year moving forward once you get to this kind of stage?

RYAN DAY: Well, like I said, we did do some different things. We changed up some of the looks and played some two high, which is not something we typically do a lot of. Pressured some more the last couple games. So I thought we did mix it up a decent amount.

But again, it's another thing to actually execute it. You know, when you're playing against elite players, and this is probably one of the better offenses in college football in a long time, the margin for error is tiny.

I think it's probably more the execution. I thought at least in the first half we did a decent job against the run game, which was a huge emphasis point was we had to stop the run, and they're very well balanced, so that's a challenge when you go against a team like this. But clearly we didn't hold up well enough in the pass game.

Q. I'm assuming Trey Sermon was a huge part of the offensive game plan. How much of a blow was that to lose him? And could you also address the decision to kick the field goal when it was 4th and goal from the 6, I think?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, sure. To lose Trey on the first play of the game is one of those things, whenever you think what's going to happen in the game it's probably not going to happen that way, to lose Trey in the first play of the game. We certainly missed Tommy Togiai in the game and a few others. But you've got to overcome it. Like I told the guys, nobody feels sorry for you, so you've just got to keep pushing forward. It's kind of been the theme of the season.

Well, I think if it was 4th and 1, 4th and 2, 4th and 3, I think you'd probably go for it. But I think it was either on the 5 or the 6, and I think that the percentages there are very low conversion rate. I just said, let's just take the three points and move on.

Q. Looking back on the season, what is the difficulty about the season? I know with the coronavirus, but was that the difficult part of the season, to keep



everybody together?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, yeah. There was a lot that went into that. This is probably an hour answer to that whole thing. But yeah, it's been a lot with these guys: Having no fans, having no season, having games canceled, it was a challenge.

But wouldn't have it any other way. What these guys have learned and what our coaching staff has learned and this whole program has learned about what our culture is all about, very, very proud of that. For the guys who were in the locker room who are going to be coming back, they have something to motivate them in the off-season, that feeling of coming off the field. We felt that way coming off the field last year against Clemson, now we feel that way coming off the field against Alabama. We're going to use that as a motivation in the off-season.

Q. How would you reflect on Ohio State football in your opinion in 2020?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, I mean, I thought that the culture of our program, the leadership of our program, the way that our kids fought for a season and then came back, dealt with all the adversity along the way of games being canceled, guys being out, for some programs there was a lot of guys out early and they kind of got them back and were able to get in a rhythm. It was very, very difficult for us to do that. The offensive line was out for an extended period of time, and in this game we had the defensive line, we had wide receivers during the Big Ten Championship game.

So for us to continually work through all of that and get to this moment right here was an unbelievable success. The goal of the game was not to get here, the goal was to win the game.

But all that being said, I couldn't be prouder of our culture, what our kids are made of and where the program is headed.

Q. As you look back tonight, there were a few times where y'all almost made it look easy going down the field and then others were herky-jerky. I wonder as you reflect back what was it Alabama was doing defensively, rolling the dice, et cetera, that gave you the most problems? And could you give us an update on Wyatt Davis?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, Wyatt, just talked to him. He kind of reinjured that knee. He's sore right now. I'm not sure what the diagnosis is. We'll have to check with our doctors. But he's sore. He's certainly in pain.

Yeah, you know, on offense, the thing for us was I felt like when we got the first 1st down, we kind of got going and we get in a rhythm and tempo. When we couldn't get those first 1st downs, I think we had a couple of three-and-outs in the first half, that hurt us. And then I think we had a couple in the second half, as well.

And one of the challenges is that we like to go tempo, but when you go tempo, when you go fast, you put the defense back on the field, and when you go against an offense like this, that's kind of in the back of your mind.

So it was kind of hard for us to get into a rhythm. It was hard for us to get into that kind of tempo. We got a couple 1st downs and we did a nice job there, but there was also the other side of the ball and we had to kind of balance that out. At the end of the day, if we just did a little bit better job executing to get the first couple 1st downs and get into a little bit of rhythm of the drive, we would have done better.

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Tuf Borland

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama, 52 - Ohio, 24

Q. There was a play where Devonta Smith got matched up with you one on one and scored a touchdown. From your vantage point, what happened on this play?

TUF BORLAND: Just three deep down. We know one of the issues is protecting the seams, so kind of just happened. He's a Heisman Trophy winner, so give him credit. He's a good player.

So, yeah. I'll work to get it fixed.

Q. How much of an effect do you think it had that you didn't have Tommy or Tyreke for this game? And related to that, you needed to get pressure on Mac Jones and you guys aren't able to do that consistently. How big a factor was that in the game. And how disappointing is it you weren't able to do that?

TUF BORLAND: Yeah, I mean, Tommy and Tyreke are unbelievable players. They showed that ten days ago whenever it was when we played Clemson. Unbelievable players. At a place like Ohio State we always approach next man up, and that's what the case was. Especially in the COVID environment season, everyone has to be ready.

