



Scoring Summary report
 Notre Dame vs Georgia (Jan 02, 2025)
 Notre Dame (13-1) vs Georgia (11-3)

Date: Jan 02, 2025
 Site: New Orleans, Louisiana
 Stadium: Caesars Superdome
 Attendance: 57267

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	13	7	3	23
Georgia	0	3	7	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	12:14	UGA - #91 P.Woodring 41 yd FG, 5-55, 02:00	0-3
2nd	08:20	UND - #98 M.Jeter 44 yd FG, 8-49, 03:54	3-3
2nd	00:39	UND - #98 M.Jeter 48 yd FG, 10-32, 02:28	6-3
2nd	00:27	UND - #5 B.Collins 13 yd pass from #13 R.Leonard (#98 M.Jeter kick), 1-13, 00:06	13-3
3rd	14:45	UND - #2 J.Harrison 98 yd kickoff return (#98 M.Jeter kick), 00:00	20-3
3rd	09:36	UGA - #32 C.Jones 32 yd pass from #14 G.Stockton (#91 P.Woodring kick), 5-63, 02:12	20-10
4th	13:47	UND - #98 M.Jeter 47 yd FG, 8-29, 04:18	23-10

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:11 PM
 End of Game: 06:37 PM
 Total elapsed: 03:26

OFFICIALS

Referee: Michael Vandervelde
 Umpire: Sheldon Davis
 Linesman: John Braun
 Line judge: Keith Garmond
 Back judge: Daniel Young
 Field judge: Joseph Martinez
 Side judge: JB Garza
 Center judge: Marvel July
 Replay Official: Brad Van Vark

WEATHER

Indoor 61 F
 Wind: East 7 mph



FULL GAME

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Riley Leonard	14	91	11	80	0	32	5.7
Jadarian Price	10	37	0	37	0	8	3.7
Jeremiyah Love	6	19	0	19	0	5	3.2
Jordan Faison	2	9	0	9	0	6	4.5
Jayden Thomas	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Aneyas Williams	2	4	0	4	0	2	2.0
TEAM	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Totals:	37	167	13	154	0	32	4.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Riley Leonard	15-24-0	90	1	14	1
Totals:	15-24-0	90	1	14	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jordan Faison	4	4	46	15	0	14
Mitchell Evans	4	3	22	15	0	11
Jaden Greathouse	3	2	6	2	0	6
Aneyas Williams	4	2	5	11	0	3
Beaux Collins	2	1	13	0	1	13
Jayden Harrison	2	1	4	0	0	4
Jeremiyah Love	2	1	2	4	0	2
Riley Leonard	1	1	-8	0	0	0
Jayden Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	23	15	90	47	1	14

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	5	217	43.4	54	2	0
Totals:	5	217	43.4	54	2	0

	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Max Hurleman	2	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jayden Harrison	0	0	0	1	98	98	0	0	0
Totals:	2	11	7	1	98	98	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Mitch Jeter	2nd	08:20	44	GOOD
Mitch Jeter	2nd	00:39	48	GOOD
Mitch Jeter	4th	13:47	47	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Mitch Jeter	6	390	65.0	5	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Jayden Harrison	0	4	98	0	0	102
Riley Leonard	80	-8	0	0	0	72
Jordan Faison	9	46	0	0	0	55
Jadarian Price	37	0	0	0	0	37

FUMBLES

Notre Dame - None

Georgia - Gunner Stockton 2-1, Trevor Etienne 1-1

GEORGIA

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Trevor Etienne	11	40	2	38	0	8	3.5
Nate Frazier	4	37	0	37	0	28	9.2
Arian Smith	1	13	0	13	0	13	13.0
Dillon Bell	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Cash Jones	2	1	5	-4	0	1	-2.0
Gunner Stockton	10	17	40	-23	0	6	-2.3
Totals:	29	109	47	62	0	28	2.1

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Gunner Stockton	20-32-0	234	1	67	4
Totals:	20-32-0	234	1	67	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Dillon Bell	12	6	33	21	0	12
Trevor Etienne	4	4	26	27	0	12
Dominic Lovett	4	3	36	12	0	19
Cash Jones	2	2	37	17	1	32
Oscar Delp	2	2	18	19	0	21
Nate Frazier	2	2	17	26	0	9
Arian Smith	1	1	67	31	0	67
Lawson Luckie	3	0	0	0	0	0
Nitro Tuggle	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	31	20	234	153	1	67

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Drew Miller	4	159	39.8	48	0	0
Totals:	4	159	39.8	48	0	0

	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Evans III	1	6	6	1	19	19	0	0	0
Totals:	1	6	6	1	19	19	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Peyton Woodring	2nd	12:14	41	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Peyton Woodring	3	193	64.3	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Arian Smith	13	67	0	0	0	80
Trevor Etienne	38	26	0	0	0	64
Nate Frazier	37	17	0	0	0	54
Dominic Lovett	0	36	0	0	0	36



FULL GAME	UND	UGA
FIRST DOWNS	14	16
Rushing	8	5
Passing	5	9
Penalty	1	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	154	62
Rushing Attempts	37	29
Average Per Rush	4.2	2.1
Rushing Touchdowns	0	0
Yards Gained Rushing	167	109
Yards Lost Rushing	13	47
NET YARDS PASSING	90	234
Completions-Attempts-Int	15-24-0	20-32-0
Average Per Attempt	3.8	7.3
Average Per Completion	6.0	11.7
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	244	296
Total offense plays	61	61
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	4.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-75	5-36
PUNTS-YARDS	5-217	4-159
Average Yards Per Punt	43.4	39.8
Net Yards Per Punt	42.2	37
Inside 20	2	0
50+ Yards	1	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	2
KICKOFF-YARDS	6-390	3-193
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	64.3
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41	15
Touchbacks	5	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-11-0	1-6-0
Average Per Return	5.5	6.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-98-1	1-19-0
Average Per Return	98.0	19.0
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	31:47	28:13
1st Quarter	04:38	10:22
2nd Quarter	09:18	05:42
3rd Quarter	08:07	06:53
4th Quarter	09:44	05:16
Third-Down Conversions	4-14	2-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-1	0-3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	0-2
Touchdowns	1	0
Field goals	0	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-37	1-11
PAT Kicks	2-2	1-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	3-3	1-1
Points off Turnover	0	0



FULL GAME
NOTRE DAME

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
8	Adon Shuler	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
0	Xavier Watts	6	1	7	0.0-0	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
24	Jack Kiser	6	0	6	1.0-10	1.0-10	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
34	Drayk Bowen	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Leonard Moore	4	1	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
44	Junior Tuihalamaka	3	1	4	1.0-8	2.0-9	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Gabriel Rubio	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Donovan Hinish	2	1	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Joshua Burnham	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Rod Heard II	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jordan Clark	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
3	Jaylen Sneed	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Christian Gray	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
9	RJ Oben	1	0	1	1.0-12	1.0-12	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Max Hurlleman	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
30	Bryce Young	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Kahanu Kia	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Jaiden Ausberry	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		41	16	57	4.0-37	9.0-49	3	2-0	0-0	5	0	1

GEORGIA

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
2	Smael Mondon Jr.	4	5	9	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Christen Miller	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
5	Raylen Wilson	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Daylen Everette	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
4	KJ Bolden	0	5	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
24	Malaki Starks	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	CJ Allen	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Dan Jackson	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Chaz Chambliss	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Jalon Walker	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
93	Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Damon Wilson II	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
7	Daniel Harris	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Warren Brinson	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
78	Nazir Stackhouse	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
8	Joanel Aguerro	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
94	Xzavier McLeod	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Mykel Williams	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		32	28	60	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0-0	4	0	2



NOTRE DAME

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	1	Greathouse, Jaden
WR	10	Mitchell, Kris
QB	13	Leonard, Riley
RB	4	Love, Jeremiyah
WR	5	Collins, Beaux
OL	50	Spindler, Rocco
OL	54	Knapp, Anthonie
OL	59	Wagner, Aamil
OL	74	Schrauth, Billy
OL	78	Coogan, Pat
TE	88	Evans, Mitchell

Pos	##	DEFENSE
S	0	Watts, Xavier
CB	15	Moore, Leonard
LB	24	Kiser, Jack
CB	29	Gray, Christian
LB	3	Sneed, Jaylen
LB	34	Bowen, Drayk
LB	40	Burnham, Joshua
DL	56	Cross III, Howard
S	8	Shuler, Adon
DL	9	Oben, RJ
DL	97	Rubio, Gabriel

GEORGIA

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Etienne, Trevor
WR	11	Smith, Arian
QB	14	Stockton, Gunner
TE	4	Delp, Oscar
OL	53	Fairchild, Dylan
OL	55	Wilson, Jared
OL	57	Freeling, Monroe
OL	69	Ratledge, Tate
TE	7	Luckie, Lawson
OL	73	Truss, Xavier
WR	86	Bell, Dillon

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	13	Williams, Mykel
DB	17	Jackson, Dan
LB	2	Mondon Jr., Smael
DB	24	Starks, Malaki
LB	3	Allen, CJ
LB	32	Chambliss, Chaz
DB	6	Everette, Daylen
DB	7	Harris, Daniel
DL	78	Stackhouse, Nazir
DB	8	Aguero, Joenel
DL	97	Brinson, Warren

Notre Dame

0-Colzie, Deion, 1-Clark, Jordan, 10-Thomas, Loghan, 13-Minich, Ben, 16-Rendell, James, 2-Heard II, Rod, 2-Harrison, Jayden, 20-Williams, Aneyas, 22-Ford, Devyn, 23-Urlacher, Kennedy, 24-Price, Jadarian, 25-Zinter, Preston, 26-Salerno, Chris, 27-Viliamu-Asa, Kyngstonn, 28-Talich, Luke, 30-Young, Bryce, 35-Rezac, Teddy, 37-Hurleman, Max, 38-Sherwood, Davis, 39-Monteforte, Rino, 4-Ausberry, Jaiden, 41-Hinish, Donovan, 44-Tuihalamaka, Junior, 44-Kia, Kahanu, 45-Onyiuke, Kobi, 55-Terek, Chris, 55-Mukam, Armel, 56-Jagusah, Charles, 6-Faison, Jordan, 76-Lambert, Guerby, 79-Baker, Tosh, 83-Thomas, Jayden, 84-Bauman, Kevin, 87-Flanagan, Cooper, 89-Selna, Charlie, 9-Raridon, Eli, 96-Vinci, Joseph, 98-Jeter, Mitch

Georgia

10-Wilson II, Damon, 11-Walker, Jalon, 15-Jones, Demello, 16-Humphreys, London, 18-Cole, Chris, 19-Williams, Justin, 2-Tuggle, Nitro, 20-Thomas, JaCorey, 29-Harris Jr., Gabe, 3-Frazier, Nate, 31-Jones, Kyron, 32-Jones, Cash, 33-Johnson, Quintavius, 4-Bolden, KJ, 44-Hall, Jordan, 5-Wilson, Raylen, 5-Evans III, Anthony, 52-Miller, Christen, 56-Morris, Micah, 6-Lovett, Dominic, 60-Peagler, Henry, 60-Gardner, Beau, 64-Jackson, Jahzare, 71-Greene III, Earnest, 74-Bobo, Drew, 83-Speer, Cole, 84-Yurosek, Ben, 90-Miller, Drew, 91-Woodring, Peyton, 93-Ingram-Dawkins, Tyrion, 94-McLeod, Xzavier



