



Scoring Summary report
 Notre Dame vs Penn St. (Jan 09, 2025)
 Notre Dame (14-1) vs Penn St. (13-3)

Date: Jan 09, 2025
 Site: Miami Gardens, Florida
 Stadium: Hard Rock Stadium
 Attendance: 66881

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	3	7	17	27
Penn St.	3	7	0	14	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	14:56	PSU - #94 R.Barker 20 yd FG, 14-55, 10:13	0-3
2nd	02:18	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 5 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 15-90, 07:17	0-10
2nd	00:00	Irish - #98 M.Jeter 41 yd FG, 13-52, 02:18	3-10
3rd	10:46	Irish - #13 R.Leonard 3 yd rush (#98 M.Jeter kick), 8-75, 04:14	10-10
4th	14:07	Irish - #4 J.Love 2 yd rush (#98 M.Jeter kick), 10-71, 05:19	17-10
4th	10:20	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 7 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 7-75, 03:47	17-17
4th	07:55	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 7 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 5-39, 02:20	17-24
4th	04:38	Irish - #1 J.Greathouse 54 yd pass from #13 R.Leonard (#98 M.Jeter kick), 7-81, 03:11	24-24
4th	00:07	Irish - #98 M.Jeter 41 yd FG, 7-19, 00:26	27-24

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 07:45 PM
 End of Game: 11:21 PM
 Total elapsed: 03:35

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 Judge
 Replay Official: Brad Van Vark

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 56 F



FULL GAME

NOTRE DAME

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jeremiyah Love	11	45	0	45	1	9	4.1
Riley Leonard	18	45	10	35	1	6	1.9
Jayden Thomas	1	18	0	18	0	18	18.0
Aneyas Williams	2	17	0	17	0	15	8.5
Jadarian Price	7	23	10	13	0	12	1.9
TEAM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Steve Angeli	2	0	12	-12	0	0	-6.0
Totals:	42	148	32	116	2	18	2.8

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Riley Leonard	15-23-2	223	1	54	3
Steve Angeli	6-7-0	44	0	14	2
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	21-31-2	267	1	54	5

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jaden Greathouse	7	7	105	54	1	54
Aneyas Williams	5	5	66	35	0	36
Mitchell Evans	9	5	58	24	0	32
Jordan Faison	3	2	25	20	0	14
Kris Mitchell	1	1	7	0	0	7
Jeremiyah Love	1	1	6	4	0	6
Jayden Harrison	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	28	21	267	137	1	54

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	4	157	39.2	44	4	0
Totals:	4	157	39.2	44	4	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Max Hurlman	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jayden Harrison	0	0	0	1	19	19	0	0	0
Christian Gray	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	2	8	8	1	19	19	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Mitch Jeter	2nd	00:00	41	GOOD
Mitch Jeter	4th	00:07	41	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Mitch Jeter	5	323	64.6	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Jaden Greathouse	0	105	0	0	0	105
Aneyas Williams	17	66	0	0	0	83
Mitchell Evans	0	58	0	0	0	58
Jeremiyah Love	45	6	0	0	0	51

FUMBLES

Notre Dame - Steve Angeli 1-0
Penn St. - Drew Allar 1-0

PENN ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	15	84	0	84	3	13	5.6
Kaytron Allen	19	84	2	82	0	20	4.3
Tyler Warren	2	21	0	21	0	12	10.5
Drew Allar	6	25	8	17	0	11	2.8
Totals:	42	214	10	204	3	20	4.9

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Drew Allar	12-23-1	135	0	27	1
Totals:	12-23-1	135	0	27	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tyler Warren	7	6	75	43	0	27
Nicholas Singleton	6	2	33	29	0	23
Khalil Dinkins	2	2	21	18	0	20
Luke Reynolds	1	1	7	0	0	7
Kaytron Allen	1	1	6	1	0	6
Omar Evans	2	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison Wallace III	3	0	-3	0	0	0
Drew Allar	0	0	-4	0	0	0
Totals:	22	12	135	91	0	27

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	5	210	42.0	48	1	0
Totals:	5	210	42.0	48	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Zion Tracy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicholas Singleton	0	0	0	1	21	21	0	0	0
Zakee Wheatley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dani Dennis-Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	1	0	0	1	21	21	2	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Ryan Barker	1st	14:56	20	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Gabe Nwosu	4	260	65.0	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Nicholas Singleton	84	33	21	0	0	138
Tyler Warren	21	75	0	0	0	96
Kaytron Allen	82	6	0	0	0	88
Khalil Dinkins	0	21	0	0	0	21



FULL GAME	Irish	PSU
FIRST DOWNS	23	20
Rushing	10	11
Passing	11	7
Penalty	2	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	116	204
Rushing Attempts	42	42
Average Per Rush	2.8	4.9
Rushing Touchdowns	2	3
Yards Gained Rushing	148	214
Yards Lost Rushing	32	10
NET YARDS PASSING	267	135
Completions-Attempts-Int	21-31-2	12-23-1
Average Per Attempt	8.6	5.9
Average Per Completion	12.7	11.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	383	339
Total offense plays	73	65
Average Gain Per Play	5.2	5.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	4-30	5-44
PUNTS-YARDS	4-157	5-210
Average Yards Per Punt	39.2	42.0
Net Yards Per Punt	39.2	40.4
Inside 20	4	1
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	3
KICKOFF-YARDS	5-323	4-260
Average Yards Per Kickoff	64.6	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.6	41.5
Touchbacks	3	3
Fair Catch Yards	24	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-8-0	1-0-0
Average Per Return	4.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-19-0	1-21-0
Average Per Return	19.0	21.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	2-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	24:39	14:28
1st Quarter	05:04	09:24
2nd Quarter	02:18	07:17
3rd Quarter	10:49	04:11
4th Quarter	06:28	06:24
Third-Down Conversions	11-17	3-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	2-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	4-4
Touchdowns	2	3
Field goals	1	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	5-22
PAT Kicks	3-3	3-3
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	2-2	1-1
Points off Turnover	3	10



FULL GAME
NOTRE DAME

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
24	Jack Kiser	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Xavier Watts	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
34	Drayk Bowen	3	5	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Jaylen Sneed	2	4	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
30	Bryce Young	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Kyngstonn Viliamu-Asa	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Gabriel Rubio	0	4	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Jaiden Ausberry	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Rod Heard II	2	1	3	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Adon Shuler	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
56	Howard Cross III	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Christian Gray	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
28	Luke Talich	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Junior Tuihalamaka	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Joshua Burnham	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	RJ Oben	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Leonard Moore	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Donovan Hinish	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Jayden Harrison	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jordan Clark	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		32	38	70	1.0-8	2.0-10	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	1

PENN ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
6	Zakee Wheatley	9	7	16	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
41	Kobe King	4	5	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jaylen Reed	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Dani Dennis-Sutton	4	2	6	2.0-6	2.0-6	1	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
99	Coziah Izzard	3	3	6	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Abdul Carter	3	2	5	1.0-8	2.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
4	AJ Harris	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
28	Zane Durant	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
9	Elliot Washington II	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Tony Rojas	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Zion Tracy	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Dominic DeLuca	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Jalen Kimber	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Cam Miller	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
2	Liam Clifford	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Tyler Elsdon	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Smith Vilbert	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Audavion Collins	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Amin Vanover	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
91	Dvon J-Thomas	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		40	32	72	5.0-22	8.0-32	1	0-0	2-0	4	0	3



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
DL	59	Sevillano Jr., Sean
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

Notre Dame

0-Colzie, Deion, 1-Clark, Jordan, 10-Thomas, Loghan, 13-Minich, Ben, 16-Rendell, James, 18-Angeli, Steve, 2-Heard II, Rod, 2-Harrison, Jayden, 20-Williams, Aneayas, 21-Young, Kedren, 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, 38-Powlus, Tommy, 39-Monteforte, Rino, 4-Ausberry, Jaiden, 41-Hinish, Donovan, 44-Tuihalamaka, Junior, 45-Onyiuke, Kobi, 55-Terek, Chris, 56-Jagusah, Charles, 59-Wagner, Aamil, 6-Faison, Jordan, 75-Absher, Sullivan, 76-Lambert, Guerby, 79-Baker, Tosh, 82-Scheidler, Leo, 83-Thomas, Jayden, 84-Bauman, Kevin, 88-Mukam, Armel, 89-Selna, Charlie, 9-Raridon, Eli, 96-Vinci, Joseph, 98-Jeter, Mitch

Penn St.