Yeah, I mean, credit to Alabama. They have great players. They played really hard. They played well.

Q. I know you guys want to win a national title, but how would you explain what you guys did accomplish this year and when you look back on this season what you'll think of it?

TUF BORLAND: I mean, this season is just so unique. You know, in August we didn't even have a season, so I think being here is a great accomplishment. Obviously.

We're all competitors. We all would love to have won a National Championship and that's why we're here. We



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were here to compete for and ultimately win a National Championship.

But no one is hanging their heads. We're going to learn from this experience, and I think the guys that come back next year will grow from it and be better from it.

Q. I would like to know about the amount of games and the difference -- you guys played 7 versus their 12 games. Do you feel 7 was enough time to get in sync, in unison for this big game here versus their 12 games, which may have gave them an advantage and being more in sync tonight?

TUF BORLAND: Yeah, I mean, I don't know. I don't know how much that plays a role. Some would say that we would be fresher moving into this game and that would be an advantage.

But, I mean, the nonconference games do give you a chance to kind of get your feet under you, and obviously this year we didn't have that. We didn't have that opportunity. We hit the ground running, so we felt that pressure every week to make those six, seven games count.

Yeah.

Q. As you look back on facing this offense, Alabama, do you think it's almost -- this is a trend where offense is heading in college football, or sort of aberration of a great bunch of athletes being on the same team at the same time?

TUF BORLAND: Yeah, I mean, you got to give Alabama a lot of credit. They have great players and great scheme and they execute it really well. They played extremely hard and that's the result that you see. That's why the scoreboard was the way that it was.

So, yeah, I mean, I don't know if there is a trend. Obviously offenses these days are spread them out, throw it all over the place, extremely explosive.

But they're unique. What makes them unique is the caliber of players that they have.

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Q. Hey, Tuf, you being a guy that played a lot of football here, as you reflect on your five years here, where do you feel like you'll leave this program better than when you came in?

TUF BORLAND: I don't know. I mean, there is so much to reflect on. Obviously my first like remembrance of it as a freshman was losing in the College Football Playoff semifinal.

Coming back here and five years later get a shot to play for the National Championship was an unbelievable experience. I'm so thankful to be a part of this program with the coaches, the players. Everyone is so elite at what they do, whether it be coaching or playing.

But the thing that's going to stay with me is the caliber of people we have here and the relationships I've built. So I'm just so thankful to everyone for this last five years.

Q. Obviously this is a rare collection of talent that Alabama has. People might watch this game and think there is a sizable gap between Alabama and everyone else, including Ohio State. What would you say to that?

TUF BORLAND: I'm sorry, I couldn't hear the question.

Q. Yeah. People would watch this game and think there is a different level between Alabama and everybody else in terms of talent, including Ohio State. As good as you guys have been, what would you say to that in terms of how big the gap is between Alabama and everyone else?

TUF BORLAND: I mean, Alabama has great players. Give them all the credit. They executed better tonight. But to say that they're more talented than this Ohio State team, I don't know. Hard disagree with that. Top to bottom we feel like we have a talented team, guys that can compete with anyone in the country, and, again, just credit to Alabama. They had a great night. They executed well.

So, yeah.

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Jonathon Cooper

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama, 52 - Ohio, 24

Q. I saw and you Thayer up there at the end of the Game, kind of the two last guys to leave the field. What was going through your head at the moment and what were you talking about?

JONATHON COOPER: You know, I don't -- not much. Just how bad to hurt to see all that.

But I think I was just telling him, get there next year. You know, keep working hard, keep going. I'm sorry I couldn't do more for him.

That was basically the conversation. Just talking about how much we care and love each other.

Q. Can you just describe what it's like facing an offense like that and how did you guys feel in practice with your preparation for this game?

JONATHON COOPER: Yeah, well, a lot of credit to Alabama. They're a great team. We knew that coming in. They're coached very well and they have good players.

We felt like we did a good job preparing all week. It's not much I can say honestly. You guys saw the game. They're a good team. I feel like we didn't execute and didn't tackle as well as we should have, as a whole defense.

Just had to be better. Unfortunately, we were not. They took advantage of that.

Q. Just not having Tyreke, Tommy for a game like this, obviously you guys have been doing next-man-up all season. How did that affect you guys?

JONATHON COOPER: Well, Tommy and Tyreke are great players, but I have to give a lot of credit to the guys that stepped in their place. Jerron Cage and Tyler Friday, Javonte, and Zach and Antwan Jackson and Taron



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Vincent are all on the on the inside. They definitely stepped up to play.

I'm very proud of them. Even with us missing a guy like Tommy and Tyreke, they stepped up and played really well in my opinion. I'm really excited to see what they all do next year.

Q. When you guys were prepping for this, did you think more, Let's try to stop the run and maybe make them one dimensional, or with how dynamic they were in the pass game, were you talking more about we got to get pressure and slow down the passing game? I know you want to do both, but offense feels like you said maybe we want to stop one or the other first.