NOTRE DAME

Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
UND	1st	UND36	11:43	Punt	UND27	09:42	Punt	3 - 9	02:01
UND		UND10	02:37	Fumble	UND30	14:14	Punt	5 - 20	03:23
UND	2nd	UND25	12:14	Kickoff	UGA26	08:20	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 49	03:54
UND		UND24	05:38	Punt	UND44	03:34	Punt	4 - 20	02:04
UND		UND38	03:07	Punt	UGA30	00:39	*FIELD GOAL	10 - 32	02:28
UND		UGA13	00:33	Fumble	UGA00	00:27	*TOUCHDOWN	1 - 13	00:06
UND	3rd	UND24	12:44	Punt	UND26	11:48	Punt	3 - 2	00:56
UND		UND25	09:36	Kickoff	UGA50	05:45	Downs	8 - 25	03:51
UND		UND42	03:05	Downs	UGA29	13:47	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 29	04:18
UND	4th	UND09	09:25	Downs	UND50	01:49	Punt	12 - 41	07:36
UND		UGA17	00:55	Downs				2 - -2	00:00

Notre Dame	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	04:38	09:18	08:07	09:44	13:56	17:51	31:47
3rd down conversions	0-2	1-4	1-4	2-4	1-6	3-8	4-14
Average field position	UND23	UND44	UND30	UND46	UND37	UND37	UND37
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1

GEORGIA

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UGA	1st	UGA25	15:00	Kickoff	UGA32	11:43	Punt	5 - 7	03:17
UGA		UGA19	09:42	Punt	UND10	02:37	Fumble	13 - 71	07:05
UGA	2nd	UGA22	14:14	Punt	UND23	12:14	*FIELD GOAL	5 - 55	02:00
UGA		UGA25	08:20	Kickoff	UGA45	05:38	Punt	5 - 20	02:42
UGA		UGA14	03:34	Punt	UGA14	03:07	Punt	3 - 0	00:27
UGA		UGA25	00:39	Kickoff	UGA13	00:33	Fumble	1 - -12	00:06
UGA		UGA25	00:27	Kickoff	UGA41	00:00	End of half	2 - 16	00:27
UGA	3rd	UGA19	14:40	Kickoff	UGA39	12:44	Punt	4 - 20	01:56
UGA		UGA37	11:48	Punt	UND00	09:36	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 63	02:12
UGA		UGA50	05:45	Downs	UND42	03:05	Downs	4 - 8	02:40
UGA	4th	UGA25	13:47	Kickoff	UND09	09:25	Downs	11 - 66	04:22
UGA		UGA20	01:49	Punt	UGA17	00:55	Downs	4 - -3	00:54

Georgia	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	10:22	05:42	06:53	05:16	16:04	12:09	28:13
3rd down conversions	2-4	0-3	0-2	0-3	2-7	0-5	2-12
Average field position	UGA22	UGA22	UGA35	UGA23	UGA22	UGA30	UGA26
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	0-3



Drive Chart By Quarter report
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UND		UND36	11:43	Punt	UND27	09:42	Punt	3 - -9	02:01	
UGA	2nd	UGA19	09:42	Punt	UND10	02:37	Fumble	13 - 71	07:05	
UND		UND10	02:37	Fumble	UND30	14:14	Punt	5 - 20	03:23	
UGA		UGA22	14:14	Punt	UND23	12:14	*FIELD GOAL	5 - 55	02:00	
UND		UND25	12:14	Kickoff	UGA26	08:20	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 49	03:54	
UGA		UGA25	08:20	Kickoff	UGA45	05:38	Punt	5 - 20	02:42	
UND		UND24	05:38	Punt	UND44	03:34	Punt	4 - 20	02:04	
UGA		UGA14	03:34	Punt	UGA14	03:07	Punt	3 - 0	00:27	
UND		UND38	03:07	Punt	UGA30	00:39	*FIELD GOAL	10 - 32	02:28	
UGA		UGA25	00:39	Kickoff	UGA13	00:33	Fumble	1 - -12	00:06	
UND		UGA13	00:33	Fumble	UGA00	00:27	*TOUCHDOWN	1 - 13	00:06	
UGA	3rd	UGA25	00:27	Kickoff	UGA41	00:00	End of half	2 - 16	00:27	
UGA		UGA19	14:40	Kickoff	UGA39	12:44	Punt	4 - 20	01:56	
UND		UND24	12:44	Punt	UND26	11:48	Punt	3 - 2	00:56	
UGA		UGA37	11:48	Punt	UND00	09:36	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 63	02:12	
UND		UND25	09:36	Kickoff	UGA50	05:45	Downs	8 - 25	03:51	
UGA		UGA50	05:45	Downs	UND42	03:05	Downs	4 - 8	02:40	
UND		UND42	03:05	Downs	UGA29	13:47	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 29	04:18	
UGA		4th	UGA25	13:47	Kickoff	UND09	09:25	Downs	11 - 66	04:22
UND			UND09	09:25	Downs	UND50	01:49	Punt	12 - 41	07:36
UGA			UGA20	01:49	Punt	UGA17	00:55	Downs	4 - -3	00:54
UND	UGA17		00:55	Downs				2 - -2	00:00	



1st Quarter

Notre Dame wins toss and defers; UGA will receive; UND will defend North end-zone.

(15:00) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00, Touchback.

Georgia drive starts at 15:00

- 1-10 UGA25 (15:00) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush right for 2 yards loss to the UGA23 (#3 J.Sneed).
- 2-12 UGA23 (14:25) #14 G.Stockton rush right for 0 yards to the UGA23 (#40 J.Burnham).
- 3-12 UGA23 (13:48) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete deep left to #86 D.Bell thrown to UGA47 PENALTY UND Pass Interference (#29 C.Gray) 15 yards from UGA23 to UGA38, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X1
- 1-10 UGA38 (13:43) Shotgun #32 C.Jones rush left for 5 yards loss to the UGA33 (#0 X.Watts).
- 2-15 UGA33 (13:02) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush right for 6 yards gain to the UGA39 (#0 X.Watts).
- 3-9 UGA39 (12:23) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton sacked for loss of 12 yards to the UGA27 (#24 J.Kiser), fumble by #14 G.Stockton, out of bounds at UGA27. The previous play is under automatic review - "Fumble". PLAY OVERTURNED. (Original Play: (12:23) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right to #8 C.Young thrown to UGA39 broken up by #24 J.Kiser QB hurried by #24 J.Kiser).
- 4-21 UGA27 (11:59) #90 D.Miller punt 34 yards to the UND39 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at UND39 PENALTY UND Running Into The Kicker (#30 B.Young) 5 yards from UGA27 to UGA32. NO PLAY.
- 4-16 UGA32 (11:53) #90 D.Miller punt 36 yards to the UND32 #37 M.Hurleman return 4 yards to the UND36 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.) PENALTY UND Running Into The Kicker declined.

5 plays, 7 yards, 03:17

Notre Dame drive starts at 11:43

- 1-10 UND36 (11:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #13 R.Leonard caught at UND28, for 8 yards loss to the UND28, End Of Play PENALTY UND Illegal Forward Pass (#13 R.Leonard) 5 yards from UND28 to UND23.
- 2-23 UND23 (09:42) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 4 yards gain to the UND27 (#11 J.Walker).
- 3-19 UND27 (09:42) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right to #20 A.Williams thrown to UND27 broken up by #11 J.Walker.
- 4-19 UND27 (09:42) #16 J.Rendell punt 54 yards to the UGA19 fair catch by #24 M.Starks at UGA19.

3 plays, -9 yards, 02:01

Georgia drive starts at 09:42

- 1-10 UGA19 (10:41) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush right for 7 yards gain to the UGA26 (#41 D.Hinish).
- 2-3 UGA26 (09:42) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #86 D.Bell caught at UGA29, for 12 yards to the UGA38, out of bounds at UGA38, 1ST DOWN. The previous play is under automatic review - "Runner was inbounds". PLAY STANDS. P2
- 1-10 UGA38 (09:22) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush left for 1 yard gain to the UGA39 (#8 A.Shuler).
- 2-9 UGA39 (08:40) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #86 D.Bell caught at UGA37, for 2 yards to the UGA41 (#8 A.Shuler).
- 3-7 UGA41 (08:06) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short middle to #86 D.Bell caught at UGA48, for 9 yards to the UGA50 (#15 L.Moore), 1ST DOWN. P3
- 1-10 UGA50 (07:28) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short middle to #6 D.Lovett caught at UND44, for 9 yards to the UND41 (#0 X.Watts).
- 2-1 UND41 (07:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #3 N.Frazier rush middle for 5 yards gain to the UND36 (#24 J.Kiser), 1ST DOWN. R4
- 1-10 UND36 (06:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #1 T.Etienne caught at UND35, for 2 yards to the UND34 (#2 R.Heard II), out of bounds.
- 2-8 UND34 (05:54) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush left for 0 yards to the UND34 (#34 D.Bowen) PENALTY UND Offside (#30 B.Young) 5 yards from UND34 to UND29. NO PLAY.
- 2-3 UND29 (05:30) No Huddle-Shotgun #3 N.Frazier rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND27 (#34 D.Bowen; #44 J.Tuihalamaka).
- 3-1 UND27 PENALTY UGA False Start (#69 T.Ratledge) 5 yards from UND27 to UND32. NO PLAY.
- 3-6 UND32 (04:40) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush middle for 7 yards gain to the UND25 (#24 J.Kiser), 1ST DOWN. R5
- 1-10 UND25 (03:59) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush middle for 1 yard gain to the UND24 (#97 G.Rubio).
- 2-9 UND24 (03:22) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #6 D.Lovett caught at UND20, for 8 yards to the UND16 (#1 J.Clark), out of bounds.
- 3-1 UND16 (02:42) No Huddle #1 T.Etienne rush middle for 6 yards gain to the UND10 fumbled by #1 T.Etienne at UND19 forced by #8 A.Shuler recovered by UND #4 J.Ausberry at UND10, End Of Play.