0-DeLuca, Dominic, 10-Lane, Dejuan, 12-Mitchell, Jon, 13-Allen, Kaytron, 15-Vanover, Amin, 16-Dinkins, Khalil, 17-Woseley, Kenny, 2-Clifford, Liam, 23-Belgrave-Shorter, Antoine, 24-Robinson, Ta'Mere, 29-Collins, Audavion, 31-Dinkins, Kolin, 34-Holzworth, Tyler, 43-Elsdon, Tyler, 48-Duzansky, Tyler, 5-Miller, Cam, 5-Evans, Omari, 50-Cousins, Cooper, 52-Rulli, Dominic, 55-Onoh, Chimdy, 56-Nelson, JB, 63-Birchmeier, Alex, 74-Williams, J'ven, 9-Washington II, Elliot, 92-Vilbert, Smith, 94-Barker, Ryan, 95-Thompson, Riley, 95-Mayer, Jordan, 99-Nwosu, Gabe, 99-Izzard, Coziah

PENN ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	10	Singleton, Nicholas
QB	15	Allar, Drew
WR	3	Fleming, Julian
TE	44	Warren, Tyler
OL	53	Dawkins, Nick
WR	6	Wallace III, Harrison
OL	66	Shelton, Drew
OL	71	Ioane, Olaiavavega
OL	72	Rucci, Nolan
OL	77	Wormley, Sal
TE	85	Reynolds, Luke

Pos	##	DEFENSE
S	1	Reed, Jaylen
LB	11	Carter, Abdul
LB	13	Rojas, Tony
DT	28	Durant, Zane
DB	3	Kimber, Jalen
DE	33	Dennis-Sutton, Dani
CB	4	Harris, AJ
LB	41	King, Kobe
S	6	Wheatley, Zakee
CB	7	Tracy, Zion
DT	91	J-Thomas, Dvon



NOTRE DAME

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Drive Ended			Consumed	
			Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
Irish	1st	Irish11	12:26	Punt	PSU41	08:35	Punt	8 - 48	03:51
Irish		Irish35	05:56	Punt	Irish33	04:43	Interception	3 - -2	01:13
Irish	2nd				Irish49	09:35	Punt	8 - 24	00:00
Irish		Irish25	02:18	Kickoff	PSU23	00:00	*FIELD GOAL	13 - 52	02:18
Irish	3rd	Irish25	15:00	Kickoff	PSU00	10:46	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	04:14
Irish		Irish30	08:41	Punt	Irish41	06:32	Punt	4 - 11	02:09
Irish		Irish28	04:26	Punt	PSU00	14:07	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 71	05:19
Irish	4th	Irish25	10:20	Kickoff	Irish25	10:15	Interception	1 - 0	00:05
Irish		Irish19	07:49	Kickoff	PSU00	04:38	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 81	03:11
Irish		Irish24	02:34	Punt	PSU48	00:47	Punt	6 - 28	01:47
Irish		PSU42	00:33	Interception	PSU23	00:07	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 19	00:26

Notre Dame	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	05:04	02:18	10:49	06:28	07:22	17:17	24:39
3rd down conversions	1-3	4-5	3-4	3-5	5-8	6-9	11-17
Average field position	Irish23	Irish25	Irish28	Irish32	Irish24	Irish30	Irish28
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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PSU	1st	PSU25	15:00	Kickoff	Irish44	12:26	Punt	5 - 31	02:34
PSU		PSU02	08:35	Punt	PSU20	05:56	Punt	6 - 18	02:39
PSU		PSU42	04:43	Interception	Irish03	14:56	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 55	10:13
PSU	2nd	PSU10	09:35	Punt	Irish00	02:18	*TOUCHDOWN	15 - 90	07:17
PSU	3rd	PSU22	10:40	Kickoff	PSU30	08:41	Punt	3 - 8	01:59
PSU		PSU15	06:32	Punt	PSU32	04:26	Punt	4 - 17	02:06
PSU	4th	PSU25	14:07	Kickoff	Irish00	10:20	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 75	03:47
PSU		Irish39	10:15	Interception	Irish00	07:55	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 39	02:20
PSU		PSU25	04:38	Kickoff	PSU32	02:34	Punt	3 - 7	02:04
PSU		PSU15	00:47	Punt	PSU28	00:33	Interception	2 - 13	00:14
PSU		PSU25	00:07	Kickoff				2 - -4	00:00

Penn St.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	09:24	07:17	04:11	06:24	16:41	02:13	14:28
3rd down conversions	1-5	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-7	1-4	3-11
Average field position	PSU23	PSU10	PSU19	PSU30	PSU20	PSU27	PSU24
4th down conversions	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-2



Drive Chart By Quarter report
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PSU	1st	PSU25	15:00	Kickoff	Irish44	12:26	Punt	5 - 31	02:34
Irish		Irish11	12:26	Punt	PSU41	08:35	Punt	8 - 48	03:51
PSU		PSU02	08:35	Punt	PSU20	05:56	Punt	6 - 18	02:39
Irish		Irish35	05:56	Punt	Irish33	04:43	Interception	3 - -2	01:13
PSU		PSU42	04:43	Interception	Irish03	14:56	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 55	10:13
Irish		2nd				Irish49	09:35	Punt	8 - 24
PSU		PSU10	09:35	Punt	Irish00	02:18	*TOUCHDOWN	15 - 90	07:17
Irish		Irish25	02:18	Kickoff	PSU23	00:00	*FIELD GOAL	13 - 52	02:18
Irish	3rd	Irish25	15:00	Kickoff	PSU00	10:46	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 75	04:14
PSU		PSU22	10:40	Kickoff	PSU30	08:41	Punt	3 - 8	01:59
Irish		Irish30	08:41	Punt	Irish41	06:32	Punt	4 - 11	02:09
PSU		PSU15	06:32	Punt	PSU32	04:26	Punt	4 - 17	02:06
Irish		Irish28	04:26	Punt	PSU00	14:07	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 71	05:19
PSU		4th	PSU25	14:07	Kickoff	Irish00	10:20	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 75
Irish		Irish25	10:20	Kickoff	Irish25	10:15	Interception	1 - 0	00:05
PSU		Irish39	10:15	Interception	Irish00	07:55	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 39	02:20
Irish		Irish19	07:49	Kickoff	PSU00	04:38	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 81	03:11
PSU		PSU25	04:38	Kickoff	PSU32	02:34	Punt	3 - 7	02:04
Irish		Irish24	02:34	Punt	PSU48	00:47	Punt	6 - 28	01:47
PSU		PSU15	00:47	Punt	PSU28	00:33	Interception	2 - 13	00:14
Irish		PSU42	00:33	Interception	PSU23	00:07	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 19	00:26
PSU		PSU25	00:07	Kickoff				2 - -4	00:00



1st Quarter

Notre Dame wins toss and defers; PSU will receive; UND will defend West end-zone.

(15:00) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the PSU00, Touchback.

Penn St. drive starts at 15:00

- 1-10 PSU25 (14:59) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 6 yards gain to the PSU31 (#24 J.Kiser), out of bounds.
- 2-4 PSU31 (14:21) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #10 N.Singleton caught at PSU29, for 23 yards to the Irish46 (#29 C.Gray), 1ST DOWN. P1
- 1-10 Irish46 (13:39) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 1 yard gain to the Irish45 (#15 L.Moore).
- 2-9 Irish45 (13:09) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #5 O.Evans thrown to Irish40.
- 3-9 Irish45 PENALTY PSU False Start (#71 O.loane) 5 yards from Irish45 to Irish50. NO PLAY.
- 3-14 Irish50 (13:06) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #13 K.Allen caught at Irish45, for 6 yards to the Irish44 (#24 J.Kiser; #8 A.Shuler).
- 4-8 Irish44 (12:33) #95 R.Thompson punt 33 yards to the Irish11 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at Irish11. 5 plays, 31 yards, 02:34

Notre Dame drive starts at 12:26

- 1-10 Irish11 (12:25) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #88 M.Evans caught at Irish14, for 6 yards to the Irish17 (#1 J.Reed), out of bounds.
- 2-4 Irish17 (11:47) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush right for 5 yards gain to the Irish22 (#13 T.Rojas), 1ST DOWN. R1
- 1-10 Irish22 (11:21) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 2 yards gain to the Irish24 (#11 A.Carter).
- 2-8 Irish24 (10:44) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 1 yard gain to the Irish25 (#1 J.Reed).
- 3-7 Irish25 (10:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete deep right to #88 M.Evans caught at Irish47, for 32 yards to the PSU43 (#4 A.Harris), 1ST DOWN. P2
- 1-10 PSU43 (09:31) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 A.Williams rush left for 2 yards gain to the PSU41 (#41 K.King; #6 Z.Wheatley).
- 2-8 PSU41 (08:50) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short left to #88 M.Evans thrown to PSU40 broken up by #15 A.Vanover.
- 3-8 PSU41 (08:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short middle to #88 M.Evans thrown to PSU35 broken up by #4 A.Harris.
- 4-8 PSU41 (08:40) #16 J.Rendell punt 39 yards to the PSU02 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU02. 8 plays, 48 yards, 03:51

Penn St. drive starts at 08:35

- 1-10 PSU02 (08:30) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 1 yard gain to the PSU03 (#97 G.Rubio; #56 H.Cross III).
- 2-9 PSU03 (07:50) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 6 yards gain to the PSU09 (#44 J.Tuihalamaka).
- 3-3 PSU09 (07:13) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 6 yards gain to the PSU15 (#41 D.Hinish), 1ST DOWN. R2
- 1-10 PSU15 (06:53) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short middle to #6 H.Wallace III thrown to PSU25.
- 2-10 PSU15 (06:48) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 5 yards gain to the PSU20 (#34 D.Bowen).
- 3-5 PSU20 (06:07) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short middle to #6 H.Wallace III thrown to PSU27 broken up by #1 J.Clark.
- 4-5 PSU20 (06:00) #95 R.Thompson punt 45 yards to the Irish35 #37 M.Hurleman return 0 yards to the Irish35 (#7 Z.Tracy). 6 plays, 18 yards, 02:39

Notre Dame drive starts at 05:56

- 1-10 Irish35 (05:51) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short middle to #2 J.Harrison thrown to Irish48 broken up by #11 A.Carter.
- 2-10 Irish35 (05:50) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush right for 3 yards gain to the Irish38 (#11 A.Carter; #99 C.Izzard).
- 3-7 Irish38 PENALTY Irish False Start (#54 A.Knapp) 5 yards from Irish38 to Irish33. NO PLAY.
- 3-12 Irish33 (04:44) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass intercepted by #6 Z.Wheatley at PSU42 #6 Z.Wheatley return 0 yards to the PSU42 (#2 J.Harrison). 3 plays, -2 yards, 01:13