JONATHON COOPER: Right. I feel like the goal of any game is to stop the run, get to the pass. I feel like we were doing a pretty good job of that in the first half, and we just need to slow them down in the passing game and we never really caught on or could do that.

Alabama was being as well coached as they are with good players, they took advantage of that. Like I said earlier, the defense just needed to execute better, figure everything out. I know we'll definitely look back and figure out what we needed to do better.

But you got to give credit to Alabama.

Q. You had to know obviously that Alabama is so talented with the guys they have. Was it different facing them live and just how good are they?

JONATHON COOPER: Well, I feel like our scout team is really good. They did give us good looks all week, and we go against amazing players every single day in practice with our offense.

Guys like Olave and Garrett and J-Mo and all those wide receivers. I don't know, like I said, I feel like they're a great team. I also feel like we were a great team. It's not like we haven't seen great athletes before. We practice against them every single day.

We just needed to execute better.

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Q. Cooper, I wanted to ask you about the difference between playing seven games and 12 games. Do you feel you had enough time get in the rhythm going into this game, the championship game here versus the 12 games they played? Maybe they were a bit more cohesive. Did you feel that, did you feel that on the field tonight?

JONATHON COOPER: To be honest, no. I feel like we had a good game plan. Like I said before, I just feel like we needed to execute better. I don't think the difference in 7 or 12 games made too much of a difference.

I just feel like we needed to be better in this game, ask unfortunately we weren't.

Q. I know you've talked a lot good brotherhood of this team and how that got this team here. I know that you won't be back next year. How do you think the other guys who are going to be back are going to respond to this?

JONATHON COOPER: I feel like they're going to respond the same way that they felt last year with the Clemson loss, honestly. Yeah, I'm sad that I won't be a part of this group next year, because, I mean, it's a bunch of great guys who truly love each other, man.

But I'm excited to watch and see what they do next year. I feel like this is just going to fuel and motivate them to greater heights and achieve more. I feel like they got a taste of it, and now they just need to go finish it.

Q. Obviously you guys are disappointed right now. You wanted to win a national title. When you think about how this season went, what did you accomplish this season and how will you look back on it?

JONATHON COOPER: First off, I just want to say I'm so proud of my guys and my team. I'm so proud of those guys. They're truly special, and I know we didn't win this game and all that, but they're champions in my heart honestly.

I'm so proud of my guys. I couldn't be prouder. I give all my thanks to them for letting me play with them, have an opportunity to do this stuff with them. You know, I'm just trying to keep my head held high for them. They deserve it for everything that they've done.

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Justin Fields

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama 52, Ohio State 24

Q. Ryan said you were not 100 percent tonight; how do you think your injury affected things overall and how did you feel playing the game?

JUSTIN FIELDS: At the end of the day I'm glad I was able to play, and we didn't get the job done. But of course I could have been healthier, but I was healthy enough. I was able to be out there.

Q. Just wanted to ask you, in regards to preparation for this game, were you able to practice the last several days somewhat unbridled, or was there a limitation on what you could do this past week leading up to it? And besides that, just perhaps if you could just reflect on what this two years at Ohio State has meant for you.

JUSTIN FIELDS: I wasn't able to practice towards the beginning of the week last week. I kind of struggled.

But the last few years have been great. I've made a lot of friendships and made a lot of brothers. We definitely wanted a different outcome, but I'm definitely going to miss everybody.

Q. It seemed like they ratcheted up the pressure, even in the first half, disrupting you a little bit. What did you feel like they were doing that was most effective and made it difficult for you guys to operate?

JUSTIN FIELDS: I feel like they did a good job executing on defense. Of course they have great players, great athletes and they have a great defensive coordinator, so they did a good job doing that.

Q. How much do you think it impacted you guys and what you wanted to do offensively when Trey went out?

JUSTIN FIELDS: Of course, yeah, of course Trey going



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out, of course he was hot these last few weeks, but we have the mentality of competitive excellence, and when one man goes down, we have to bring up the next man.

But we would've liked to have Trey out there. He's a baller, he's a warrior, but he wasn't able to play with us. But with or without him we've still got to execute.

Q. As you were making your way off the field there, it seemed like you were stopping and talking with a lot of people. I'm curious what your message was particularly for some of the young guys that you had a moment with, who have to take this loss and find a way to use it going into next year?

JUSTIN FIELDS: I mean, yeah, I was just telling the young guys that they have a lot more years left, and I was just telling them to remember what this feels like, never let it happen to them again. Of course they were down. They have time left, so I encouraged them to get back to work as quickly as possible and just remember this feeling of walking off the field with a loss. I just told them to remember the feeling.

Q. How did you -- I know you touched on it earlier, but how did you feel coming into this game? You talked about how well their defense had been playing, and what did you see overall from their defense as the game progressed on?

JUSTIN FIELDS: How did I feel coming into the game and what did I see overall from their defense?