13 plays, 71 yards, 07:05

Notre Dame drive starts at 02:37

- 1-10 UND10 (02:37) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 3 yards gain to the UND13 (#97 W.Brinson; #52 C.Miller).
- 2-7 UND13 (01:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #6 J.Faison caught at UND20, for 14 yards to the UND27 (#17 D.Jackson), 1ST DOWN. P1
- 1-10 UND27 (01:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 3 yards gain to the UND30 (#5 R.Wilson).
- 2-7 UND30 PENALTY UND False Start (#59 A.Wagner) 5 yards from UND30 to UND25. NO PLAY.
- 2-12 UND25 (00:29) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #88 M.Evans caught at UND23, for 1 yard to the UND26 (#4 K.Bolden; #5 R.Wilson).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	0	04:38	0	1	0	1	0-1	0-0	3-10	3-4-0-7	5-35
Georgia	0	10:22	2	2	1	5	2-4	0-0	12-16	6-6-0-42	1-5



FIRST QUARTER	UND	UGA
Score	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	1	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	3-10	12-16
PASSING YDS (NET)	7	42
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	3-4-0	6-6-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	7-17	18-58
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-54.0	1-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	1-5
Possession Time	04:38	10:22
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	0-1

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jeremiyah Love	3	10	0	10	0	4	3.3

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Riley Leonard	3-4-0	7	0	14	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jordan Faison	1	1	14	7	0	14
Mitchell Evans	1	1	1	3	0	1
Riley Leonard	1	1	-8	0	0	0
Aneyas Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	1	54	54.0	54	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Max Hurleman	1	4	0	4

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Adon Shuler	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Jack Kiser	3-0	3	1.0	1.0
Xavier Watts	3-0	3	0.0	1.0
Donovan Hinish	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play

GEORGIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Trevor Etienne	6	22	2	20	0	7	3.3
Nate Frazier	2	7	0	7	0	5	3.5
Cash Jones	1	0	5	-5	0	0	-5.0
Gunner Stockton	3	6	12	-6	0	6	-2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Gunner Stockton	6-6-0	42	0	12	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Dillon Bell	3	3	23	15	0	12
Dominic Lovett	2	2	17	7	0	9
Trevor Etienne	1	1	2	1	0	2

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Drew Miller	1	36	36.0	36	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Raylen Wilson	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Christen Miller	0-1	1	0.0	0.0
Dan Jackson	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Jalon Walker	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H



2nd Quarter

- 3-11 UND26 (15:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #2 J.Harrison caught at UND30, for 4 yards to the UND30 (#24 M.Starks).
- 4-7 UND30 (14:21) #16 J.Rendell punt 48 yards to the UGA22.

5 plays, 20 yards, 03:23

Georgia drive starts at 14:14

- 1-10 UGA22 (14:09) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete deep right to #11 A.Smith caught at UND42, for 67 yards to the UND11 (#0 X.Watts), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, PENALTY UGA Personal Foul 15 yards from UND11 to UND26. P6
- 1-10 UND26 (12:14) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush right for 2 yards gain to the UND24 (#24 J.Kiser).
- 2-8 UND24 (12:14) No Huddle #86 D.Bell rush right for 1 yard gain to the UND23 (#0 X.Watts; #34 D.Bowen).
- 3-7 UND23 (12:14) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND11.
- 4-7 UND23 (12:14) #91 P.Woodring field goal attempt from 41 yards GOOD (H: #14 G.Stockton, LS: #60 B.Gardner), clock 12:14.

Notre Dame 0, Georgia 3.

5 plays, 55 yards, 02:00

- (12:14) Timeout.
- (12:14) #91 P.Woodring kickoff 65 yards to the UND00, Touchback.

Notre Dame drive starts at 12:14

- 1-10 UND25 (12:12) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #6 J.Faison caught at UND32, for 7 yards to the UND32, End Of Play.
- 2-3 UND32 (11:37) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 5 yards gain to the UND37 (#32 C.Chambliss), 1ST DOWN. R2
- 1-10 UND37 (11:03) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND39 (#93 T.Ingram-Dawkins).
- 2-8 UND39 (10:27) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 32 yards gain to the UGA29 (#4 K.Bolden; #6 D.Everette), 1ST DOWN. R3
- 1-10 UGA29 (09:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 3 yards gain to the UGA26 (#52 C.Miller).
- 2-7 UGA26 (09:07) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right to #83 J.Thomas thrown to UGA21 broken up by #6 D.Everette.
- 3-7 UGA26 (09:04) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #1 J.Greathouse caught at UGA28, for 0 yards to the UGA26 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.; #94 X.McLeod).
- 4-7 UGA26 (08:20) #98 M.Jeter field goal attempt from 44 yards GOOD (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte), clock 08:20.

Notre Dame 3, Georgia 3.

8 plays, 49 yards, 03:54

- (08:20) Timeout.
- (08:20) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00, Touchback.

Georgia drive starts at 08:20

- 1-10 UGA25 (08:20) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton sacked for loss of 8 yards to the UGA17 (#44 J.Tuihalamaka).
- 2-18 UGA17 (07:36) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short middle to #4 O.Delp caught at UGA24, for 21 yards to the UGA38 (#34 D.Bowen), 1ST DOWN. P7

#0 X.Watts injured on the play.

- 1-10 UGA38 (06:53) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush left for 8 yards gain to the UGA46 (#15 L.Moore; #8 A.Shuler).
- 2-2 UGA46 (06:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush middle for 1 yard loss to the UGA45 (#44 J.Tuihalamaka).
- 3-3 UGA45 (05:51) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short middle to #6 D.Lovett thrown to UND46 broken up by #1 J.Clark.
- 4-3 UGA45 (05:45) #90 D.Miller punt 38 yards to the UND17 #37 M.Hurleman return 7 yards to the UND24 (#11 J.Walker), out of bounds.

5 plays, 20 yards, 02:42

Notre Dame drive starts at 05:38

- 1-10 UND24 (05:38) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #6 J.Faison caught at UND37, for 13 yards to the UND37 (#3 C.Allen), 1ST DOWN. P4
- 1-10 UND37 (04:57) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND39 (#3 C.Allen).
- 2-8 UND39 (04:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 5 yards gain to the UND44 (#52 C.Miller; #78 N.Stackhouse).
- 3-3 UND44 (03:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right thrown to UND38 broken up by #52 C.Miller.
- 4-3 UND44 (03:40) #16 J.Rendell punt 42 yards to the UGA14 fair catch by #5 A.Evans III at UGA14.

4 plays, 20 yards, 02:04

Georgia drive starts at 03:34

- 1-10 UGA14 (03:32) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short left to #7 L.Luckie thrown to UGA32 broken up by #8 A.Shuler.
- 2-10 UGA14 (03:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short left to #7 L.Luckie thrown to UGA18.
- 3-10 UGA14 (03:23) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right thrown to UGA27.
- 4-10 UGA14 (03:13) #90 D.Miller punt 48 yards to the UND38 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at UND38.

3 plays, 0 yards, 00:27

Notre Dame drive starts at 03:07

- 1-10 UND38 (03:07) No Huddle-Shotgun #6 J.Faison rush right for 3 yards gain to the UND41, End Of Play.
- 2-7 UND41 (02:34) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #1 J.Greathouse caught at UND47, for 6 yards to the UND47 (#8 J.Aguero).
- (02:00) Timeout.
- 3-1 UND47 (02:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 3 yards gain to the UND50 (#97 W.Brinson), 1ST DOWN. R5
- 1-10 UND50 (01:32) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 11 yards gain to the UGA39, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. R6
- 1-10 UGA39 (01:17) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete deep right to #5 B.Collins thrown to UGA17.
- 2-10 UGA39 (01:14) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #88 M.Evans caught at UGA36, for 10 yards to the UGA29 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P7
- 1-10 UGA29 (00:59) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard sacked for loss of 11 yards to the UGA40 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.).
- (00:56) Timeout by UND.
- 2-21 UGA40 (00:56) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 10 yards gain to the UGA30 (#4 K.Bolden; #17 D.Jackson).
- 3-11 UGA30 (00:46) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right to #20 A.Williams thrown to UGA32.
- (00:43) Timeout by UGA.



4-11 UGA30 (00:43) #98 M.Jeter field goal attempt from 48 yards GOOD (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte), clock 00:39.

Notre Dame 6, Georgia 3.

10 plays, 32 yards, 02:28

(00:39) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00, Touchback.

Georgia drive starts at 00:39

1-10 UGA25 (00:39) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton sacked for loss of 12 yards to the UGA13 (#9 R.Oben), fumble by #14 G.Stockton recovered by UND #44 J.Tuihalamaka at UGA13, End Of Play.

1 plays, -12 yards, 00:06

Notre Dame drive starts at 00:33

1-10 UGA13 (00:33) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #5 B.Collins caught at UGA00, for 13 yards to the UGA00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:27, 1ST DOWN. P8

UGA03 #98 M.Jeter kick attempt good (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte).

Notre Dame 13, Georgia 3.

1 plays, 13 yards, 00:06

(00:27) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00, Touchback.

Georgia drive starts at 00:27

1-10 UGA25 (00:25) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush left for 4 yards gain to the UGA29 (#15 L.Moore).

2-6 UGA29 (00:03) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short left to #1 T.Etienne caught at UGA27, for 12 yards to the UGA41 (#8 A.Shuler), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P8

2 plays, 16 yards, 00:27

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	13	09:18	4	3	0	7	1-5	0-0	11-65	7-11-0-53	0-0
Georgia	3	05:42	0	3	0	3	0-3	0-0	7--6	3-8-0-100	1-15



SECOND QUARTER	UND	UGA
Score	13	3
FIRST DOWNS	7	3
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	11-65	7--6
PASSING YDS (NET)	53	100
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	7-11-0	3-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	22-118	15-94
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-7	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-45.0	2-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-15
Possession Time	09:18	05:42
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 5	0 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	0-0

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Riley Leonard	6	61	11	50	0	32	8.3
Jeremiyah Love	2	7	0	7	0	5	3.5
Jadarian Price	2	5	0	5	0	3	2.5
Jordan Faison	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Riley Leonard	7-11-0	53	1	13	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jordan Faison	2	2	20	0	0	13	
Jaden Greathouse	2	2	6	2	0	6	
Beaux Collins	2	1	13	0	1	13	
Mitchell Evans	1	1	10	7	0	10	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
James Rendell	2	90	45.0	48	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Max Hurleman	1	7	0	7			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Adon Shuler	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Drayk Bowen	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Junior Tuihalamaka	2-0	2	1.0	2.0			
Leonard Moore	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			

GEORGIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Trevor Etienne	3	14	0	14	0	8	4.7
Dillon Bell	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Gunner Stockton	3	0	21	-21	0	0	-7.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Gunner Stockton	3-8-0	100	0	67	2		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Arian Smith	1	1	67	31	0	67	
Oscar Delp	1	1	21	14	0	21	
Trevor Etienne	1	1	12	14	0	12	
Dillon Bell	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Drew Miller	2	86	43.0	48	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Smael Mondon Jr.	2-1	3	1.0	1.0			
Christen Miller	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
CJ Allen	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
KJ Bolden	0-2	2	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	12:14	UGA - #91 P.Woodring 41 yd FG, 5-55, 02:00	0-3
2nd	08:20	UND - #98 M.Jeter 44 yd FG, 8-49, 03:54	3-3
2nd	00:39	UND - #98 M.Jeter 48 yd FG, 10-32, 02:28	6-3
2nd	00:27	UND - #5 B.Collins 13 yd pass from #13 R.Leonard (#98 M.Jeter kick), 1-13, 00:06	13-3



3rd Quarter

(15:00) #91 P.Woodring kickoff 63 yards to the UND02 #2 J.Harrison return 98 yards to the UGA00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 14:45.