Penn St. drive starts at 04:43

- 1-10 PSU42 (04:42) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short right to #10 N.Singleton thrown to PSU44.
- 2-10 PSU42 (04:37) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU40, for 13 yards to the Irish45 (#0 X.Watts), 1ST DOWN. P3
- 1-10 Irish45 (04:17) No Huddle-Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 4 yards gain to the Irish41 (#3 J.Sneed).
- 2-6 Irish41 (03:58) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short right to #44 T.Warren thrown to Irish23.
- 3-6 Irish41 (03:53) No Huddle-Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 4 yards gain to the Irish37 (#4 J.Ausberry).
- 4-2 Irish37 (03:08) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 8 yards gain to the Irish29 (#1 J.Clark), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R4
- 1-10 Irish29 (02:35) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 7 yards gain to the Irish22 (#30 B.Young).
- 2-3 Irish22 (01:53) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #85 L.Reynolds caught at Irish15, for 7 yards to the Irish15 (#4 J.Ausberry), 1ST DOWN. P5
- 1-10 Irish15 (01:13) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 6 yards gain to the Irish09 (#24 J.Kiser; #56 H.Cross III), out of bounds.
- 2-4 Irish09 (00:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #10 N.Singleton thrown to Irish00.
- 3-4 Irish09 (00:43) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass intercepted by #29 C.Gray at Irish00 PENALTY Irish Holding (#29 C.Gray) 5 yards from Irish09 to Irish04, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X6
- 1-G Irish04 (00:34) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 3 yards gain to the Irish01 (#27 K.Viliamu-Asa).
- 2-G Irish01 (00:32) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 2 yards loss to the Irish03 (#40 J.Burnham). (14:57) Timeout.
- 3-G Irish03 (14:57) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short right to #10 N.Singleton thrown to Irish01.
- 4-G Irish03 (14:56) #94 R.Barker field goal attempt from 20 yards GOOD (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky), clock 14:56.

Notre Dame 0, Penn St. 3.

14 plays, 55 yards, 04:11

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	0	05:04	1	1	0	2	1-3	0-0	5-13	2-6-1-38	2-10
Penn St.	3	09:24	2	3	1	6	1-5	1-1	13-55	4-11-0-49	1-5



FIRST QUARTER	Irish	PSU
Score	0	3
FIRST DOWNS	2	6
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	5-13	13-55
PASSING YDS (NET)	38	49
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	2-6-1	4-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	11-51	24-104
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-39.0	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	1-5
Possession Time	05:04	09:24
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 5
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-1

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jeremiyah Love	2	6	0	6	0	5	3.0
Riley Leonard	2	5	0	5	0	3	2.5
Aneyas Williams	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Riley Leonard	2-6-1	38	0	32	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Mitchell Evans	4	2	38	13	0	32	
Jayden Harrison	2	0	0	0	0	0	

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	1	39	39.0	39	1	0
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Max Hurleman	1	0	0	0		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL		
Jack Kiser	1-2	3	0.0	0.0		
Howard Cross III	0-2	2	0.0	0.0		
Jaiden Ausberry	2-0	2	0.0	0.0		
Adon Shuler	0-1	1	0.0	0.0		

PENN ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	6	29	0	29	0	8	4.8
Kaytron Allen	7	28	2	26	0	7	3.7

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Drew Allar	4-11-0	49	0	23	0	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Nicholas Singleton	4	1	23	25	0	23
Tyler Warren	2	1	13	15	0	13
Luke Reynolds	1	1	7	0	0	7
Kaytron Allen	1	1	6	1	0	6
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	2	78	39.0	45	1	0
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Abdul Carter	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Jaylen Reed	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
AJ Harris	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Coziah Izzard	0-1	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	14:56	PSU - #94 R.Barker 20 yd FG, 14-55, 10:13	0-3



2nd Quarter

Notre Dame drive starts at

- 1-10 Irish25 (14:52) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 4 yards loss to the Irish21 (#92 S.Vilbert; #1 J.Reed).
- 2-14 Irish21 (14:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush left for 12 yards gain to the Irish33 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #29 A.Collins).
- 3-2 Irish33 (13:34) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 3 yards gain to the Irish36 (#99 C.Izzard), 1ST DOWN. R3
- #54 A.Knapp injured on the play.
- 1-10 Irish36 (12:57) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #10 K.Mitchell caught at Irish43, for 7 yards to the Irish43, out of bounds at Irish43.
- 2-3 Irish43 (12:22) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 3 yards gain to the Irish46 (#41 K.King; #13 T.Rojas), 1ST DOWN. R4
- 1-10 Irish46 (11:41) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush right for 4 yards gain to the Irish50 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
- 2-6 Irish50 (11:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard sacked for loss of 4 yards to the Irish46 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
- 3-10 Irish46 (10:22) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #1 J.Greathouse caught at Irish45, for 3 yards to the Irish49 (#28 Z.Durant).
- 4-7 Irish49 (09:41) #16 J.Rendell punt 41 yards to the PSU10 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU10.

8 plays, 24 yards, 00:00

Penn St. drive starts at 09:35

- 1-10 PSU10 (09:34) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short right to #10 N.Singleton thrown to PSU28.
- 2-10 PSU10 (09:27) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 20 yards gain to the PSU30 (#0 X.Watts), 1ST DOWN. R7
- 1-10 PSU30 (09:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 2 yards gain to the PSU32 (#3 J.Sneed; #56 H.Cross III).
- 2-8 PSU32 (08:27) Shotgun #44 T.Warren rush right for 12 yards gain to the PSU44 (#4 J.Ausberry), 1ST DOWN. R8
- 1-10 PSU44 (07:45) Shotgun #44 T.Warren rush left for 9 yards gain to the Irish47, out of bounds at Irish47.
- 2-1 Irish47 (07:09) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 10 yards gain to the Irish37 (#0 X.Watts; #34 D.Bowen), 1ST DOWN. R9
- 1-10 Irish37 (06:51) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush left for 5 yards gain to the Irish32, out of bounds at Irish32.
- 2-5 Irish32 (06:12) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 8 yards gain to the Irish24 (#40 J.Burnham; #24 J.Kiser), 1ST DOWN. R10
- 1-10 Irish24 (05:54) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 5 yards gain to the Irish19 (#2 R.Heard II).
- 2-5 Irish19 (05:30) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 0 yards to the Irish19 (#3 J.Sneed).
- 3-5 Irish19 (04:55) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 3 yards gain to the Irish16 (#3 J.Sneed; #30 B.Young).
- 4-2 Irish16 (04:07) #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #44 T.Warren caught at Irish18, for 4 yards to the Irish12 (#34 D.Bowen; #30 B.Young), 1ST DOWN. P11
- 1-10 Irish12 (03:24) #10 N.Singleton rush left for 5 yards gain to the Irish07 (#24 J.Kiser).
- 2-5 Irish07 (02:59) #13 K.Allen rush left for 2 yards gain to the Irish05 (#24 J.Kiser; #2 R.Heard II).
- 3-3 Irish05 (02:21) #10 N.Singleton rush right for 5 yards gain to the Irish00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 02:18, 1ST DOWN. R12
- Irish03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

Notre Dame 0, Penn St. 10.

15 plays, 90 yards, 07:17

(02:18) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the Irish00, Touchback.

Notre Dame drive starts at 02:18

- 1-10 Irish25 (02:18) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #20 A.Williams caught at Irish29, for 9 yards to the Irish34 (#0 D.DeLuca). P5
- (02:00) Timeout.
- 2-1 Irish34 (01:58) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short middle to #88 M.Evans caught at Irish38, for 6 yards to the Irish40 (#3 J.Kimber), 1ST DOWN.
- 1-10 Irish40 (01:40) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short left to #6 J.Faison thrown to Irish42 QB hurried by #28 Z.Durant and #91 D.J.Thomas.
- 2-10 Irish40 (01:38) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short left to #20 A.Williams caught at Irish35, for 5 yards to the Irish45 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton), out of bounds.
- 3-5 Irish45 (01:34) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short middle to #6 J.Faison caught at PSU48, for 14 yards to the PSU41 (#5 C.Miller), 1ST DOWN. P6
- 1-10 PSU41 (01:21) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli sacked for loss of 4 yards to the PSU45 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton), fumble by #18 S.Angeli recovered by Irish #59 A.Wagner at PSU45, End Of Play.
- (01:10) Timeout by UND.
- 2-14 PSU45 (01:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short right to #20 A.Williams caught at PSU40, for 12 yards to the PSU33 (#9 E.Washington II).
- 3-2 PSU33 (00:48) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short right to #88 M.Evans caught at PSU30, for 5 yards to the PSU28 (#6 Z.Wheatley), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P7
- 1-10 PSU28 (00:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass incomplete deep left thrown to PSU05.
- 2-10 PSU28 (00:38) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short middle to #1 J.Greathouse caught at PSU24, for 4 yards to the PSU24 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
- (00:20) Timeout by PSU.
- 3-6 PSU24 PENALTY PSU Offside (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton) 5 yards from PSU24 to PSU19. NO PLAY.
- 3-1 PSU19 (00:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli pass complete short right to #20 A.Williams caught at PSU20, for 4 yards to the PSU15 (#9 E.Washington II), 1ST DOWN. P8
- 1-10 PSU15 (00:11) No Huddle-Shotgun #18 S.Angeli sacked for loss of 8 yards to the PSU23 (#11 A.Carter).
- (00:02) Timeout by UND.
- 2-18 PSU23 (00:00) #98 M.Jeter field goal attempt from 41 yards GOOD (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #96 J.Vinci), clock 00:00.