Q. Yes.

JUSTIN FIELDS: I felt pretty good coming into the game. We had a good game plan planned out, but they executed better than we did. Of course Bama is a great team, you have to give them their respect, and yeah, we've just got to be better.

Q. A tough loss for the team today; how will this motivate you in the off-season?

JUSTIN FIELDS: It's going to motivate me a lot. We didn't get the turnout that we wanted to, didn't get the result that

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we wanted. But that's just going to make us work harder. This team deals with adversity very well. We've been through a lot of adversity this past year. We're just going to use it to get back and just work our butts off.

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CFP National Championship: Ohio State vs Alabama

Monday, January 11, 2021

Miami, Florida, USA

Hard Rock Stadium

Chris Olave

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama - 52, Ohio State - 24

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Chris Olave, wide receiver from Ohio State.

Q. I think this might be the first game that both you and Garrett were under 100 yards receiving. Was the secondary doing anything maybe that you hadn't seen before to take you guys away? Or how did they make things difficult for you guys?

CHRIS OLAVE: They played a good game. Had some really good defense. Really good team over there, but they just played better ball than us today. And they came out with the win.

Q. Similar question, but the feelings now, obviously, you guys came in with high expectations with the way this year went and everything. To not have the offensive production you wanted, what's going on in your head right now?

CHRIS OLAVE: It was tough. I mean, we have high standards for ourselves, high standards for each other. We worked so hard in all the season to get to this point.

And we didn't play our best game today. It's tough. And it's a down moment, but just gotta soak it in and bounce back.

Q. To be with Justin for the last two years and to see him fight for you guys to get a season back and everything he did in the offseason, then to come out and play the way he did all year, what can you say about him, just getting to know him the last couple of years and playing with him the last two years?

CHRIS OLAVE: He's a warrior. I mean, that's a guy you always want on your team. He's a leader on and off the field. And people look up to him. And the season he had this year, the growth he had from last year, it's huge. And I've got all love and all respect for him. Can't wait to see



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him do big things.

Q. Trey was very important to what you guys wanted to do in the Sugar Bowl, and how it opened up some things for you down the field and Garrett. Losing him on that first drive as a receiver, a vertical threat, how much of a detriment was that to you guys?

CHRIS OLAVE: I mean, you see what he did the last two games. When we needed him the most, he gave us his best. And to see him go down in that first drive, it was tough for us. He's been going uphill ever since that Big Ten championship, and I wanted to see him do good in this game. And losing him was huge. And I think we felt that.

Q. What was it like, I guess, for the last two years to kind of grow alongside of Justin? I think several times last year we asked you guys about getting some things synced up and particularly the deep ball, but this year it just seemed like whenever you guys were on the field together you were in so sync. How did you kind of foster that over the last year to get to where you are this year?

CHRIS OLAVE: Last year, we were just out there trying to ball. But this year we kind of locked in. And he knew my body language. I know his body language whenever he was going to throw the ball to me. He knows when I'm going to break off a route or all that.

And going into this year I kind of wanted to read coverages and take my game to another level and know where to break my routes off and attack leverages and just try to be the best in the country. And we had a tough year, but we wanted to come out with this win, and it's tough but we made it and we're thankful.

Q. Where do you think you made the biggest, I guess, stride this year as -- not just as a team but an individual? You said you wanted to read defenses. We talked to you, obviously you wanted to get past the Clemson hurdle. What do you think you did this season than what you did the season before with Justin?

CHRIS OLAVE: Individually, I feel like I'm faster. I put a



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little muscle on. And last year I was playing at around 180, 175. But this year I played at 185, 186. I felt way better out there, especially strength-wise, getting off press and getting into my routes more efficiently. And I felt like I had a good year and just gotta keep building.

Q. I know you probably didn't necessarily want to see a bunch of young guys on the field at the end because of the result, but seeing those freshmen receivers get out there and experience this game, what could that mean for them going forward? And what did you see from them when they were in the game there for a little bit?

CHRIS OLAVE: That's huge. I mean, I've got all love for the guys. And our unit is so close. We competed every day in the offseason, trying to make each other better, and to see them out there in their freshman year playing in a National Championship is huge.

And I know they're not going to forget this feeling. I saw the looks on their faces. And I hope they bounce back and I hope they work harder than ever in this next postseason.

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Hard Rock Stadium

Nicholas Petit-Frere

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama, 52 - Ohio, 24

Q. Obviously tough game. They were able to get pressure on Justin more than most teams have. Was it something they did in terms scheme, or was it just, Hey, that's a really good team?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: So I think there was a lot of pressure. They were always a talented team. We already knew this coming in. They have a bunch of great guys on the defensive line and linebacker corps and everyone they have on defense.

They have a really talented roster there and the coaching staff as well. You know, they're one of the top teams in the nation. It was two top teams going at it tonight, so just a little mixture of talented players.

They had some schemes here and there, but I think we were doing some things right on the field, you know.