UGA03 #98 M.Jeter kick attempt good (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte).

Notre Dame 20, Georgia 3.

(14:45) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00 #5 A.Evans III return 19 yards to the UGA19 (#37 M.Hurleman).

Georgia drive starts at 14:40

- 1-10 UGA19 (14:38) #11 A.Smith rush right for 13 yards gain to the UGA32 (#24 J.Kiser), 1ST DOWN. R9
 - 1-10 UGA32 (14:02) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short left to #1 T.Etienne caught at UGA29, for 2 yards to the UGA34 (#40 J.Burnham).
 - 2-8 UGA34 (13:28) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete deep right to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND31.
 - (13:24) Timeout by UGA.
 - 3-8 UGA34 (13:22) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #32 C.Jones caught at UGA32, for 5 yards to the UGA39 (#29 C.Gray; #3 J.Sneed).
 - 4-3 UGA39 (12:48) #90 D.Miller punt 37 yards to the UND24 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at UND24.
- 4 plays, 20 yards, 01:56*

Notre Dame drive starts at 12:44

- 1-10 UND24 (12:44) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 2 yards gain to the UND26 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.; #17 D.Jackson).
 - 2-8 UND26 (12:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short left to #4 J.Love thrown to UND17 broken up by #78 N.Stackhouse.
 - 3-8 UND26 (12:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short middle to #88 M.Evans thrown to UND32 QB hurried by #10 D.Wilson II.
 - 4-8 UND26 (11:59) #16 J.Rendell punt 43 yards to the UGA31 #5 A.Evans III return 6 yards to the UGA37 (#24 J.Kiser).
- 3 plays, 2 yards, 00:56*

Georgia drive starts at 11:48

- (11:48) Timeout.
 - 1-10 UGA37 (11:45) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete deep middle to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND18.
 - 2-10 UGA37 (11:38) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #6 D.Lovett caught at UND49, for 19 yards to the UND44 (#1 J.Clark), 1ST DOWN. P10
 - 1-10 UND44 (11:00) #1 T.Etienne rush middle for 3 yards gain to the UND41 (#97 G.Rubio; #41 D.Hinish).
 - 2-7 UND41 (10:20) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short left to #3 N.Frazier caught at UND46, for 9 yards to the UND32 (#29 C.Gray), 1ST DOWN. P11
 - 1-10 UND32 (09:43) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete deep left to #32 C.Jones caught at UND10, for 32 yards to the UND00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:36, 1ST DOWN. P12
- UND03 #91 P.Woodring kick attempt good (H: #14 G.Stockton, LS: #60 B.Gardner).

Notre Dame 20, Georgia 10.

5 plays, 63 yards, 02:12

(09:36) Timeout.

(09:36) #91 P.Woodring kickoff 65 yards to the UND00, Touchback.

Notre Dame drive starts at 09:36

- 1-10 UND25 (09:36) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 3 yards gain to the UND28 (#10 D.Wilson II), out of bounds.
 - 2-7 UND28 (09:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 2 yards gain to the UND30 (#10 D.Wilson II).
 - 3-5 UND30 (08:16) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #88 M.Evans caught at UND36, for 11 yards to the UND41 (#6 D.Everette; #2 S.Mondon Jr.), 1ST DOWN. P9
 - 1-10 UND41 (07:38) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 5 yards gain (5) to the UND46 (#7 D.Harris) PENALTY UND Holding (#1 J.Greathouse) 10 yards from UND46 to UND36.
 - 1-15 UND36 (06:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #4 J.Love caught at UND34, for 2 yards to the UND38 (#6 D.Everette; #3 C.Allen).
 - 2-13 UND38 (06:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short middle to #1 J.Greathouse thrown to UGA50 QB hurried by #11 J.Walker.
 - 3-13 UND38 (06:16) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #6 J.Faison caught at UND42, for 12 yards to the UND50 (#17 D.Jackson; #13 M.Williams).
 - 4-1 UGA50 (05:54) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 0 yards to the UGA50 (#3 C.Allen), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.
- 8 plays, 25 yards, 03:51*

Georgia drive starts at 05:45

- 1-10 UGA50 (05:42) Shotgun #1 T.Etienne rush middle for 1 yard gain to the UND49 (#0 X.Watts).
 - 2-9 UND49 (05:04) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush middle for 6 yards gain to the UND43 (#8 A.Shuler).
 - 3-3 UND43 (04:26) Shotgun #32 C.Jones rush middle for 1 yard gain to the UND42 (#30 B.Young).
 - 4-2 UND42 (03:45) PENALTY UGA False Start (#53 D.Fairchild) 5 yards from UND42 to UND47. NO PLAY.
 - 4-7 UND47 PENALTY UND Delay Of Game (#24 J.Kiser) 5 yards from UND47 to UND42. NO PLAY.
 - 4-2 UND42 (03:10) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short middle to #86 D.Bell caught at UND42, for 0 yards to the UND42 QB hurried by #0 X.Watts (#15 L.Moore), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.
- 4 plays, 8 yards, 02:40*

Notre Dame drive starts at 03:05

- 1-10 UND42 (03:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush right for 6 yards gain to the UND48 (#32 C.Chambliss).
- #4 J.Love injured on the play.*
- 2-4 UND48 (02:37) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 4 yards gain to the UGA48, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. R10
- 1-10 UGA48 (01:57) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 8 yards gain to the UGA40 (#4 K.Bolden; #5 R.Wilson).
- 2-2 UGA40 (01:21) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush left for 7 yards gain to the UGA33 (#7 D.Harris), 1ST DOWN. R11
- 1-10 UGA33 (00:33) No Huddle-Shotgun #6 J.Faison rush right for 6 yards gain to the UGA27 (#24 M.Starks).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td				
Notre Dame	7	08:07	2	1	0	3	1-3	0-1	10-43	3-6-0-25	2-15	



Play By Play report
Notre Dame vs Georgia (Jan 02, 2025)

Date: Jan 02, 2025
Site: New Orleans, Louisiana
Stadium: Caesars Superdome
Attendance: 57267

Georgia	7	06:53	1	3	0	4	0-2	0-1	5-24	6-8-0-67	1-5
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THIRD QUARTER	UND	UGA
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	3	4
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	10-43	5-24
PASSING YDS (NET)	25	67
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	3-6-0	6-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	16-68	13-91
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-98	1-19
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-43.0	1-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	1-5
Possession Time	08:07	06:53
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	0-0

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jadarian Price	3	20	0	20	0	8	6.7
Riley Leonard	5	15	0	15	0	6	3.0
Jordan Faison	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Jeremiyah Love	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Riley Leonard	3-6-0	25	0	12	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jordan Faison	1	1	12	8	0	12	
Mitchell Evans	2	1	11	5	0	11	
Jeremiyah Love	2	1	2	4	0	2	
Jaden Greathouse	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
James Rendell	1	43	43.0	43	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Jayden Harrison	1	98	1	98			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Christian Gray	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Jack Kiser	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Adon Shuler	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Bryce Young	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			

GEORGIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Arian Smith	1	13	0	13	0	13	13.0
Gunner Stockton	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Trevor Etienne	2	4	0	4	0	3	2.0
Cash Jones	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Gunner Stockton	6-8-0	67	1	32	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Cash Jones	2	2	37	17	1	32	
Dominic Lovett	1	1	19	5	0	19	
Nate Frazier	1	1	9	14	0	9	
Trevor Etienne	1	1	2	5	0	2	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Drew Miller	1	37	37.0	37	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Anthony Evans III	1	6	0	6			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Anthony Evans III	1	19	0	19			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
CJ Allen	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Damon Wilson II	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Dan Jackson	0-2	2	0.0	0.0			
Daniel Harris	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	14:45	UND - #2 J.Harrison 98 yd kickoff return (#98 M.Jeter kick), 00:00	7-0
3rd	09:36	UGA - #32 C.Jones 32 yd pass from #14 G.Stockton (#91 P.Woodring kick), 5-63, 02:12	7-7



4th Quarter

- 2-4 UGA27 (15:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete deep left to #2 J.Harrison thrown to UGA00.
- 3-4 UGA27 (14:52) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #20 A.Williams caught at UGA29, for 3 yards to the UGA24 (#4 K.Bolden; #2 S.Mondon Jr.).
- 4-1 UGA24 (14:11) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #6 J.Faison caught at UGA20, for 8 yards to the UGA16 (#4 K.Bolden) PENALTY UND Illegal Shift (#6 J.Faison) 5 yards from UGA24 to UGA29. NO PLAY.
- 4-6 UGA29 (13:50) #98 M.Jeter field goal attempt from 47 yards GOOD (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte), clock 13:47.

Notre Dame 23, Georgia 10.

8 plays, 29 yards, 04:18

(13:47) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the UGA00, Touchback.

Georgia drive starts at 13:47

- 1-10 UGA25 (13:45) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #86 D.Bell caught at UGA31, for 11 yards to the UGA36 (#0 X.Watts), 1ST DOWN. P13
- 1-10 UGA36 (13:12) Shotgun #3 N.Frazier rush left for 28 yards gain to the UND36 (#34 D.Bowen; #8 A.Shuler), 1ST DOWN. R14
- 1-10 UND36 (12:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short left to #3 N.Frazier caught at UND40, for 8 yards to the UND28 (#34 D.Bowen).
- 2-2 UND28 (12:18) No Huddle-Shotgun #3 N.Frazier rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND26 (#97 G.Rubio), 1ST DOWN. R15
- 1-10 UND26 (11:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND19 broken up by #29 C.Gray.
- 2-10 UND26 (11:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short left to #4 O.Delp caught at UND34, for 3 yards loss to the UND29 (#34 D.Bowen; #44 K.Kia).
- 3-13 UND29 (11:01) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short left to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND22 broken up by #15 L.Moore.
- 4-13 UND29 (10:55) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete deep middle to #7 L.Luckie thrown to UND02 PENALTY UND Pass Interference (#24 J.Kiser) 15 yards from UND29 to UND14, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X16
- (10:51) Timeout.
- 1-10 UND14 (10:51) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right to #2 N.Tuggle thrown to UND00.
- 2-10 UND14 (10:47) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush left for 3 yards gain to the UND11 (#44 J.Tuihalamaka). #56 H.Cross III injured on the play.
- (10:40) Timeout.
- 3-7 UND11 (10:11) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton rush left for 2 yards gain to the UND09 (#8 A.Shuler; #97 G.Rubio).
- 4-5 UND09 (09:28) Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete short right to #7 L.Luckie thrown to UND00, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