Notre Dame 3, Penn St. 10.

13 plays, 52 yards, 02:18

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	3	02:18	2	4	0	6	4-5	0-0	8-2	10-12-0-69	0-0
Penn St.	7	07:17	5	1	0	6	1-2	1-1	13-86	1-2-0-4	1-5



SECOND QUARTER	Irish	PSU
Score	3	7
FIRST DOWNS	6	6
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	8-2	13-86
PASSING YDS (NET)	69	4
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	10-12-0	1-2-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	20-71	15-90
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)	1-41.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-5
Possession Time	02:18	07:17
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 5	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-1

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jadarian Price	2	12	4	8	0	12	4.0
Jeremiyah Love	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Riley Leonard	3	6	4	2	0	3	0.7
Aamil Wagner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Steve Angeli	6-7-0	44	0	14	2		
Riley Leonard	4-5-0	25	0	9	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Aneyas Williams	4	4	30	27	0	12	
Mitchell Evans	2	2	11	4	0	6	
Jaden Greathouse	2	2	7	4	0	4	
Jordan Faison	2	1	14	7	0	14	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
James Rendell	1	41	41.0	41	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Jack Kiser	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Jaylen Sneed	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Bryce Young	0-2	2	0.0	0.0			
Drayk Bowen	0-2	2	0.0	0.0			

PENN ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kaytron Allen	6	37	0	37	0	20	6.2
Nicholas Singleton	4	23	0	23	1	10	5.8
Tyler Warren	2	21	0	21	0	12	10.5
Drew Allar	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Drew Allar	1-2-0	4	0	4	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Tyler Warren	1	1	4	6	0	4	
Nicholas Singleton	1	0	0	0	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			
Zakee Wheatley	4-1	5	1.0	1.0			
Dani Dennis-Sutton	2-0	2	1.0	1.0			
Elliot Washington II	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			
Abdul Carter	1-0	1	1.0	1.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	02:18	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 5 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 15-90, 07:17	0-7
2nd	00:00	Irish - #98 M.Jeter 41 yd FG, 13-52, 02:18	3-7



3rd Quarter

(15:00) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the Irish00, Touchback.

Notre Dame drive starts at 15:00

- 1-10 Irish25 PENALTY Irish Delay Of Game 5 yards from Irish25 to Irish20. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 Irish20 (14:56) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 6 yards gain to the Irish26 (#4 A.Harris).
- 2-9 Irish26 (14:33) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush right for 9 yards gain to the Irish35 (#6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN. R9
- 1-10 Irish35 (14:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 9 yards gain to the Irish44 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
- 2-1 Irish44 (13:24) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush left for 1 yard gain to the Irish45 (#99 C.Izzard; #28 Z.Durant), 1ST DOWN. R10
- 1-10 Irish45 (12:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete deep right to #20 A.Williams caught at PSU27, for 36 yards to the PSU19 (#41 K.King), 1ST DOWN. P11
- 1-10 PSU19 (12:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 A.Williams rush left for 15 yards gain to the PSU04 (#1 J.Reed), 1ST DOWN. R12
- 1-G PSU04 (11:40) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush right for 1 yard gain to the PSU03 (#1 J.Reed; #15 A.Vanover).
- 2-G PSU03 (10:46) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 3 yards gain to the PSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 10:46.
- PSU03 #98 M.Jeter kick attempt good (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte).

Notre Dame 10, Penn St. 10.

8 plays, 75 yards, 04:14

(10:46) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 64 yards to the PSU01 #10 N.Singleton return 21 yards to the PSU22 (#28 L.Talich).

Penn St. drive starts at 10:40

- 1-10 PSU22 (10:36) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 2 yards gain to the PSU24 (#97 G.Rubio; #9 R.Oben).
- 2-8 PSU24 (09:54) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU26, for 6 yards to the PSU30 (#0 X.Watts), out of bounds.
- 3-2 PSU30 (09:22) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 0 yards to the PSU30 (#29 C.Gray).
- 4-2 PSU30 (08:44) #95 R.Thompson punt 40 yards to the Irish30 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at Irish30.

3 plays, 8 yards, 01:59

Notre Dame drive starts at 08:41

- 1-10 Irish30 (08:39) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #6 J.Faison caught at Irish28, for 11 yards to the Irish41 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #0 D.DeLuca), 1ST DOWN. P13
- 1-10 Irish41 (08:03) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 2 yards gain to the Irish43 (#41 K.King).
- 2-8 Irish43 (07:21) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush left for 2 yards loss to the Irish41 (#11 A.Carter).
- 3-10 Irish41 (06:45) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short middle to #88 M.Evans thrown to Irish45 broken up by #5 C.Miller.
- 4-10 Irish41 (06:39) #16 J.Rendell punt 44 yards to the PSU15 #7 Z.Tracy return 0 yards to the PSU15 (#28 L.Talich).

4 plays, 11 yards, 02:09

Penn St. drive starts at 06:32

- 1-10 PSU15 (06:32) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU25, for 22 yards to the PSU37 (#0 X.Watts), 1ST DOWN. P13
- 1-10 PSU37 (06:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 3 yards gain to the PSU40 (#8 A.Shuler).
- 2-7 PSU40 (05:56) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush middle for 0 yards to the PSU40 (#34 D.Bowen).
- 3-7 PSU40 (05:11) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar sacked for loss of 8 yards to the PSU32 (#2 R.Heard II).
- 4-15 PSU32 (04:34) #95 R.Thompson punt 48 yards to the Irish20 #37 M.Hurleman return 8 yards to the Irish28 (#2 L.Clifford).

4 plays, 17 yards, 02:06

Notre Dame drive starts at 04:26

- 1-10 Irish28 (04:24) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #88 M.Evans caught at Irish30, for 9 yards to the Irish37 (#41 K.King).
- 2-1 Irish37 (03:39) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 0 yards to the Irish37 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #99 C.Izzard).
- 3-1 Irish37 (02:51) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 2 yards gain to the Irish39 (#99 C.Izzard), 1ST DOWN. R14
- 1-10 Irish39 (02:06) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard sacked for loss of 2 yards to the Irish37 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton).
- 2-12 Irish37 (01:31) Shotgun #4 J.Love rush middle for 3 yards gain to the Irish40 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton).
- 3-9 Irish40 (00:55) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #1 J.Greathouse caught at PSU43, for 17 yards to the PSU43, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN. P15
- 1-10 PSU43 (00:26) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 5 yards gain to the PSU38, out of bounds at PSU38.
- 2-5 PSU38 (00:01) Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 3 yards gain to the PSU35 (#1 J.Reed).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	7	10:49	4	3	0	7	2-3	0-0	15-55	4-5-0-73	1-5
Penn St.	0	04:11	0	1	0	1	0-2	0-0	5--3	2-2-0-28	0-0



THIRD QUARTER	Irish	PSU
Score	7	0
FIRST DOWNS	7	1
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	15-55	5--3
PASSING YDS (NET)	73	28
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	4-5-0	2-2-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	20-128	7-25
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-8	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-21
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-44.0	2-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	0-0
Possession Time	10:49	04:11
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 3	0 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-0

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jeremiyah Love	5	30	0	30	0	9	6.0
Aneyas Williams	1	15	0	15	0	15	15.0
Riley Leonard	6	11	2	9	1	5	1.5
Jadarian Price	3	3	2	1	0	2	0.3
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Riley Leonard	4-5-0	73	0	36	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Aneyas Williams	1	1	36	8	0	36	
Jaden Greathouse	1	1	17	0	0	17	
Jordan Faison	1	1	11	13	0	11	
Mitchell Evans	2	1	9	7	0	9	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
James Rendell	1	44	44.0	44	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Max Hurleman	1	8	0	8			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Luke Talich	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Xavier Watts	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Adon Shuler	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Christian Gray	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

PENN ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Kaytron Allen	2	2	0	2	0	2	1.0
Drew Allar	2	0	8	-8	0	0	-4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Drew Allar	2-2-0	28	0	22	1	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tyler Warren	2	2	28	16	0	22

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	2	88	44.0	48	0	0
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Zion Tracy	1	0	0	0		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nicholas Singleton	1	21	0	21

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Zakee Wheatley	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Coziah Izzard	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Jaylen Reed	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Kobe King	3-0	3	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	10:46	Irish - #13 R.Leonard 3 yd rush (#98 M.Jeter kick), 8-75, 04:14	7-0



4th Quarter

- 3-1 PSU34 (14:52) Shotgun #83 J.Thomas rush left for 18 yards gain to the PSU16 (#41 K.King; #6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN. R16
- 1-10 PSU16 (14:18) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right to #9 E.Raridon thrown to PSU00 PENALTY PSU Pass X17
Interference (#41 K.King) 14 yards from PSU16 to PSU02, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.
- 1-G PSU02 (14:07) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 2 yards gain to the PSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 14:07.
- PSU03 #98 M.Jeter kick attempt good (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte).

Notre Dame 17, Penn St. 10.

10 plays, 71 yards, 05:19

(14:07) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 64 yards to the PSU01 fair catch by #10 N.Singleton at PSU01.

Penn St. drive starts at 14:07

- 1-10 PSU25 (14:03) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU42, for 27 yards to the Irish48 (#24 J.Kiser), 1ST DOWN. P14

#44 T.Warren injured on the play.