Q. Obviously you guys were fueled so much this year by what happened last year against Clemson. Do you think there will be a similar response to what happened tonight?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: Yeah, you know, we try to use everything we can to play with a chip on our shoulder and fuel us for the next season. After that loss against Clemson we really left the field with bitter taste in our mouth saying we left a lot of stuff on the field that could have brought us to the championship game like we did this year.

So when we went out to go play against Clemson, we remember those feelings. We had a lot of those emotions playing that game, but we knew to keep our poise and calm and do the job we needed to do.

Same thing here. This is just another building block on our team to make us stronger, not only as team, as a group we have coming back, but also for future Buckeyes.



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Q. Obviously you guys have a lot of guys like yourself who could potentially have a decision to make heading off to the next level. When you look at this Bama team with guys like, Leatherwood, Najee, DeVonta, all those guys that decided to come back after a disappointing end last year, how do you think you and the leaders of this team can come together to find maybe something special to bring more guys back next year?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: You know, everyone is going to make their decisions that are best for them in their careers. If you really want to know what it takes to bring guys back, look at what we did this year when we had COVID cancel our season. We had a lot of things happening with a lot of people not being able to play, not knowing if we're going to play.

And while guys you were, once they heard we were playing ball again, everyone came back like it was nothing.

So just that's what we are. This is a brotherhood, and we are always going to support our brothers no matter what decision they make.

As you can see this year, we had a lot of guys that came back after our season got canceled and they just wanted Thornberry a part of brotherhood and play their hardest. That's what we try to do all season long in this game.

What happens is whatever happens.

Q. Everybody knew how explosive this Bama offense was. I don't know if you guys talk about it as a team or just thought it in your head, but coming in as an offense, how many points did you think you guys had to score to hang with them? You know what you mean? What does that feel like? Did you feel that in the game of every time you go on the field you kind of got to put points on the board because you how explosive they are when they get out there?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: Well, I mean, you know, they're an explosive team, like you said, and they're a talented team over all, especially on offense.

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For us, how many points we thought we needed to score? We thought we needed to score one more than them. We just wanted to win the game. We didn't really focus on how many points they put up on the board, how many points we put up on the board. We just said, We got to score one more than them. We didn't do that tonight.

You know, we just came in with the mindset of every time we touch the ball we're trying to find a way to put it in the end zone or put points on the board. We just had belief in our defense and us as a team about everything we needed to do.

We didn't really think about their offense. We just focused on us because it's about us. It's not about other teams. It's what we can do as a team.

Q. Did you see Trey go down on that first drive, and how did that change some things for you offensively?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: Can you say that question again? I'm sorry.

Q. When you lost Trey Sermon on the opening drive, how did it change what you wanted to do tonight on offense?

NICHOLAS PETIT-FRERE: You know, it was tough losing Trey. He's a brother to us. When we heard -- when I heard that he was out after that first drive, it was really heart breaking for us, not only as an offensive line, but as an offense and as a team in general.

But we didn't change anything. Still had the same game plan. We all trained hard through all the players and depth chart, so if someone went down, we knew someone needed to come up. It's not like we only played with Trey. We made sure everyone was accounted for and everyone was able to play and do their job.

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Jeremy Ruckert

Ohio State Buckeyes

Alabama - 52, Ohio State - 24

Q. I guess the obvious question to start with is, the tight ends were so involved in the first half against Clemson. You guys went to a couple of throws to you guys early but didn't continue with that. How much of a talk about using you guys in the passing game was there, and what did you make of the game plan going forward?

JEREMY RUCKERT: I mean, they were a great defense and everything, and we were able to make some plays early. But we were just trying to control what we could control. And we didn't want to force anything and just try to get into a rhythm here and there. We kept getting a couple guys going down. We tried to get in a rhythm.

And going against a great team and a great defense like that you have to try to take what they give you and not force anything.

So, like I've always said, if the ball comes my way I'll do everything I can to make the play. But if it doesn't I'll do whatever I can to help my team. And whatever my assignment is I'll do it as hard as I can and as long as I can.

Q. Now that you've had two years to play with Justin and presumably that time has come to an end, what can you say about him and what you've seen from him in the last two years?

JEREMY RUCKERT: I mean, our relationship goes back to high school. We went to a bunch of camps together. And I've always seen him around. Other than as a football player, you can tell just how much of a competitor he is and how truly great he is. He always puts us in a great position.

And he's one of the toughest players I've ever been around. One of my toughest teammates I've ever seen. He showed that last game and coming back this game,



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behind the scenes, just 24/7 in our training room, getting his body right and doing everything he can to make sure he's out here.

And I feel he didn't even give it away that he was hurt at all. Looked like he was standing in there strong and doing whatever he could to help us win. Great person, unbelievable football player and I'm excited to watch his future.

Q. How much did losing Trey Sermon on that opening drive change and impact some of the stuff you guys wanted to do offensively?