11 plays, 66 yards, 04:22

Notre Dame drive starts at 09:25

- 1-10 UND09 (09:25) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 5 yards gain to the UND14 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.).
- 2-5 UND14 (08:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND16 (#5 R.Wilson; #11 J.Walker).
- 3-3 UND16 (08:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #20 A.Williams caught at UND12, for 2 yards to the UND18 (#6 D.Everette), out of bounds. The previous play is under automatic review - "Runner was out of bounds". PLAY OVERTURNED. (Original Play: (08:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #20 A.Williams caught at UND12, for 3 yards to the UND19 (#6 D.Everette), 1ST DOWN).
- 4-1 UND18 (07:17) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete deep left to #5 B.Collins thrown to UGA50 PENALTY UGA Offside (#11 J.Walker) 6 yards from UND18 to UND24, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X12
- 1-10 UND24 (07:13) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 1 yard gain to the UND25 (#78 N.Stackhouse).
- 2-9 UND25 (06:35) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND27 (#5 R.Wilson).
- 3-7 UND27 (05:51) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 9 yards gain to the UND36 (#24 M.Starks), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R13
- 1-10 UND36 (05:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 A.Williams rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND38 (#52 C.Miller).
- (04:58) Timeout by UGA.
- 2-8 UND38 (04:58) No Huddle #83 J.Thomas rush left for 7 yards gain to the UND45 (#6 D.Everette).
- 3-1 UND45 (04:14) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 3 yards gain to the UND48 (#2 S.Mondon Jr.; #52 C.Miller), 1ST DOWN. R14
- 1-10 UND48 (03:28) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND50 (#93 T.Ingram-Dawkins).
- (03:25) Timeout by UGA.
- 2-8 UND50 (03:23) No Huddle #6 J.Faison rush left for 11 yards gain to the UGA39 (#93 T.Ingram-Dawkins; #11 J.Walker) PENALTY UND Illegal Formation 5 yards from UND50 to UND45. NO PLAY.
- 2-13 UND45 (03:12) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 A.Williams rush middle for 2 yards gain to the UND47 (#24 M.Starks).
- 3-11 UND47 (02:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 3 yards gain to the UND50 (#32 C.Chambliss).
- (02:00) Timeout.
- 4-8 UND50 (02:00) #16 J.Rendell punt 30 yards to the UGA20, out of bounds at UGA20.

12 plays, 41 yards, 07:36

Georgia drive starts at 01:49

- 1-10 UGA20 (01:48) PENALTY UGA False Start (#11 A.Smith) 5 yards from UGA20 to UGA15. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 UGA15 (01:46) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short middle to #1 T.Etienne caught at UGA18, for 10 yards to the UGA25 (#2 R.Heard II).
- 2-5 UGA25 (01:25) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass complete short right to #86 D.Bell caught at UGA23, for 1 yard loss to the UGA24 (#15 L.Moore).
- 3-6 UGA24 (01:01) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton pass incomplete deep right to #86 D.Bell thrown to UND36 broken up by #15 L.Moore.
- 4-6 UGA24 (00:59) No Huddle-Shotgun #14 G.Stockton sacked for loss of 7 yards to the UGA17 (#41 D.Hinish), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

4 plays, -3 yards, 00:54

Notre Dame drive starts at 00:55

- 1-10 UGA17 (00:55) Kneel down by #13 R.Leonard at UGA18 for loss of 1 yard.
- 2-11 UGA18 (00:31) Kneel down by #13 R.Leonard at UGA19 for loss of 1 yard.

2 plays, -2 yards, 00:55



Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	3	09:44	2	0	1	3	2-5	0-0	13-36	2-3-0-5	3-25
Georgia	0	05:16	2	1	1	4	0-3	0-2	5-28	5-10-0-25	2-11



FOURTH QUARTER	UND	UGA
Score	3	0
FIRST DOWNS	3	4
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	13-36	5-28
PASSING YDS (NET)	5	25
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	2-3-0	5-10-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	16-41	15-53
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-30.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	2-11
Possession Time	09:44	05:16
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 5	0 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	0-1

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Riley Leonard	3	15	0	15	0	9	5.0
Jadarian Price	5	12	0	12	0	5	2.4
Jayden Thomas	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Aneyas Williams	2	4	0	4	0	2	2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Riley Leonard	2-3-0	5	0	3	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Aneyas Williams	2	2	5	11	0	3	
Jayden Harrison	1	0	0	0	0	0	

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	1	30	30.0	30	0	0
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL		
Drayk Bowen	1-2	3	0.0	0.5		
Adon Shuler	0-2	2	0.0	0.0		
Gabriel Rubio	1-1	2	0.0	0.0		
Donovan Hinish	1-0	1	1.0	1.0		

Qtr Time Scoring Play

4th 13:47 UND - #98 M.Jeter 47 yd FG, 8-29, 04:18

GEORGIA

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nate Frazier	2	30	0	30	0	28	15.0
Gunner Stockton	3	5	7	-2	0	3	-0.7

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Gunner Stockton	5-10-0	25	0	11	1	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Dillon Bell	5	2	10	6	0	11
Trevor Etienne	1	1	10	7	0	10
Nate Frazier	1	1	8	12	0	8
Oscar Delp	1	1	-3	5	0	0
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Smael Mondon Jr.	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Christen Miller	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Daylen Everette	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Malaki Starks	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

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**PLAYOFF
QUARTERFINAL**



College Football Playoff Quarterfinal at the Allstate Sugar Bowl

January 1, 2025 – Caesars Superdome – New Orleans, La.

No. 7 Notre Dame def. No. 2 Georgia 23-10

Pregame Notes

Sweet Appearances

Notre Dame makes its fifth Sugar Bowl appearance with a record of 2-2. Meanwhile, Georgia is appearing in its 12th Sugar Bowl with a 5-6 record.

Top Ten

This year's game marks the 63rd time that a pair of top 10 teams (based on AP Poll) have matched up in the Sugar Bowl. The first time was in the 1936 contest when No. 4 TCU topped No. 1 LSU, 3-2. The most recent time was last year's Allstate Sugar Bowl when No. 5 Alabama topped No. 9 Kansas State, 45-20.

Double Digit Wins

This will be the 36th Sugar Bowl match-up between 10-win teams. Notre Dame enters with a 12-1 record as Georgia enters with an 11-2 mark.

Bowling

Notre Dame will be making its 43rd overall bowl appearance with an all-time record of 21-21. This will be the 63rd bowl appearance for Georgia; it has an all-time bowl mark of 38-21-3.

Uneven Series

Georgia is 3-0 against Notre Dame all-time. The pair matched up in the 47th edition of the Sugar Bowl in 1981, where Georgia won its first National Championship 17-10.

Random Stat History

In the first 90 editions of the Sugar Bowl, the higher-ranked team has posted a 53-36-1 record – however, over the past four decades (since 1980), the lower-ranked teams have kept things nearly even at 21-23-1.

Postgame Notes

Attendance

This year's Allstate Sugar Bowl was a sellout with 68,400 tickets sold. After the one-day postponement due to the Bourbon Street terrorist attack, the official attendance was 57,267.

Freeman Wins

Notre Dame Head Coach Marcus Freeman became the 62nd coach to win at the Sugar Bowl. He was the 105th coach to lead a program in the game.

Return Man

Jayden Harrison set a new College Football Playoff mark for a kickoff return with a 98-yard touchdown to open the second half for Notre Dame. It marked the first kickoff return for a touchdown in a CFP game since 2016, and the first since 2013 for the Sugar Bowl. The return is the second longest in Sugar Bowl History.

No Need for the Air

Notre Dame joined Baylor (2022) as a team to finish with under 100 passing yards and come away with the win. Alabama (1979, 1980, 1993), Auburn (1984), Georgia (1981), Nebraska (1974) and Oklahoma (1972) also accomplished the stat line in the last 50 years.

Down the Field

Georgia QB Gunner Stockton completed a 67-yard pass in the second quarter to Arian Smith that was tied for the seventh-longest in Sugar Bowl History. Stockton finished the game with 234 yards and a touchdown.

It's Good

Notre Dame kicker Mitch Jeter became the 12th individual to make three field goals in the Sugar Bowl, with the last occurrence coming last season from Washington's Grady Gross. The three makes also ties for second among CFP games.

Point Premium

The 33 combined points marked the fourth lowest point total since 1990 in the Sugar Bowl. The 23 points from Notre Dame were tied for the fourth lowest point total by a winner since 1990.

Defensive Affair

Since the two teams met in the Sugar Bowl in 1981, the 540 yards of combined total offense ranks as the fourth lowest output in the Sugar Bowl with the other occurrences in 2018, 2004 and 2003.

NOTRE DAME

Football



FINAL SCORE

(7) Notre Dame (13-1) 23, (2) Georgia (11-3) 10

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. Notre Dame kicked off and defended the south end zone.
- Attendance: 57,267
- Notre Dame played in its program-record 14th game of the season against Georgia. Notre Dame had played 13 games in a season 18 times previous to the 2024 season. Notre Dame has never won 13 games in a season.
- Notre Dame improves to 1-3 all-time against Georgia.
- Notre Dame improves to 2-2 all-time in the College Football Playoffs
- Notre Dame improves to 3-2 all-time in the Sugar Bowl.
- Notre Dame improves to 50-26 all-time against SEC opponents.
- Notre Dame improves to 2-2 in the SuperDome.
- Notre Dame improves to 3-2 all-time on January 2nd, last win was the 1988 National Championship game in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl. The Irish also break at two-game losing streak on the date.
- Today's game was just the third time in program history the Irish have been in an AP-ranked No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup. The previous was a 30-3 loss to Clemson in the 2018 CFP semifinals.
- Notre Dame improves to 9-10-2 all-time against the AP No. 2 team, end a four-game win streak against No. 2 and earns the program's first win over No. 2 since a 29-20 win over Miami FL in 1990 in Notre Dame Stadium.
- Notre Dame improves to 25-6-1 all-time as the AP No. 3 team and 7-1 in last seven games as No. 3.

NOTABLE

- Jack Kiser extended his Notre Dame program record for games played in a career appearing in his 68th game this afternoon. Howard Cross III ranks second all-time in games played at Notre Dame and appeared in his 64th career contest today.
- Jayden Harrison's 98-yard kick return to start the second half is the second-longest kick return in Sugar Bowl history, behind Andre Debose's 100-yard effort for Florida in 2013. He replaced Notre Dame's Al Hunter in second place, who returned a 93-yard kick against Alabama in the 1973 Sugar Bowl National Championship game. It was the fourth kick return for a touchdown of Harrison's career (he had three at Marshall from 2021-23).
- On 177 previous occasions to today's Sugar Bowl, a Notre Dame player has started 13 games in a season. Today, Riley Leonard, Jeremiyah Love, Beaux Collins, Anthonie Knapp, Aamil Wagner, Jack Kiser, Drayk Bowen, Adon Shuler and Xavier Watts became the first Notre Dame football players to start 14 games in a season.