- 1-10 Irish48 (13:38) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #16 K.Dinkins caught at Irish48, for 1 yard to the Irish47 (#97 G.Rubio; #27 K.Viliamu-Asa).
- 2-9 Irish47 (13:01) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush middle for 9 yards gain to the Irish38 (#9 R.Oben; #27 K.Viliamu-Asa), 1ST DOWN. R15
- 1-10 Irish38 (12:19) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #16 K.Dinkins caught at Irish35, for 20 yards to the Irish18 (#34 D.Bowen), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P16
- 1-10 Irish18 (11:46) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 10 yards gain to the Irish08 (#8 A.Shuler; #0 X.Watts), 1ST DOWN. R17
- 1-G Irish08 (11:01) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 1 yard gain to the Irish07 (#97 G.Rubio; #27 K.Viliamu-Asa).
- 2-G Irish07 (10:20) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush middle for 7 yards gain to the Irish00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 10:20.
- Irish03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

Notre Dame 17, Penn St. 17.

7 plays, 75 yards, 03:47

(10:20) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the Irish00, Touchback.

Notre Dame drive starts at 10:20

- 1-10 Irish25 (10:18) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass intercepted by #33 D.Dennis-Sutton at Irish39, End Of Play. P14
1 plays, 0 yards, 00:05

Penn St. drive starts at 10:15

- 1-10 Irish39 (10:10) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 4 yards gain to the Irish35 (#0 X.Watts).
- 2-6 Irish35 (09:34) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #6 H.Wallace III thrown to Irish31.
- 3-6 Irish35 (09:32) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush middle for 11 yards gain to the Irish24 (#0 X.Watts; #34 D.Bowen), 1ST DOWN. R18
- 1-10 Irish24 (08:48) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass intercepted by #24 J.Kiser at Irish00 PENALTY Irish Pass Interference (#8 A.Shuler) 15 yards from Irish24 to Irish09, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X19
- 1-G Irish09 (08:38) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 2 yards gain to the Irish07 (#34 D.Bowen; #3 J.Sneed).
- 2-G Irish07 (07:55) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 7 yards gain to the Irish00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:55.
- Irish03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

Notre Dame 17, Penn St. 24.

5 plays, 39 yards, 02:20

(07:55) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the Irish00 #2 J.Harrison return 19 yards to the Irish19, End Of Play.

Notre Dame drive starts at 07:49

- 1-10 Irish19 (07:47) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush right for 4 yards loss to the Irish15 (#28 Z.Durant).
- 2-14 Irish15 (07:17) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #1 J.Greathouse caught at Irish17, for 11 yards to the Irish26, out of bounds at Irish26.
- 3-3 Irish26 (06:40) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #1 J.Greathouse caught at Irish31, for 6 yards to the Irish32 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #41 K.King), 1ST DOWN. P18
- 1-10 Irish32 (06:01) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #4 J.Love caught at Irish34, for 6 yards to the Irish38 (#41 K.King).
- 2-4 Irish38 (05:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 6 yards gain to the Irish44 (#43 T.Elston), 1ST DOWN. R19
- 1-10 Irish44 (05:12) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 2 yards gain to the Irish46 (#3 J.Kimber; #33 D.Dennis-Sutton).
- 2-8 Irish46 (04:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short right to #1 J.Greathouse caught at PSU35, for 54 yards to the PSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 04:38, 1ST DOWN. P20
- PSU03 #98 M.Jeter kick attempt good (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #39 R.Monteforte).

Notre Dame 24, Penn St. 24.

7 plays, 81 yards, 03:11

(04:38) #98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the PSU00, Touchback.

Penn St. drive starts at 04:38

- 1-10 PSU25 PENALTY PSU False Start (#10 N.Singleton) 5 yards from PSU25 to PSU20. NO PLAY.
- 1-15 PSU20 (04:34) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #10 N.Singleton caught at PSU26, for 10 yards to the PSU30 (#24 J.Kiser).
- 2-5 PSU30 (04:01) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 2 yards gain to the PSU32 (#24 J.Kiser; #44 J.Tuihalamaka).
- 3-3 PSU32 (03:14) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush left for 0 yards to the PSU32 (#30 B.Young; #34 D.Bowen).
- 4-3 PSU32 (02:37) #95 R.Thompson punt 44 yards to the Irish24 fair catch by #37 M.Hurleman at Irish24.
3 plays, 7 yards, 02:04

Notre Dame drive starts at 02:34

- 1-10 Irish24 (02:29) No Huddle-Shotgun #24 J.Price rush left for 8 yards gain to the Irish32 (#6 Z.Wheatley). (02:00) Timeout.
- 2-2 Irish32 (01:55) No Huddle-Shotgun #4 J.Love rush left for 1 yard gain to the Irish33 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton; #91 D.J.Thomas).
- 3-1 Irish33 (01:27) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush middle for 3 yards gain to the Irish36 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #11 A.Carter), 1ST DOWN. R21
- #3 J.Kimber injured on the play.*
- 1-10 Irish36 (01:15) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard sacked for loss of 3 yards to the Irish33 (#11 A.Carter) PENALTY PSU Personal Foul (#28 Z.Durant) 15 yards from Irish36 to PSU49, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X22
- 1-10 PSU49 (01:07) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush left for 5 yards gain to the PSU44, out of bounds at PSU44.



- 2-5 PSU44 (00:59) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete short right thrown to PSU35 QB hurried by #11 A.Carter.
- 3-5 PSU44 (00:57) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard sacked for loss of 4 yards to the PSU48 (#99 C.Izzard).
 (00:52) Timeout by PSU.
- 4-9 PSU48 (00:49) #16 J.Rendell punt 33 yards to the PSU15 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU15.
6 plays, 28 yards, 01:47

Penn St. drive starts at 00:47

- 1-10 PSU15 (00:41) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 13 yards gain to the PSU28 (#24 J.Kiser; #3 J.Sneed), 1ST DOWN. R20
- 1-10 PSU28 (00:37) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass intercepted by #29 C.Gray at PSU42 QB hurried by #3 J.Sneed, End Of Play. The previous play is under automatic review - "Interception". PLAY CONFIRMED.
2 plays, 13 yards, 00:14

Notre Dame drive starts at 00:33

- 1-10 PSU42 (00:29) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush right for 5 yards gain to the PSU37 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
 (00:29) Timeout by UND.
- 2-5 PSU37 (00:24) Shotgun #13 R.Leonard rush right for 2 yards gain to the PSU35 (#41 K.King; #4 A.Harris).
 (00:23) Timeout by UND.
- 3-3 PSU35 (00:18) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass complete short left to #1 J.Greathouse caught at PSU30, for 10 yards to the PSU25 (#9 E.Washington II; #7 Z.Tracy), 1ST DOWN. P23
- 1-10 PSU25 (00:14) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 R.Leonard pass incomplete, Spike.
- 2-10 PSU25 (00:10) Kneel down by #13 R.Leonard at PSU25 for loss of 0 yards.
- 3-10 PSU25 (00:11) No Huddle #13 R.Leonard rush right for 2 yards gain to the PSU23 (#6 Z.Wheatley).
- 4-8 PSU23 (00:07) #98 M.Jeter field goal attempt from 41 yards GOOD (H: #26 C.Salerno, LS: #96 J.Vinci), clock 00:07.

Notre Dame 27, Penn St. 24.

7 plays, 19 yards, 00:26

#98 M.Jeter kickoff 65 yards to the PSU00, Touchback.

Penn St. drive starts at 00:07

- 1-10 PSU25 Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left thrown to PSU35.
- 2-10 PSU25 Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU32, for 4 yards loss to the PSU21 lateral to #6 H.Wallace III for 3 yards loss to the PSU25 lateral to #15 D.Allar for 0 yards to the PSU25 fumbled by #15 D.Allar at PSU25, out of bounds at PSU21.

2 plays, -4 yards, 14:49

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Notre Dame	17	06:28	3	3	2	8	4-6	0-0	14-46	5-8-1-87	1-15
Penn St.	14	06:24	4	2	1	7	1-2	0-0	11-66	5-8-1-54	3-34



FOURTH QUARTER	Irish	PSU
Score	17	14
FIRST DOWNS	8	7
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	14-46	11-66
PASSING YDS (NET)	87	54
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	5-8-1	5-8-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	22-133	19-120
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-19	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-33.0	1-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-15	3-34
Possession Time	06:28	06:24
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 6	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	2-2

NOTRE DAME

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Riley Leonard	7	23	4	19	0	6	2.7
Jayden Thomas	1	18	0	18	0	18	18.0
Jeremiyah Love	3	5	0	5	1	2	1.7
Jadarian Price	2	8	4	4	0	8	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Riley Leonard	5-7-1	87	1	54	1
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jaden Greathouse	4	4	81	50	1	54
Jeremiyah Love	1	1	6	4	0	6
Mitchell Evans	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
James Rendell	1	33	33.0	33	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jayden Harrison	1	19	0	19

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Drayk Bowen	1-3	4	0.0	0.0
Jack Kiser	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Kyngstonn Viliamu-Asa	0-3	3	0.0	0.0
Xavier Watts	1-2	3	0.0	0.0

Qtr Time Scoring Play

4th 14:07	Irish - #4 J.Love 2 yd rush (#98 M.Jeter kick), 10-71, 05:19
4th 10:20	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 7 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 7-75, 03:47
4th 07:55	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 7 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 5-39, 02:20
4th 04:38	Irish - #1 J.Greathouse 54 yd pass from #13 R.Leonard (#98 M.Jeter kick), 7-81, 03:11
4th 00:07	Irish - #98 M.Jeter 41 yd FG, 7-19, 00:26

PENN ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	4	29	0	29	2	13	7.2
Drew Allar	3	20	0	20	0	11	6.7
Kaytron Allen	4	17	0	17	0	10	4.2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Drew Allar	5-8-1	54	0	27	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tyler Warren	2	2	30	6	0	27
Khalil Dinkins	2	2	21	18	0	20
Nicholas Singleton	1	1	10	4	0	10
Omari Evans	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	1	44	44.0	44	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Zakee Wheatley	3-3	6	0.0	0.0
Kobe King	1-3	4	0.0	0.0
Dani Dennis-Sutton	0-2	2	0.0	0.0
Abdul Carter	0-1	1	0.0	0.0

V-H

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Seed 7 Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Seed 6 Penn State Nittany Lions

2025 Capital One Orange Bowl January 9, 2025
Hard Rock Stadium – Miami Gardens, Fla.

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 7:45 p.m. ET

End of Game: 11:21 (Time elapsed: 3:35)

Attendance: 66,881

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Offense: Rliey Leonard (ND) Defense: Christian Gray (ND)

GAME TIME CONDITIONS:

Hard Rock Stadium – Miami Gardens, FL:

56°, 55% relative humidity, clear skies, winds from North at 7 mph.