JEREMY RUCKERT: It's definitely a huge loss, especially how productive he's been these last couple of weeks. We've been relying on him in the run game. But we're very confident in the guys we have going forward and who we had in the game. Feel like we were moving the ball pretty well. Rushed pretty good in the first half. Losing him was definitely detrimental.

But you can't put much thought about that into the game while you're in the moment. You gotta control what you can control, like I said before. And I think we tried to do that on offense. And our defense played as hard as they could. And we respect those guys so much, love all those guys, especially the older guys. Tough to see it end like this, but you just gotta control what you can control.

Q. You obviously are very involved in the blocking game. Alabama's defensive line maybe a little bit unheralded comparing with some of the past. But clearly got to you guys some. What did they do well in this game?

JEREMY RUCKERT: I mean, they're just -- you play against Alabama you're going against the best players in the country. And they're very talented, very fundamentally sound. Obviously they're going to get after us a couple times. I feel we just try to manage that and be on the attacking end and not try to receive it, be more proactive than reactive.

And they got after us a couple times. And I feel like it might have changed a couple big moments in the game if

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we could have stayed on the block a little bit longer or gotten him a few extra seconds to scan down the field.

We left it all out there, I could tell, our whole offensive line and defense, and everybody on the team. We just left it all out there. The score may not have shown it, but I'm just so proud of how far we've come, especially in this season, how everything that's happened. Can't be anything but just so proud of our guys how, far we've come throughout this whole year.

Q. What were they doing in the secondary to kind of limit you guys in the passing attack today? Did they do anything to limit you guys in the passing attack today?

JEREMY RUCKERT: I mean, nothing comes to mind. They just played really strong. They're very sound. They get their plays in early. And they just played really good. And wish it could have turned out different, but I didn't notice anything.

I just feel like we got off rhythm a little bit and couldn't get first down. I don't know how much that had to do with the secondary or anything, but much respect to those guys for coming to play.

Q. You took the big hit in the first half. Just what did you feel after that? You obviously came back in the game but how were you feeling and how are you feeling still?

JEREMY RUCKERT: It hurts, but my dad would have got after me pretty bad if I didn't get right back up. So just thinking don't want to end like that. Don't want the season to end like that get; back in the game and try to help, do anything I can.

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Shaun Wade

Ohio State Buckeyes



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Q. The way Alabama was able to consistently get the ball out in space and break things off in the first half against especially DeVonta Smith, looking back on it, why do you think that was so open for them just continuously through the first half?

SHAUN WADE: Really they just gave him the ball in open space and he made plays. He's a great player and they had a great scheme. They just made plays. I heard Justin say the same thing. They just came and outplayed us today.

Q. When you look back now at all the challenges and your decision to come back, you didn't get what you most wanted which was this National Championship. Was it still worth it for you? Look back on this last year for us.

SHAUN WADE: Oh, yeah, definitely it was worth it. I see myself growing as a man and as a team, and all the young guys growing as men, all the things that we went through, the adversity. I'm happy I came back, and I'm just glad we got here. I'm upset we didn't get the win but I'm definitely happy I came back and accomplished some big things with this team. I'm proud of them. I'm proud of everybody.

Q. Would you give your recruiting pitch to all those listening? And then about the time difference, you guys played your seven games versus their 12 games. Do you feel there was a difference in either team being up to peak performance tonight?

SHAUN WADE: You could say that, but at the end of the day we both were in the same predicament, both at the National Championship, so we both have got to play our best games. Yeah, they played more games, they had more experience, a little bit more chemistry, you could say that, but at the end of the day we both made the National Championship, so that's not an excuse. That's nothing. At the end of the day they just outplayed us today.

And you said a recruiting pitch?

Q. Yeah, recruiting pitch for those listening.

SHAUN WADE: Yeah, we've got a great program here. The brotherhood is very, very strong. We went through a lot of adversity with the season getting canceled to the season coming back, to games getting canceled and not playing enough games and everything. We went through a lot of adversity, and it just shows how much we fight. Even today just not giving up, everyone just kept on playing, kept on playing and kept on fighting.

At the end of the day for all the people that's looking at Ohio State, just really look clearly, and it's a great program.

Q. You touched on it a minute ago. Obviously this is a very interesting season. What do you and the team want to -- what do you personally and what do you want the team to be remembered for in this 2020 season?

SHAUN WADE: Just all the adversity and how much we fought at the end of the day. The season was canceled, so everybody was down and we went through a whole September where we just didn't know, and ended up having season, then we had camp during school and no one has ever done it where you have camp during school, and it's just crazy how much we just kept staying focused and just kept on fighting every day.

After that we had Big Tens and we didn't have enough games and everybody was doubting us. We just kept on fighting. I'm very, very proud of this team. I'm happy we got the season back and the Big Ten commissioner let us have a season and just very proud. I'm really looking forward to next year with all the guys that's going to be doing things, Cam Brown, Sevy Banks, Josh Proctor, whoever is going to play in that secondary. I'm very proud of them and just really looking forward to their season next year.