FIRSTS

- Career start - junior defensive tackle Gabriel Rubio, who had four tackles in the game.
- Game action of the year - sophomore offensive tackle Charles Jagusah (on field goal protection).
- Sack in a Notre Dame uniform - senior RJ Oben to set up Notre Dame's first touchdown of the game in the final seconds of the first half.
- Kick return for a touchdown in an Notre Dame uniform - Jayden Harrison 98 yards to start the second half.

CAREER HIGHS

- 8 tackles - a career-high matching for freshman Adon Shuler (he also had eight against Army this season).

Georgia Postgame Notes: CFP Quarterfinal at the Sugar Bowl: *Georgia Sports Communications/For Immediate Release/Jan. 2, 2025*

***Bulldog Senior Class Finishes 53-5:** The 2024 Senior Class ends its career with an FBS-leading 53-5 record, which is a school record. They won a pair of national championships and two SEC titles in their career.

Post-Season Win Streak Ends: SEC Champion Georgia (11-3) saw its seven-game winning streak in bowl/CFP games snap in a 23-10 loss to No. 5 Notre Dame. They are now 38-22-3 in bowl games, 5-7 in the Sugar Bowl and 4-2 in the CFP. This was its first loss to Notre Dame as the series is 3-1.

***Summary Of The Offense:** Redshirt sophomore QB **Gunner Stockton**, making his first career start, was 20-for-32 for 234 yards and 1 TD and was sacked four times. The Bulldogs finished with 296 yards of offense on 61 plays. In the first half, he was sacked thrice with two fumbles, one which was recovered by the Irish at the UGA 13 that led to a TD at the end of the half.

*Georgia entered the 4th quarter trailing 20-10 and then fell behind 23-10 with 13:47 left and turned it over on downs in the red zone.

*Down 20-3 in the 3rd quarter, the Bulldogs went 63 yards in five plays capped by a 32-yard TD catch by **Cash Jones** (career-long) to cut it to 20-10.

*At the half, Georgia trailed 13-3 with 152 yards of total offense on 33 plays. Notre Dame came in allowing just 13.8 ppg which ranked 3rd in the FBS. Notre Dame forced two fumbles and turned them into seven points to improve to +18 in Turnover Margin.

*Georgia now has trailed at the half seven times this year (@UK 6-3, @#4 Bama 30-7, vs. Florida 13-6, @#16 Ole Miss 16-7, Ga. Tech 17-0, Texas 6-3, Notre Dame 13-3) and finished 4-3 in those games, beating #2 Texas, Ga. Tech, Florida and Kentucky.

*Georgia's first possession was five plays for minus 13 yards with a sack and fumble out of bounds. The second drive covered 70 yards on 13 plays and ended with a **Trevor Etienne** fumble on a 3rd-and-one play at the ND 16 that was recovered by the Irish at the 10. It marked just the fifth time that the Bulldogs have not scored in the Red Zone this season and their fourth turnover there.

*For the seventh time this season, Georgia did not score in the first quarter. The Bulldogs were **5-2** in those games.

*Georgia's third drive resulted in a 41-yard field goal by **Peyton Woodring** and a 3-0 lead with 14:03 left in the first half.

*Junior **Trevor Etienne** had a team-high 38 yards on 11 carries. With three sacks in the first half, the Bulldogs had just 10 yards on the ground.

*Junior wideout **Arian Smith** had one catch that covered 67 yards, a career-long for Stockton. Junior **Dillon Bell** had a team-high six catches for 33 yards.

***Defensive Review:** Notre Dame came in third nationally in scoring, averaging 38.8 ppg, and it was held to 13 points and 135 total yards in the 1st half while the 2nd half scoring was a KOR for a TD and a field goal. They finished with 244 yards on 61 plays in their victory.

*The Irish were blanked in the first quarter. Their first drive was three plays for minus nine yards. The second drive was five for 20 yards. Down 3-0 in the 2nd quarter, their third drive covered 49 yards and resulted in a 44-yard field goal with 8:36 left in the first half. With 38 seconds left in the first half, the Irish added a 48-yard field goal.

*Following a sack, forced fumble and recovery at the UGA 13, the Irish turned it into a TD and a 13-3 halftime lead.

*Senior **Smael Mondon, Jr.**, notched a sack for minus 11 yards, his third of the year and eighth of his career. He had a team-leading nine tackles in the first half while freshman **KJ Bolden** and sophomores **Christen Miller** and **Raylen Wilson** had five each.

***Special Teams Summary:** Sophomore PK **Peyton Woodring** tallied four points on a 41-yard field goal and one PAT. He is now 21-for-23 in FG this year. Also, he handled kickoffs.

*With Ray Guy finalist and All-America punter **Brett Thorson** sidelined due to injury, true freshman **Drew Miller** handled the punting for the first time in his career. His first official career punt went for 36 yards as the Irish was flagged twice for running into him. He had four for a 39.8 average. His longest punt of the first half covered 48 yards.

*Notre Dame's Jayden Harris took the second half kickoff 98 yards for a TD and a 20-3 lead. It marked the first one allowed by Georgia since 2018 when Juanyeh Thomas had a 100-yarder. It was the second longest surrendered by the Bulldogs in a bowl as Texas A&M's Bob Smith had a 100-yarder on the opening kickoff of the 1950 Presidential Cup.

***Captains, Coin Toss And For Starters:** Georgia's captains were **Tate Ratledge**, **Chaz Chambliss**, **Dan Jackson**, **Malaki Starks**, and **Jalon Walker**.

*Notre Dame won the toss and deferred the ball until the second half. Both teams were forced to punt on their opening drive.

*Junior safety **Malaki Starks** made his team-leading 42nd consecutive start. Also, seniors **Xavier Truss** (OT) and **Nazir Stackhouse** (DL) started their 42nd game in their career. Sophomore LT **Monroe Freeling** made his sixth straight start at LT.



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QUOTES FOR HEAD COACH MARCUS FREEMAN, RILEY LEONARD, AND XAVIER WATTS

COACH FREEMAN: I think I said this after the game, but I'm so proud of this program, the team, for the work they put in to obtaining the result that we got tonight.

I've been reminding them the last ten days as we prepared, this will be a 60-plus-minute fight. Georgia's been down in nine games this year, and they find a way to come back and win. And so, they had that mentality.

Our coaches called the game aggressive. Our players executed, put everything on the line for this university and this football team. And I'm really proud of them. Proud of the way they handled the events of the last 24 hours.

And I want to make sure I, again, send our condolences on behalf of our university and our football program to everyone that was affected by the tragedy.

And they had to be able to still get ready for this game with the natural emotions that come into each individual that happened after the tragedy.

And so, I'm proud of the way they prepared. They stayed steady, and they went out, and they did a great job.

And so, with that, we'll open up for questions.

Q. Marcus, you just alluded to the last 24 hours. I'm just curious, in your experience, how extraordinary was the experience? And the swing of emotions from maybe the mood of your team yesterday, how you'll address that, to getting ready to play this big game today.

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah. Yesterday morning, we woke up, and we had heard there was some type of incident. I don't think we all knew the details, but we were getting ready to play a game. And by the time we had a break and we had lunch, we found out that the game was postponed.

And then we found out more details. And I think once you found out more details about the tragedy, the emotions took over each individual differently. But they handled it spectacularly, and they prepared.

We spent some time together. And I think that's what you do in tough moments. You want to spend time with family, and that's what we are. But they found a way to get prepared for this opportunity and refocus.

And again, it's unprecedented. Life -- you know, I told them this morning, there's things in life that are unpredictable. And the ability to handle those unpredictable things determine the success. And they handled this incident, this change, but they handle everything that's thrown at them in an unbelievable way.



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Q. Marcus, can you kind of -- you and James Franklin are making history here. Can you kind of just put in perspective what it means for you to be one of two Black coaches in this playoffs.

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah. Again, you're very grateful. It's a reminder that you are a representation for many others and many of our players that look the same way I do. Your color shouldn't matter. The evidence of your work should.

But it takes everybody. And that's what I continue to remind myself. When people will try to point the finger at you, it's a great reminder of you're not in this position without everybody, without all these guys. And that's what I told them in the locker room. I couldn't get off that stage fast enough because everybody couldn't be up there. It's about the team. It's about everybody that puts everything they have into making sure that we can achieve that success.

And so, it's a great honor. It's a privilege. But again, as the head coach of this place, I understand we're not in this position unless everybody in this program gets their job done.

Q. All four teams that played in the first round ended up advancing to the Semifinals. I know you can only speak for yourself, but do you believe that having played on December 20th gave you a competitive advantage over a team that had not played since December 7th?

COACH FREEMAN: No. I don't. I think whatever circumstances you're given, you make the most of them. And if we would have had a first-round bye, I would have been the first one to say, Hey, this is great for us. We didn't. It's great for us.

We are always a glass-half-full group. And whatever circumstances are thrown at us, we're going to take advantage of it and prepare and maximize the opportunity ahead of us. And so, that's what they did.

The first game had nothing to do with this game. It was the preparation that they put in to this week and this game and the performance that they put on.

But I don't believe in my heart the first game had anything to do with this one. It was about the preparation they did after the first game.

Q. For either of the players. Coach [Marcus] Freeman talked about how hard it was for you guys to be able to refocus after yesterday. So as players, how were you able to refocus?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah. Obviously, the events that occurred were very challenging. And I just want everybody to know that the Notre Dame family, every single person in our locker room, is praying for those families that are out there.

I also want to thank the New Orleans Police Department for responding the way they did and creating a safe environment for us to play today so quickly after the events.



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But as a player, and as a Notre Dame player, you recruit the right people for a reason. And I think adding another day is just helping our superpower out. We say our superpowers all the time: Our preparation and the character in our locker room. Those are two intangible things that we have that we utilize.

So to have an extra day, after we got done praying for all the families, I hit up my quarterback coach and said, All right, can we watch some film tonight? I watched a whole -- you know, I got four, five more hours of film study. We had another day of walkthrough. That's our superpower, is our preparation; and I think it definitely paid off today.

Q. You mentioned the coaches calling the game aggressively, like the fourth-down call towards the end, deep in your own territory. Can you kind of explain the logic behind that one?

And with the aggressiveness as a whole, how did that help you win tonight? And how did that help you get here to this point?

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah. It's a mentality. That situation that happened in the fourth quarter was something we practiced. And I think the performance was a reflection of that.

We had a lot of confidence in the ability to be able to do that, and we had a plan. And that's the aggressiveness in terms of our preparation that I want our program to have, and again, out there when it matters the most.

And so, that's got to be one of our edges, is that we are going to be an aggressive group and not fear making mistakes. Not fear, hey, it didn't go your way. We went for it on fourth and one. We didn't execute. Okay, here we go, defense, and they got a stop.

And so, that's how I want this group to attack our preparation, in an attack performance when we have the opportunity.

RILEY LEONARD: Real quick. He's being humble. That was completely his play, and we were going to do it a different way two days ago. And then he flipped it, and we executed it that way, and it worked. So he's being humble.

COACH FREEMAN: It's our play.