South Bend, Indiana: 22°, clear skies. **State College Pennsylvania: 21°**, clear skies

End of Game temperature in Miami Gardens: 53°

GAME CAPTAINS:

Notre Dame: (Gold Helmets, White Jerseys, Gold Pants:

0 Dominc DeLuca, 1 Jayden Reed, 41 Kobe King, Olaivavega Ioane

Penn State: (White Helmets, Navy Jerseys, White Pants):

0 Deion Colzie, 20 Aneyas Williams, 24 Jack Kiser, 56 Howard Cross III, 99 Rylie Mills

COIN TOSS:

Notre Dame (visitor) calls HEADS, wins the toss and elects to defer. **Penn State** will receive and defend the East goal.

MERCURY RISING? Tonight’s game time temperature was 56° – the 2nd coldest game time temperature in Orange Bowl history...According to the National Weather Service, the Miami-area all-time highs and lows for January 9 are 87° in 2016 and 51° in 1970.

Coldest Orange Bowl Game Time Temperatures

49° - Georgia Tech-Iowa Jan. 5, 2010

56° - Notre Dame-Penn State Jan. 9, 2025

57° - Wisconsin-Clemson Jan. 4, 2012

59° - Wisconsin-Miami Dec. 30 2017

61° - Michigan-Florida State Dec. 30, 2016

THE DAILY NEWS: Tonight’s January 9th game date is the latest by day of the month for an Orange Bowl. (Previous date: January 5 in 2010)...Tonight is the 14th THURSDAY game and first since December 31, 2015.

LOOKING AHEAD: The 2026 Capital One Orange Bowl CFP Semi-Final game will be contested on New Year’s Night 2026 – 357 days from tonight. The 2026 National Championship will be decided here in Miami on Monday, January 19.

CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL NOTES 2-2-2

BEEN THERE, DOING THAT: Tonight's Capital One Orange Bowl marked the 6th appearance for Penn State (4-2) and 7th for Notre Dame (3-4). The Nittany Lions and Irish had never met in the Orange Bowl.

10-10 IT IS: Tonight's 10-10 stalemate after three quarters is the first in Orange Bowl play since Jan. 2, 2007 when Louisville and Wake Forest deadlocked, 10-10.

ZEROS: Tonight's scoreless first quarter was the first in Orange Bowl play since Jan. 2, 2007 – Louisville vs Wake Forest (Louisville won, 24-13.)...it is the fourth straight Orange Bowl Classic where a team was held without a touchdown in the first half.

ATTENDING A CLASSIC: Tonight's Capital One Orange Bowl attendance – 66,881, 91 Orange Bowls have entertained 5,763,443 fans (63,335 average).

WHAT A RUSH: Penn State's Nicholas Singleton's THREE rushing touchdowns ties the Orange Bowl record.

Orange Bowl Most Touchdowns In A Game:

Johnny Rodgers (Nebraska) vs. Notre Dame, Jan. 1, 1973

Scott Frost (Nebraska) vs. Tennessee Jan. 2, 1998

Shaun Alexander (Alabama) vs. Michigan, Jan. 2, 2000

Justin Thomas (Georgia Tech) vs. Mississippi State, Dec. 31, 2014

Synjyn Days (Georgia Tech) vs. Mississippi State, Dec. 31, 2014

Nicholas Singleton (Penn State) vs. Notre Dame, Jan. 9, 2025

TO THE HOUSE: Jaden Greathouse (Notre Dame), logged 105 receiving yards on 7 receptions and a touchdown (54 yards)...it is the 33rd time a player has gained 100-plus yards (five 105 yard games).

BREAKING THE ICE: The team to score first has won 11 of the last 14 Orange Bowl Classics...Prior to tonight, the last team to score first and lose - Oklahoma, 37-17 to Clemson (12/31/15).

MORE THAN HALF THE STORY: Notre Dame became the first team in the last eight Orange Bowls to win after trailing at halftime.

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NOTRE DAME

Football



FINAL SCORE

(7) No. 3/3 Notre Dame (14-1) 27, (13-3) No. 5/5 Penn State (13-2) 24

TEAM NOTES

- Notre Dame won the toss and deferred its choice to the second half. The Irish kicked off and defended the end zone to the south.
- The game time temperature was 56 degrees, marking the second-coldest temperature to begin an Orange Bowl game.
- Attendance: 66,881
- Notre Dame improves to 10-9-1 against Penn State and 2-0 in bowl games (the 1977 Gator Bowl, a 20-9 Irish win).
- Notre Dame is now 3-3 all-time in the Orange Bowl and 1-2 in Hard Rock Stadium.
- Notre Dame is 3-0 this season against Big Ten Conference teams and 316-169-22 all-time.
- Notre Dame is 13-17-0 all-time in the month of January and are playing their first game ever on January 9.
- Notre Dame leads all FBS teams this season in ranked victories with seven.
- This is the first time Notre Dame has beat back-to-back top-five AP teams since 1988 - at No. 2 Southern Cal and vs. No. 2 West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. This also occurred in 1943 vs. No. 3 Navy in Cleveland and No. 3 Army in Yankee Stadium
- Marcus Freeman has 14 ranked wins in his first three seasons at Notre Dame
- Riley Leonard's three-yard touchdown run in the third quarter is the 43rd rushing score of the season for Notre Dame, establishing a new program record (previous season high was 42 in 1989).

NOTABLE

- Jack Kiser extended his Notre Dame program record for games played in a career appearing in his 69th game this evening. Howard Cross III ranks second all-time in games played at Notre Dame and appeared in his 65th career contest today.
- Xavier Watts started his 32nd consecutive game today, the second-most for an Irish safety in program history (Jalen Elliott, 39 from 2017-19) and the 15th-most for any defensive player in Notre Dame history.
- Left tackle Anthonie Knapp extended his program-record for starts by a true freshman tonight to 15 games.
- Playing in their home state in tonight's Orange Bowl - WR Jordan Faison (Fort Lauderdale), WR Kris Mitchell (Jacksonville), NT Sean Sevillano Jr. (Clearwater), LB Tre Reader (Tampa) and WR Jack Polian (Ponta Verda).
- Riley Leonard, Jeremiyah Love, Beaux Collins, Anthonie Knapp, Aamil Wagner, Jack Kiser, Drayk Bowen, Adon Shuler and Xavier Watts made their Notre Dame-record-extending 15th start of the season tonight.
- With a two-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, Jeremiyah Love has now recorded a rushing TD in 14 of 15 games this season, the most games with a touchdown run in a single season in program history.
- Christian Gray's interception late in the fourth quarter gave Notre Dame its 32nd takeaway of the season, the most of any team at the FCS level on the year.

FIRSTS

- Sack in a Notre Dame uniform - and third of his career for Rod Heard II.

CAREER HIGHS

- Five catches for 66 yards - career-high for receptions in a game and receiving yardage for freshman running back Anevas Williams.
- Jaden Greathouse's 105-yard performance is the most in a game in his career.
- 54-yard reception (which also went for a touchdown) - sophomore wide receiver Jaden Greathouse, surpassed his 42-yard reception against Navy this season.

January 10, 2025

Postgame Notes: No. 6 seed Penn State vs. No. 7 seed Notre Dame (Capital One Orange Bowl/CFP Semifinal)

TEAM

- Penn State is now 9-10-1 all-time against Notre Dame, including 0-2 in bowl games.
- The Nittany Lions are now 4-1 in Orange Bowl appearances.
- The Nittany Lions played 16 games in a season for the first time in program history.

STREAKS

Special Teams

- Penn State has not allowed a special teams touchdown in 77-straight games, dating back to the start of the 2019 season.