Q. I know the game just ended a half hour ago, and if you're not ready to make a declaration or whatever, it seems pretty obvious that you came back for one more



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year, but is this definitively your last game at Ohio State or do you still want more time to consider it before the deadline a week from now?

SHAUN WADE: I really can't say. You know, I do want to come back and everything. I've got to talk to my parents. It is upsetting that we got here and we just didn't accomplish the goal, and that's just been my goal, winning a National Championship and just winning big games like this. I'll just go back with my parents, go talk to them and just go from there.

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Nick Saban

Post-game On-field Interview

Alabama Crimson Tide



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Q. Coach Saban, this was a season unlike any other. What did your team have to endure and overcome to stand here as champs?

NICK SABAN: Well, I think "perseverance" probably is the one word that describes this team the best in terms of what they've had to overcome all season long, to come undefeated and win a championship. I'm so proud of these guys. This was a team that was always together. Everybody bought into all the principles and values of the organization and the program. They just did a great job. They played together. They supported each other. This is a great team.

Q. How would you describe this senior class?

NICK SABAN: Well, a lot of good players, five that would be here that aren't, and we won for them, too, because we appreciate what they did for the program. But this senior class provided great leadership for this team as well as great performance.



Look, this is great for our fans. It's great for the University of Alabama. We've got great support here. I'm just so happy for these players. I wanted to win this game for these players because this game was about what they've done all year long, and it's great for our team and our players.

Q. It does give you a special mark, seven National Championships. Are you even able to process what that means?

NICK SABAN: Not really. I'm just happy that we won tonight, and I really haven't thought about that because you're always looking forward, and I just love this team so much and what they've been able to do. I can't even put it into words.

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MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	 OHIO STATE	 ALABAMA
HALFTIME SCORE	17	35
Time Spent in the Lead (Tied 14:38)	0:00	15:22
Total Plays-Yards	34-190	43-389
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	13-84	25-184
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	4 of 8	5 of 7
First Down Plays/Yards	16/80	23/179
Average on First Down	5.0	7.8
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	1/2/5	1/7/15
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg	6/4/1	6/3/1
Second Down Efficiency	3-11	8-13
Yards Gained	88	179
Third Down Efficiency	2-7	2-5
Rushing	1-3	0-1
Passing	1-4	2-4
Average Yards To Go (All)	7.9	4.8
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	4.0	4.0
Yards Gained	22	26
3rd & 5 or less	1-1	2-4
3rd & 6 or more	1-6	0-1
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-0 (0)	2-2 (4)
Total Possessions/Average FP	x8/O31	7/A26
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	1 (1/0)	1 (1/0)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	1 (7 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out	3	0
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)	1 (7)	0 (0)
Scores-Times Penetrated The 20 (pts) .	3-3 (17)	3-3 (21)
Plays-Yards	7-13	12-31
Third Down Efficiency	0-1	1-3
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-2
Scores Outside The 20 (#/TD, FG)	0 (0/0)	2 (2/0)
Yards by Quarter:		
1st	78	148
2nd	112	241

ONE-LINER QUICKIES

- **First Possession Score:** Alabama joined Oregon in the first CFP title game as the only teams to score on their first possession (Oregon also scored a TD, against Ohio State in the 2015 game at Arlington: Marcus Mariota 7 pass to Keanon Lowe; tonight: Najee Harris 1 run on fourth down).
--Alabama mixed it up on the drive (8 passes, not hurried on any, 4 rushes, completing passes to five different receivers).
- Fifth of the seven title games where both teams scored in the first quarter.
- Alabama: **19** of its first **23** plays were run in plus territory (gaining 87 yards) and wound run 25 of 43 overall in the first half.
- Ohio State couldn't pressure UA QB Jones on his first 15 pass attempts; when it got through, Baron Browning recorded a strip-sack, leading to the tying touchdown. It was Alabama's 12th turnover of the season (never more than one in a game, and the Tide did not have one against Notre Dame in the semifinal).
- Alabama's Jordan Battle ejected for targeting with 6:13 to play in the first half (on a 3rd-&-11 for OSU at the UA 16).
- Alabama's **DeVonta** Smith recorded the first 200-yard plus receiving game this postseason (previous high was 178 by Coastal Carolina's Javon Heiligh). Smith had one of the previous 100-yard game (7-130, 3 TD vs. Notre Dame).
- First penalty occurred with 13:27 left in second quarter (OSU false start).