RILEY LEONARD: All throughout the year -- you know this guy. But I'll say it for him. Great play, great execution.

Q. Wanting to ask you about the defense, particularly in the second half. Georgia was 0-5 on third down, 0-3 on fourth down. And that's a pretty dominant performance for one of the teams that has been one of the most physical in the country in the last few years.



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So, why were you able to have such success in the defense? And what stood out to you?

COACH FREEMAN: Well, we had three keys to victory on defense, and number one was to stop the run. And we didn't believe that we could lose this game by passing yards, but we could lose if we don't stop the run. And the defense did an amazing job at stopping the run. And that put them in some difficult third down situations.

And then another key to victory was takeaways. And the defense got two takeaways, a couple turnovers on downs, which were huge. They were relentless.

The one drive, I wasn't too concerned because a couple of their big plays were uncharacteristic defensive mistakes. It was, we didn't get a call, this guy didn't get the check. And that doesn't happen to this group often. I said, Okay, we're good. Get it fixed. Go back out there. When they get the next opportunity, we'll be fine. And they responded in a great way.

Q. What does it say for you guys when you've got a coach that's willing to go for it on fourth down at your own 18-yard line? What kind of confidence does that give you guys, as players, to know that he's got the confidence in you guys to do that?

XAVIER WATTS: Yeah, I mean, just having a coach and a coaching staff -- like you said, that aggressive mindset gives us the confidence that, all right, these guys are all in. We need to be all in on the play call, too.

So when they go out there, and we need to go on fourth down, and we they want to be aggressive, you need to go all in. Make sure you do your job and get it done.

So it's just so refreshing to have coaches like that.

Q. Mike Denbrock said there was going to be a physical price to pay to win this game, and you said something similar. How did you feel that your team paid that price? And especially that run where you fell over end-over-end at the end there?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, I mean, everybody keeps telling me stop doing that, and I did it, and it worked out today. Plus, we're in the playoffs, which was like, all right, put your butt on the line. But that's my mindset going into every game. Everybody else can put their butt on the line, I'm going to do it right there with them.

It was going to be a physical matchup. Our number one key to victory was the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, and that's exactly what we did. We knew if we could establish ourselves up front, we were going to have a chance at this thing.

They're a very physical group. They brought a lot of pressure today, but I think we handled it pretty well and stayed behind the chains early in the game, and then kind of figured it out a little bit.



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I was struggling in the passing game, but, shoot, that opens up the run game. And we were able to utilize our abilities and execute when it mattered.

Q. Points were at a premium early on in the game, and then in 54 seconds, your team scored 20 points. Talk about that swing and then your message at halftime to kind of keep your foot on the gas and keep finding the way to score those points.

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah, it was a heavyweight fight. The entire game was. But that first half, it was 3-3. First of all, Mitch Jeter did an amazing job today with field goals, his confidence. He had a great week of prep.

And then it becomes 6-3 us. And the forced fumble right before the half. And then our offense being aggressive and opportunistic and capitalizing off of that as we go into half was huge.

And what we didn't want to do -- I think it was a ten-point lead at the half -- I didn't want to "survive." I think that's the natural tendency in a big game. You're up ten versus a really good team to say "let's survive." No, let's be aggressive.

I didn't know we were going to come out of the locker room and score a kickoff return touchdown, but that helped.

And again, it was -- that middle eight is something we often talk about. And the ability to close the half in that way and to start the half -- the second half with a kickoff return touchdown was huge for the outcome of the game.

Q. In a game where points came at a premium, what does it say to hold a top team, specifically an SEC team, to ten points through your defensive and through your special teams efforts?

XAVIER WATTS: Yeah, I just think it speaks to our defense as a whole. You know, go out there, want to make sure we don't give up points.

But some things happened. Like you said, we kind of break down on defense, giving up points. We don't want to let that happen.

But like you said, holding a team like that -- they have talented players. So holding a team like that to ten points, it's a low amount, it's pretty good for our sakes. Obviously, you don't want to give up any.

But just really proud of the performance we put up, and obviously complementary football with special teams. J2 taking that kickoff out of halftime was really awesome. Just a good momentum swing, and it gives everybody juice.

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah. I love the way this group responds. There was a couple big plays that Georgia made. They're a really good team and a good offense. And this group just responds. And we always say "reload." Like, this play is the only thing that matters. That's the only thing consistent in a game, that this play is the only thing that matters.



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What you see is if somebody gives up the big play, they're able to reload and get their minds right for this play.

And that was a reflection of the red-zone defense, the big fourth-down stops. It's a great group. They've got great leadership, great players. And they're doing a heck of a job.

Q. Considering everything that did happen in the last day or so, you have two players on your defense, Jaiden Ausberry and Jordan Clark, Louisiana guys. One has a pass deflection; one has a fumble recovery. What do you think it says about them and their ability to still be able to come out and make plays, considering something happened in their home state?

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah, they were extremely excited to come home and perform.

There was a time yesterday evening that I wanted our players to spend some time with their families that were here. Being a parent myself, in times of tragedy, you want to be around your children.

I gave the players from about 6:00 to 9:00 last night just a chance to go be with your family, if they're in town. I think that helped the parents as much as it helped the players to be around each other, and to help them reset and get their mind into a place that it needed to be for today.

But those two guys have been brilliant all year, and they did a good job in their hometown.

Q. I thought this was a true team win today, all three phases. Offense making plays when you needed them. Defense came up big. And then special teams, 3-3 on field goals, and the kickoff return. How satisfying is it for you as a coach when you see all three phases really just clicking on all cylinders?

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah, that's what it takes to win versus Georgia in the Quarterfinals of the College Football Playoffs. It's going to take that. It's not going to be one or two phases. If we expect to continue to move forward in the College Football Playoffs, it's going to take all three phases.

We feel strongly about all three phases. But that's what it's going to take, and it was a great performance today. And now we've got to get some things cleaned up, find a way to get better in this week of practice.

And then we've got another opportunity to go out there and perform in all three phases here on January 9th, I think, at the Orange Bowl.

Q. I know you're going to turn the page quickly on this. But there are a lot of Notre Dame fans that have been looking forward to a win of this magnitude for a very long time. I'm curious if you sense that when you talk to fans, just how big of a game this is for Notre Dame as a program.



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And then just personally, how much pride do you take in what you guys have been able to do thus far this year?

COACH FREEMAN: The passion that Notre Dame fans have for this place and this football program is tremendous, and that's why a lot of us are here. We want to be at a place that has high expectations, that their fans are passionate about it. The administration and everybody is aligned in terms of putting all their efforts into helping this place succeed.

And so, it's an honor, you know? And we want it as bad as our fans want it.

But what you want doesn't matter. It's what you're willing to do, and that's what we've got to continue to focus on, the work that it takes to achieve that outcome that we all want so badly.

And so, we're going to get back to work. You know me, Pete. We're going to get on this plane. Let's watch it and find ways to improve and look at the schedule.

I might give them tomorrow off maybe. Give them a chance to reset. But we've got to start game-planning for a tough opponent. I saw a little bit of the Penn State game, and it's going to be a great challenge for us. But I'm excited for it.

Q. What does it mean to you to be able to make history here in New Orleans by winning College Football Playoff Quarterfinal game, being one of the first teams to ever do it in the sport's history? What does it mean to you to be able to do that here in New Orleans?

COACH FREEMAN: You know, it's an honor. This isn't about me. I try to make sure that's clear. I'm blessed to be in a position to be the leader of this program, but I am blessed to be around some of the greatest individuals that you could ask for.

And these individuals all commit to this place, no matter what their role is. And they give everything they can to seeing us have that success. And I'm a part of it. Yes, I'm the leader. But I'm a part of a big group that we all have to put the work in.

And so, I hope every person in this program feels a part of that, the record of wins and whatever there is. But I just love being on the journey with these guys. I love motivating them. I love pushing them. I love challenging them in different ways, because they just continue to respond in any way that you challenge them.

But it's an honor and a privilege and a lot of fun to be on this journey together.

Q. Since RJ [Oben] has been your teammate for a long time, after RJ might not have had the regular season that he wanted, what does it mean to you guys? And what does it say about him to see him make a play of that magnitude that changes the game?



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RILEY LEONARD: Yeah. To speak on RJ a little bit, a lot of people don't understand how good of a person he is and how smart he is and how much of a hard worker he is, because he's a mellow guy. He's not going to say much.

But if you're ever in the facility, like, five hours postpractice, he's going to be somewhere doing something to get better. I mean, the consistency amongst this guy is insane. And I've been seeing it for four years now in my college career, and I'm grateful that he was able to come with me to this place.

But this is a very mature guy we're talking about and somebody who is not going to say a word, whether things are going good or bad. He's going to put his head down and work.

That's kind of the MO of our season. I heard a quote last week, Henry Ford. Whether you think you can or you can't do something, you're right. RJ believed in himself all season, and it's finally starting to come, pay off for him.

COACH FREEMAN: Yeah, Riley said it perfectly. These guys don't always control the amount of plays they get. Those are determined by your coaching staff in terms of what they need out of your role for this game. And RJ is a guy that no matter what the role is that's determined for him, he puts everything into it.

And when you have that mindset and you have that work ethic, good things like what happened today happen to you. And if you're sitting here and complaining about why you're not playing more than the next guy, then you know what? You're not putting everything into making the most out of your opportunity.

RJ Oben is a guy that makes the most out of every opportunity he gets.



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QUOTES FOR HEAD COACH KIRBY SMART, TATE RATLEDGE, AND JALON WALKER

COACH SMART: I want to open with a lot of credit to Notre Dame and their staff and their team. They played exactly like we expected them to play: Physical, tough, don't beat yourself. And they did that. They did those exact things. They got two turnovers, and we didn't. And they returned a kickoff for a touchdown.

So, we basically spotted them probably 14 points off of that, and costed ourselves a possession in the red area when we fumbled down there.

But they did a really good job. They played really hard, physical brand of football. So do we. Those two mirror each other. I think both defenses played well, and we turned the ball over and they didn't. And they gave us problems in the pass game with the sack and the sack fumble. So give them a lot of credit.

That takes nothing away from these men on the stage and the seniors that are a part of this class. I mean, absolutely incredible. I just told them, what they went through this year and what they played and how they played, the resiliency, the injuries that we've had, and to win an SEC championship -- which I have so much respect for our conference -- and to win some of the comeback games they won and never quit, even in this game, never quit, that's the attitude you've got to have to get better as a football program.

So, we've got a lot of guys moving on. A lot of guys are hurt in that locker room because we didn't get the outcome that we wanted, but that's part of life.

I give Notre Dame credit for how they played and give our seniors and our leaders credit for what they've done for this program.

Q. Can you walk us through the final 33 seconds, the final minute of the first half, and going forward there, throwing the ball, and what happened.

COACH SMART: Yeah. Typically when you're down, you need every possession you can have. And we made a decision that we were going to be aggressive and we were going to try to go two-minute. And that's what everything says you should do. You can't give up possessions when you're trailing.