BOWL/CFP RECORDS

OFFENSE

- RB **Nicholas Singleton** scored three rushing touchdowns. He tied Ki-Jana Carter (three rushing touchdowns in 1995 Rose Bowl) for the PSU bowl/CFP game record.
- Singleton is the seventh player to score three rushing touchdowns in the Orange Bowl, matching the bowl's record. The last players to rush for three touchdowns in the Orange Bowl was 2014 (Georgia Tech's Synjyn Days and Justin Thomas vs. Mississippi State).
- Singleton is also tied with Carter, Curtis Enis (1997 Fiesta Bowl) and Saquon Barkley (2017 Rose Bowl) for the most total touchdowns (rushing or receiving) in a PSU bowl/CFP game.
- With 431 career rushing yards in bowl/CFP games, Singleton ranks second in Penn State history, behind only Curt Warner (474).
- With 23 career receptions in bowl/CFP games, TE **Tyler Warren** holds the all-time Penn State record. On the night, he moved past Chris Godwin (22).
- Warren moved into second all-time at PSU in career receiving yards in bowl/CFP games with 313. He trails only Chris Godwin (460).
- With 728 career passing yards in bowl/CFP games, QB **Drew Allar** ranks second in Penn State history, behind only Trace McSorley (984).

DEFENSE

- Penn State forced nine takeaways in three CFP games (eight interceptions, one fumble).
- With 16 tackles against the Irish, S [Zakee Wheatley](#) tied Kurt Allerman (16; 1976 Gator Bowl) for the third-most tackles in a PSU bowl/CFP game.
- With two sacks on the night, DE [Dani Dennis-Sutton](#) is tied with 10 others for the second-most sacks in a PSU bowl/CFP game. The last Nittany Lion to do that was Curtis Jacobs in the 2023 Rose Bowl.

OFFENSE

Team

- Penn State scored on a field goal to conclude a 14-play, 55-yard drive spanning the end of the first and beginning of the second quarters.
- The Nittany Lions found the end zone on a 15-play, 90-yard drive in the second quarter. It was Penn State's seventh scoring drive of 90+ yards this season.
- On the season, Penn State scored on 19 drives of 10+ plays, seven drives of 14+ plays and three drives of 15+ plays.
- With five plays of 20+ yards (four passing, one rushing) on Thursday, Penn State finished the year with 77 plays of 20+ yards this season (54 passing, 23 rushing).
- The Nittany Lions rushed for 204 yards, averaging 4.9 yards per carry. Since 2014, Penn State has recorded 200 rushing yards on 53 occasions. Penn State is 47-6 in those games.

Drew Allar

- QB [Drew Allar](#) completed 12 passes for 135 yards.
- He had four completions of 20+ yards to finish the season with 51 completions of 20+ yards.
- With 3,327 passing yards this season, Allar ranks third at Penn State. On the night, he jumped Matt McGloin (3,271; 2012).
- Allar finished the season with 262 completions, ranking fourth at Penn State. On the night, he moved past Sean Clifford (261; 2021).

- He now has 843 career pass attempts, sitting sixth all-time at Penn State. On Thursday, he jumped Anthony Morelli (821; 2004-07) and Tony Sacca (824; 1988-91).
- Allar finished the 2024 campaign with 394 pass attempts, ranking sixth at Penn State. On the night, he passed Daryll Clark (381; 2009), Anthony Morelli (386; 2006), Trace McSorley (387; 2016), himself (389; 2023) and Christian Hackenberg (392; 2013).
- The junior's 66.5 completion percentage (262-of-394) is tied for third in a season at Penn State with Trace McSorley (2017).
- Allar's 62.9 career completion percentage (530-of-843) ranks first all-time at PSU.
- Allar's 153.5 passing efficiency this season sits fourth at Penn State.
- His 144.0 career passing efficiency ranks third all-time at Penn State.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 55-of-110, 728 yds, 5 TD/1 INT; 29 rush, 63 yds (long 24); 1 rec, 10 yds**

Kaytron Allen

- RB [Kaytron Allen](#) rushed for 82 yards on 19 carries.
- He had a 20-yard rush in the second quarter.
- With 2,877 career rushing yards, Allen ranks 11th all-time at Penn State. On the night, he passed Matt Suhey (2,818; 1976-79) and Ki-Jana Carter (2,829; 1992-94).
- Allen finished the season with 1,108 rushing yards, ranking 18th in a season at Penn State.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 68 rush, 378 yds, 3 TD (long 25); 6 rec, 50 yds; 2 KR, 33 yds**

Nicholas Singleton

- RB [Nicholas Singleton](#) rushed for 84 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries.
- Singleton scored on a 5-yard run in the second quarter.
- He added a pair of 7-yard touchdown rushes in the fourth quarter.
- Singleton has 32 career rushing touchdowns, ranking fifth all-time at Penn State. On Thursday, he moved past John Cappelletti (29; 1972-73), Richie Anderson (29; 1989-92), Evan Royster (29; 2007-10), Charlie Pittman (30; 1967-69) and Trace McSorley (30; 2015-18).

- Singleton's 12 rushing touchdowns in 2024 are tied for 13th in a season at Penn State.
- He also has 41 career total touchdowns (32 rushing, 8 receiving, 1 kick return), tying Lydell Mitchell (41; 1969-71) for second all-time at Penn State. He moved past Curtis Enis (38; 1995-97).
- It was his eighth career game with multiple rushing touchdowns and second career game with three rushing touchdowns. He also had three rushing touchdowns against Delaware in 2023.
- Singleton had a 33-yard reception on PSU's opening drive.
- With 2,912 career rushing yards, Singleton ranks 10th all-time at Penn State. On Thursday, he moved past Ki-Jana Carter (2,829; 1992-94).
- Singleton finished the 2024 campaign with 1,099 rushing yards. He ranks 19th in a season at Penn State.
- Singleton finished the 2024 season with 1,805 all-purpose yards, ranking fifth in a season at PSU. On the night, he moved past Ki-Jana Carter (1,743; 1994), Lydell Mitchell (1,754; 1971) and Blair Thomas (1,772; 1987).
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 56 rush, 431 yds, 7 TD (long 87); 8 rec, 126 yds, 1 TD; 3 KR, 57 yds**

Tyler Warren

- TE [Tyler Warren](#) recorded a team-high six receptions and 75 receiving yards.
- On a 4-yard catch to convert on a 4th down in the second quarter, Warren recorded his 100th catch of the season. Warren is the first Nittany Lion to reach 100 receptions in a season, while becoming the fifth Big Ten player and fourth FBS tight end to collect 100 catches in a season. Warren finished the season with 104 grabs.
- Warren had a 27-yard catch in the fourth quarter. It was his 24th career reception of 20+ yards and his 17th this season.
- Warren has made a catch in each of his last 32 games and has at least one catch of 14+ yards in each of his last 22 games.
- Warren finished his Penn State career holding tight end career records for receptions (153), receiving yards (1,839), receiving touchdowns (19), total touchdowns (25) and 100-yard receiving games (5).

- Among all Penn State players, Warren ranks fifth all-time in career receiving touchdowns (19), ninth in career receptions (153) and 14th in career receiving yards (1,839).
- Among Big Ten tight ends, Warren's 19 career receiving touchdowns and 153 career receptions are tied for fourth-most all-time, while his 1,839 career receiving yards are sixth.
- In 2024, he set Penn State and Big Ten tight end records for receptions (104) and receiving yards (1,233).
 - Warren's 104 receptions in 2024 are fourth-most in a season among all Big Ten players and fourth-most in a season among FBS tight ends.
 - Warren's 1,233 receiving yards in 2024 are sixth most in a season by an FBS tight end.
 - His 1,233 receiving yards in 2024 rank second in a season among all PSU players.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 23 rec, 313 yds, 2 TD (long 75); 0-1 passing; 3 rush, 27 yds**

[Khalil Dinkins](#)

- TE [Khalil Dinkins](#) had a 20-yard catch in the fourth quarter.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 4 rec, 46 yds**

DEFENSE

Team

- Penn State held Notre Dame to 15 rushing yards in the first half and a season-low 116 rushing yards in the game.
- S **Zakee Wheatley** picked off a pass in the first quarter.
- DE [Dani Dennis-Sutton](#) intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter.
- Penn State forced 26 takeaways in 2024 (20 interceptions, six fumbles).

- The Nittany Lions forced nine takeaways in CFP games (eight interceptions, one fumble).
- Since 2022, PSU has forced 76 takeaways (46 interceptions, 30 fumbles).
- Since 2014, Penn State has forced multiple takeaways on 64 occasions, including nine times in 2024.
- Since 2022, Penn State is 20-2 when forcing multiple takeaways in a game.
- The Nittany Lions allowed just 39 points in the third quarter this season.

Abdul Carter

- DE [Abdul Carter](#) recorded a solo sack in the second quarter.
- Carter added a solo tackle for loss in the third quarter.
- He also had a pass breakup in the first quarter.
- Carter recorded his 10th career game with multiple tackles for loss, including his seventh this season.
- Carter has 39.5 career tackles for loss to rank eighth all-time in Penn State history. With his performance against Notre Dame, Carter surpassed Anthony Zettel (38; 2012-15), LaVar Arrington (39; 1997-99) and Jimmy Kennedy (39; 1999-2002).
- Carter finished the season with 23.5 season tackles for loss to rank third in Penn State single-season history. With his effort against the Irish, Carter passed Maurice Evans (21.5; 2007), Larry Kubin (23; 1979), Courtney Brown (23; 1998) and Michael Haynes (23; 2002).
- Carter's 23.0 career sacks are sixth in Penn State history. He broke a tie with Matt Millen (22.0; 1976-79) to take sole possession of the sixth slot.
- Carter had 12.0 sacks on the season to finish tied for sixth on Penn State's single-season charts with Larry Kubin (12; 1978) and Aaron Maybin (12; 2008).

Dani Dennis-Sutton

- DE [Dani Dennis-Sutton](#) tied his career high with six tackles, including four solo. He has tallied six tackles in a game four times in his career, with the last coming against Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl.
- Dennis-Sutton intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter. It was his second career interception. His first was at Indiana in 2022.