RECORD BOOK REWRITES

- The 35 points by Alabama are the most scored in the first half of a Championship Game. The old record was 31 by Clemson vs. Alabama in the Bay Area on Jan. 7, 2019.
- Alabama WR DeVonta Jones set new Championship Game record for receptions in the first half alone, catching 12 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns. Eight of his catches resulted in first downs and three were touchdowns. The old receptions record was 10 by Hunter Renfrow of Clemson vs. Alabama in Tampa on Jan. 9, 2017.
- Alabama WR DeVonta Jones has set a new Championship Game record with three receiving touchdowns in the first half alone. Five players had previously caught two TD passes in a Championship Game.
- Alabama WR DeVonta Jones has set a new Championship Game record for most receiving yards in a half of the national championship game with 215. The previous record was 183 by OJ Howard of Alabama vs. Clemson in Arizona on Jan. 11, 2016
- Alabama QB Mac Jones set a new Championship Game record for passing yards in a half with 319. The old record was 291 by Jake Coker of Alabama vs. Clemson in the second half in Arizona on Jan. 11, 2016.
- Alabama QB Mac Jones set a new Championship Game record with 12 consecutive completions beginning with 1:21 remaining in the first quarter until 5:21 was left in the second quarter. He threw for 136 yards and two touchdowns during the streak of completions. The previous record for consecutive completions was 8, set by LSU'S Joe Burrow vs. Clemson in New Orleans on Jan. 13, 2020.

UNDER PRESSURE What kind of pressure each defense was able to put on the opposing quarterback:

	JONES, ALABAMA	FIELDS, OSU
Sacked	1/5	0/0
Hurried Throws	2	5
Times Knocked Down	2	4
Passes Broken Up	3	1

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GENERAL NOTES

GAME CAPTAINS: Alabama's captains for today's game vs. Ohio State are Landon Dickerson, Mac Jones, Alex Leatherwood and DeVonta Smith. Dickerson went to midfield for the coin toss.

MOST POINTS IN FIRST HALF UA BOWL HISTORY: Alabama's 35 first-half points are the most scored in an opening half of a bowl game in Alabama history. The previous record was 31 set by the 2018 team against Oklahoma in the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl.

OPENING DRIVE TOUCHDOWNS: Running back Najee Harris ran in the endzone for a 1-yard rushing touchdown on Alabama's opening drive with No. 3 Ohio State. The Crimson Tide has won 40 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 268 thanks to Najee Harris' 1-yard rushing touchdown on the Crimson Tide's opening drive. The Alabama was last held off the scoreboard in a 9-0 loss to Auburn on Nov. 18, 2000. The Tide has a 212-55 (.794) record over the course of the current streak.

NAJEE MAKES A NAME FOR HIMSELF: The 2020 Doak Walker Award winner, Najee Harris, scored two touchdowns in the first half of the CFP National Championship Game to give him 29 total touchdowns for the most by any Alabama or SEC player. Harris' 25 rushing and four receiving scores passed the previous record held by Alabama great Derrick Henry from the 2015 season. All 28 of Henry's touchdowns were rushing.

SCORE SOME MORE: Senior running back Najee Harris became just the fifth player to score touchdowns rushing and receiving in a BCS/CFP title game with his 1-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter and 26-yard receiving score in the second quarter. Harris joins Eddie Lacy (2013) as the second player from Alabama to do so.

3.7K for DEVONTA PUTS HIM ATOP THE SEC: Senior DeVonta Smith has totaled 3,965 receiving yards in his Crimson Tide career. That total not only ranks atop the Alabama records but ranks first overall in Southeastern Conference history too. Smith's 215 yards against No. 3 Ohio State today passed Vanderbilt's Jordan Matthews (2010-13) who had 3,759 yards for the all-time conference record.

SMITH LOOKING TO SET ALL THE CAREER RECORDS: Wide receiver DeVonta Smith has rewritten the Alabama record books yet again. Entering tonight's game he already owned the career yardage and touchdown receptions marks. With 12 catches in the first half alone vs. No. 3 Ohio State, Smith captured the No. 1 spot on the Alabama career receptions list with 235. Amari Cooper (2012-14) held the previous record with 228 receptions.

SMITTY OVER 100 AGAIN: DeVonta Smith finished the first half by totaling 215 receiving yards to go over the 100-yard marker for the ninth time this season. Those nine 100-plus yard performances give him 14 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 14 100-plus yard performances are tied for the most in Alabama history with Amari Cooper (2012-14).

SMITTY OVER 200 AGAIN: Wide receiver DeVonta Smith totaled 215 receiving yards in the Crimson Tide's first half matchup vs. Ohio State. The 200-plus yard performance was the fifth of Smith's career and the 12th instance in program history. His five 200-plus yard career receiving games sets the Alabama program record.

200-PLUS HALF BY SMITTY: Senior DeVonta Smith totaled 215 yards and three receiving touchdowns in the first half alone vs. Ohio State. The impressive half was the third 200-plus, three-plus touchdown performance of his career. The three career 200-plus, three-plus touchdown halves are the most by an FBS player in the last 15 seasons.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS: DeVonta Smith's 12 receptions and 215 receiving yards are both BCS/CFP title game records for a first half.

JONES FIRST HALF PASSING: In the first half alone, Mac Jones started tonight's game 25-of-30 with 342 yards and four touchdowns.

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.