So we're down 6-3. We felt like we had a little quick-game pass. Certainly not counting on getting beat that quick at left tackle. And got a sack fumble, which gave them some momentum.

But at the end of the day, we got a great red-area defense. We should stop them. We don't play passive here. We play to be aggressive, and we're trying to go score.

Q. If I could follow up on that question, how much did you take into account that the offense hadn't really been moving the ball? And obviously Gunner [Stockton] was making his first start, as he contemplated playing aggressively?



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COACH SMART: No, I don't think so. I think we did move the ball. We turned it over. We had more yards than they did at the time, and we had more passing yards than they did at the time. So I don't see it as just going to the shell.

We got an opportunity -- we got timeouts. We got an opportunity to go score. We worked two-minute every week, and we stay aggressive with it.

We've got a really good pass pro team, and we didn't pick him up on that play. Made a great rush, and he got a sack and fumble.

I don't question that call because I really agree with the decision to be aggressive and try to go score.

Q. The opening second-half kick return for a touchdown, what happened there? And how much do you feel like that influenced the way the rest of the game played out?

COACH SMART: Well, I don't think it affected us because we bounced right back. Spotted an extra touchdown. It made it a harder comeback.

But we an unblocked player that missed a tackle. And usually when that happens, you give the other team credit, but it's not a mistake. We just missed the tackle, right? And when you don't play for a while, sometimes you miss tackles.

We had leverage on the ball, and we had somebody that couldn't get him on the ground. And that's what football is. It's fundamentals and tackling. We tackle him there, then we got a chance to stop them.

But obviously, it played a huge momentum swing for them, but our guys didn't shy away.

Q. The fourth and one late in the football game, they run the punt team off. Was there a thought to call a time-out there? I know you guys were down.

COACH SMART: Didn't want to because that's what they wanted. They wanted us to burn a timeout there and try to do it. And we subbed.

So it's really unfortunate, because I've been told by our head of officials in the SEC that you can't do that. You can't run 11 on, 11 off. We did it in 2017 against Tennessee. We've carried that. We practiced that and repped that because teams try to do it, and we were told by officials you could not do that.

And so we were trying to say you couldn't do it. We got our defense out there. We were fine. I mean, I would have gone for it, if I was them.



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I don't think they were planning on going for it. They were going to hard-count us. We prepare for that. We do it every week. We jumped offside, you know? But we also were told you couldn't do that in our league.

Q. Obviously, very defensive game. Notre Dame only had 90 yards passing. Have you ever kind of remembered a game like this where the opposition had 90 yards passing and still somehow managed to get the win?

COACH SMART: Yeah. When you have two turnovers and a kickoff return for a touchdown, that's what happens. I mean, I have been part of those games.

I've been part of really good defenses, and they stop people. And we weren't able to get a lot going. And the turnovers are the difference in the game, guys. It's not an exact science. I mean, you should know when you turn it over twice and they return a kickoff for a touchdown, you're not going to have a lot of success.

Q. You had a long completion down to Arian Smith and get a sideline warning -- sideline interference there. The ball comes back. Walk us through what happened there. What were your thoughts?

COACH SMART: Yeah, very unfortunate. We had -- they said a coach but I think it was a player, from what I've been told -- in the white, and the white is reserved for the officials. That's a safety concern.

Most of the time, they'll grant you a warning on that; but it was not a -- it was a situation where it cost us 15 yards. We still had first and ten and didn't take advantage of it.

But, again, I call those things undisciplined, self-imposed wounds that you lose momentum on. So, it's just something you can't have happen.

Q. We've discussed a couple of fourth-down plays, special teams plays. I'm curious, how much do you think Notre Dame's success is built on the fact that they challenged sort of every play and are really willing to do lots of different things to sort of get the opponent off balance?

COACH SMART: I think everybody is as good a football team as that. I don't think that's a Notre Dame trait. I mean, every team we play in our league, they're going to try to create a competitive advantage.

We knew they were really aggressive on special teams with what they do. They come after kicks. They had two roughing the kickers that were running into the kicker. That's a subjective call, right? So that's a decision he has to make as to what it is. Those could be first downs.

But there's nothing different they do that's -- I mean, we prepare for it, you try to out-execute people. We had the same situation as them.



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Q. You were told previously in a different game you can't run 11 on, 11 off. I saw you trying to talk to the officials. Did they ever come over and talk to you, the head official, or anything like that?

COACH SMART: Never gave me a real clear answer. Never gave me a real clear answer.

Q. My real question was about Gunner Stockton's first start, your thoughts.

COACH SMART: Gunner did some good things. Any time you don't have pass pro, it's tough. He had some tough moments out there. When it's your backside and you can't see it coming, it's tough. I thought he tucked it down and ran. He got us out of a couple sacks with his feet and legs, threw the ball away. Did some good things there.

But obviously, it wasn't enough with the two turnovers, and we got to be better for sure.

Q. Kirby, you had mentioned the missed tackle on the kickoff and said you hadn't tackled in a while. You talked before the game about the layoff. I'm curious how much you felt that was a factor.

COACH SMART: I really didn't. I really didn't. I thought we tackled well as a defense, better than I expected. We built a wall on the run game. They had some success with quarterback run late and got some things out as we started to take more chances.

But I thought our guys were in good shape, good condition. I wouldn't change anything we did leading up to it. I mean, I thought that our preparation was good. We got to run extra yesterday. I was really pleased with that. All the players felt confident about that. I did not think we had a conditioning issue, and I did not think it was a tackling issue.

We did miss one on the kickoff, but that was an offensive player. He doesn't tackle as much as anybody because he plays on offense.

Q. Jalon, your first year, you guys win the national championship. Last year, you guys get left out of the playoff. You talked about it earlier in the week saying you felt slighted, saying you weren't there. Now you fall here in the Quarterfinals. How does this feel in comparison to last year?

JALON WALKER: Yeah, it hurts. Last year, we didn't have our appearance in the College Football Playoff, but we did have the appearance in the Orange Bowl. And we ended that off the right way against Florida State.

Unfortunately, we didn't end it off in the right way this year. I just know that we played and gave it all. Offense and defense gave our all.



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So I wouldn't trade this moment for anything at all. It was just a great, hard-fought battle. All respect to Notre Dame. Physical offense. Hard-fought offense. Well-coached. And they just did what they needed to do.

Q. Tate, you look kind of beat up there. Talk to us about how you feel right now.

TATE RATLEDGE: Just hurt. A lot of emotions after that kind of loss and this kind of situation. So, I mean, of course, we'd rather go the other way but just a lot of emotions going through the head right now.

Q. Just to follow up on that, how were you guys able to kind of play after what happened yesterday and kind of focus on ball?

TATE RATLEDGE: I mean, this team's got one goal, and it's all the same goal, and that was to win a national championship. And it started here. And just knowing that we have one goal all together is how we ended up getting through that and showing up to play today.

Q. Apologies if this has been asked. It probably has. Any thoughts on all four teams that had byes losing in the first round? Do you think that played a factor at all?

COACH SMART: What played a factor? The fact that they --

Q. The fact that they had a game last week versus we had three weeks without playing football, or at least to play in a game.

COACH SMART: I don't know. I mean, I look at what Vegas says; and it went kind of what Vegas said, you know what I mean? I mean, at least in those two games. I guess ours was a -- I don't know what it was. It was close.

But two of those teams were better than the other teams, to be honest with you. And that is what it is. That's more about the seeding process and where it is.

But I'm not here to complain about anything. Given the opportunity, Notre Dame lost probably their best defensive player. So I don't know how that's an advantage.

Q. Given how hyper-scheduled football programs are at this level, how did you approach the uncertainty yesterday of figuring out when you're going to play, how you deal with practice in that 24-hour waiting period?

COACH SMART: Same as we do everything. We got a little group, we huddle up. We FaceTimed. We made a decision on what we would do. We brought the players down and met with them and said, This is the plan moving forward. We put it on the screen, and they said, Let's go. Put the ball down and get ready to go play.



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That's what our guys do. We change a lot of our plays. When change happens, it does not affect people.

What you can't measure is the families of the Notre Dame players and the Georgia players that are -- you're concerned about your family, because they're in New Orleans and you don't know where they are. And I don't think you can put a -- quantify a measure of concern for both teams, their families. All of our players were on the phone checking on their family, and that's the biggest concern.

Q. Kirby, you've had a number of games this year where you haven't scored a lot of points. Any thoughts about your offensive identity, and what do you attribute that to?

COACH SMART: I attribute it to, number one, some really good defenses we've played. I mean, that one was a really good defense. We've played some really good defenses.

We've had a rotating lineup with guys that have rolled in and out, and we haven't created the same thing on defense we've done in the past.

If you go to years-past defense, we created more turnovers, better third downs to get the ball back. There's a lot of things we can do better to help our offense, but we certainly have to play better and do better. And a lot of that has to do with health and the schedule we play and having some playmakers that can make some plays, too.

Q. Kirby, you talked about the uncertainty of yesterday and kind of the concern. I'm curious, was there any carryover to today? Once you all started playing, did it feel like a normal game?

COACH SMART: Oh, guys, I'm not desensitizing what happened, okay? That was a very traumatic event. But this team was focused and ready to go play. So, I'm not going to sit here and talk about the tragedy affecting our team.

Notre Dame played well. We didn't play great. But when we turned the ball over twice and have a kickoff returned, that's what I attribute the loss to. Not to the tragedy or what happened. And that's not any disrespect to the community of New Orleans or the people with tragic losses.

Q. Coach, I thought Smael Mondon had a really good game. He's a guy that's been with your program for four years. Georgia native. This year with the transfer portal, that's kind of a rare thing.

How much of an impact has he had on your program?

COACH SMART: Yeah, he's an incredible kid. I mean, he had a really bad injury, guys, and then he had a really bad injury on top of his fixed injury.

So, I got so much respect for him. He could have shut it down, not played this year. He sat out for three or four games to let it heal. And then he came back with just -- and played so good down the stretch.



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And I'm so happy for him because he's got to go into the NFL process with a pretty significant injury that he's had, and he's played with good tape. So, somebody's going to get a really good football player out of Smael.

I've got one thing I want to say about these two guys before we break. I don't know who picked these guys to come, but they would have been the guys I picked because when we do our captains -- and rarely have I ever seen this where we did our captains -- and two guys got more votes than anybody we've ever had. A combination of an offensive player and a defensive player.

Well, that's picked by the 130 players on the team. So they picked these two guys at about a 95% rate. Meaning out of the 130, 95 guys put these two guys in their combination.

So what they did with this team in the toughest year of at least my tenure, easily the toughest year, they dominated the room. They controlled the room. They led the room through hard games and situations. There were some hard games and situations.

I'll never forget this guy against Georgia Tech chasing everybody down telling them to stay in the game, hope's still alive. This guy doing the coin toss and saying we're about to win this game in overtime.

And I know today will be written about and that's fine. But these two guys right here are as special as they come. Thank you, guys.

TATE RATLEDGE: Appreciate it, Coach.