- Dennis-Sutton forced a fumble on a strip-sack in the second quarter. It was his fourth career forced fumble and second this season.
- He added a solo sack in the third quarter.
- Dennis-Sutton earned his sixth career game with multiple tackles for loss.
- Dennis-Sutton owns 22.5 career tackles for loss, including 13 tackles for loss this season.
- He has 15.0 career sacks, including 8.5 sacks this year.
- Dennis-Sutton posted his second career game with multiple sacks.

Coziah Izzard

- DT [Coziah Izzard](#) had a career-high six tackles against the Irish, surpassing his previous personal mark of five tackles, which occurred twice in his career.
- Izzard now has 17.5 career TFL.

Zane Durant

- DT [Zane Durant](#) recorded a solo tackle for loss in the fourth quarter.
- Durant, who added a quarterback hurry in the game, now has 17.5 career TFL.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 8 tackles, 2 TFL, 2 QBH**

Kobe King

- LB [Kobe King](#) finished with nine tackles (4 solo).
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 31 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 FF, 1 PBU**

Tyler Elsdon

- LB [Tyler Elsdon](#) recorded his 100th career tackle with a stop in the Orange Bowl.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 18 tackles**

Jaylen Reed

- S [Jaylen Reed](#) tallied six tackles (4 solo), including a half-tackle for loss.
- Reed finished his season with 98 tackles, including 6.5 tackles for loss and two sacks, as well as 3 interceptions.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 23 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 1 SK**

Zakee Wheatley

- S [Zakee Wheatley](#) recorded six tackles in the first half and finished the game with a career-high 16 tackles. His previous high was 10 stops against Wisconsin.
- Wheatley's 16 tackles are tied for the third-most ever recorded by a Penn State player in a bowl/CFP game with Kurt Allerman in the 1976 Gator Bowl. It was the most tackles by a Nittany Lion in a bowl/CFP game since Lance Mehl posted 17 stops in the 1979 Sugar Bowl. He is the fifth Nittany Lion ever to record 15-or-more tackles in a Bowl/CFP game.
- It was Wheatley's second career game with 10+ tackles.
- Wheatley intercepted a pass in the first quarter. It was his fifth career interception and third interception this season.
- Wheatley's had a hand in six takeaways this season (three interceptions, two fumble recoveries, one forced fumble) and has forced nine takeaways in his career (five interceptions, two fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles).
- Wheatley recorded a solo sack in the second quarter. It was the first sack of his career. He also owns three career tackles for loss.
- **He owns 34 tackles, two interceptions, one sack, one pass breakup, and one fumble recovery in bowl/CFP games.**

SPECIAL TEAMS

Ryan Barker

- K [Ryan Barker](#) converted a 20-yard field goal in the second quarter.
- He also made all three extra points, finishing the season going 48-49 on extra-point attempts.
- With his three extra points, he passed Alex Felkins (47; 2023) for the 10th most in a single season at Penn State.
- Barker finished the year going 15-18 on field goal attempts (long of 49).
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 3/3 FG (long of 40), 12-12 PAT**

Riley Thompson

- P [Riley Thompson](#) punted five times and averaged 42.0 yards on punts.

- Thompson landed a punt at the Notre Dame 11 in the first quarter.
- He has landed 60 career punts inside the 20 and 20 inside the 10.
- **Career Bowl/CFP Stats: 19 punts, 893 yds (47.0 avg), long 63, 4 inside 20, 5 50+**

NOTABLE TEAM SINGLE-SEASON RANKINGS (Final Rank in Parenthesis)

OFFENSE

- Total Offense Yards – 6,883 (1st)
- Completion Percentage – 66.8 (1st)
- First Downs – 367 (1st)
- Total Plays – 1052 (1st)
- First Downs, Passing – 177 (1st)
- Points Scored – 530 (2nd)
- Pass Completions – 292 (2nd)
- Total Rushing Yards – 3,237 (2nd)
- Passing Touchdowns – 30 (Tied 2nd)
- Touchdowns Scored – 69 (3rd)
- Total Passing Yards – 3,646 (3rd)
- Rushing Yards Per Carry – 5.3 (4th)
- Pass Attempts – 437 (5th)
- Passing Efficiency – 155.0 (5th)
- Rushing Attempts – 615 (6th)
- Rushing Touchdowns – 35 (Tied 7th)
- Passing Yards Per Attempt – 8.3 (Tied 8th)
- Total Offense Average – 430.2 (9th)

DEFENSE

- Interception Returns For TD – 4 (Tied 1st)
- Passes Defended – 72 (8th)
- Sacks – 44 (9th)
- Interceptions – 20 (Tied 10th)

CFP Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl: Penn State vs Notre Dame

Friday, January 10, 2025
Miami Gardens, Florida, USA
Hard Rock Stadium

Notre Dame Fighting Irish Coach Marcus Freeman Riley Leonard Christian Gray Postgame Press Conference

Notre Dame 27, Penn State 24.

MARCUS FREEMAN: So proud of this group. What a gritty performance, and they found a way when it matters the most to get their job done. Penn State was a heck of a football team. I had a lot of respect for them coming into the game but have more after the game. It's a really good team, well-coached, and it was a tough match-up. But these guys are resilient, and they found a way to make a play when it mattered the most.

That's what, again, to me is what great teams, great organizations are able to at that moment that they need to do their job or make a play, they do it. The last play doesn't matter. There's unpredictable things that happen all the time, and they find a way to make it work.

I'm really proud of them, excited for this next opportunity. We'll enjoy this thing today and tomorrow before we figure out who our opponent is and then we've got to get healthy and get back to work for one last guaranteed.

Q. Riley, when you're being evaluated it's not really up to you if you're coming back or not. What was your level of concern for those few minutes, what was the fear factor like, and did you have any doubt that you'd be able to get back out there and do what you did in the second half?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, I think our medical support team first and foremost did a really good job. Got up a little wobbly, so that's an indicator they've got to bring me to the tent and take me through all the concussion tests.



We went through all the tests and they decided I was good to go back, but we definitely took our time and evaluated my numbers from this summer when I took a brain test to when I performed in the tent.

Passed that, and Steve Angeli, this is a guy who has kind of waited his turn and all year has prepared like he's a starting quarterback every single week; showed a lot of maturity; and he helps me out a lot. He is a guy in the sideline that knows exactly what the defense is doing.

He's a good friend of mine and I appreciate him a lot, so for him to go in and drive them down the field, three points before half, that was big.

Q. Riley, did you maybe overthink some things a little bit in the first half, making some checks? And by just keeping it simple in the second half, did it allow you to perform at a higher level?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, we didn't really have too much of an altering game plan. There were some checks I could have made in the first half, but overall I knew what the defense was giving me. We just knew what to get to in the second half.

But no, I saw it well, and obviously didn't perform on a couple plays, but I can live with that. If I didn't throw that ball to J2, which I over-threw for an interception, I would have regretted it.

So I'm confident in my progression that it was the right throw. Just got to execute it. I can live with that. If I were to not throw it and hesitate, that's one thing, but I let it fly and it got picked, but that's all right.

Q. Coach Freeman, could you comment on the performance of the offensive line after you had to put two substitutions in the lineup? Number two, how do you manage to loosen things up so much in the second half? You scored 24 points.

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, we've got a lot of confidence in the offensive line room. When Knapp goes down, Tosh



Baker has to go in, and when Rocko goes down, Charles Jagusah has to go it.

We've got a lot of confidence in them. I think the situation right before half, you've got a new quarterback in there, is it a two-minute situation, they're trying to rush upfield, and they made some plays.

As I told the offensive staff and the team in the locker room, we have to be able to run the ball and we've got to stop the run. That's not changing. We said that going into the game and we were saying that at halftime.

We had to make some adjustments, which we did. We had to try to calm some things down. The running attack -- the rushing attack truly helped us open some things in the passing game in that second half. You know what? Riley just executed, the wide-outs executed, the O-line did their job, tight ends played well, and you find a way to win it in a game-winning field goal.

It was going to be a battle. We didn't have great production in the first half and it was a seven-point game. I told them, we get the ball the first series of the second half, and we've just to go out and execute on this play. But I want them to understand, we did not play to our standard in the first half. And credit to Penn State for what they did on both sides of the ball.

It was a seven point game. It did not feel like that going into the locker room, but it was a seven point game, and our guys went out there and performed in the second half.

Q. Marcus, your age was brought up at yesterday's press conference. Happy birthday to you. Where does this rank in terms of how you've started one of your birthdays?

MARCUS FREEMAN: 13 years ago I had a daughter born on the same day as me. For the past 13 years she gets all the birthday credit. But this is special. Again, this is a special moment that a lot of hard work has been put into it. It's not about a birthday, this is just about a moment and enjoying this moment together.

Q. On the final drive where you kicked the field goal, how hard was it to strike a balance of being aggressive but also being careful knowing you didn't want to give Penn State the ball back there, as well?

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, we had great communication in terms of what we were going to do. I wanted to see are they going to call a time-out. If they're not going to call a time-out, then I had to have a plan, hey, when do we want to use our time-outs.

Once we figured out what they were going to do we said we want to center this ball on 3rd down, center the ball on 3rd down, and on 3rd down -- I'm sorry, center the ball on 2nd; on 3rd down is when we decided to do a QB sneak because they called a time-out.

They executed flawlessly. Nobody panicked. It was great communication. Riley kept everybody under control, and we knew we were in range where Mitch could make that field goal.

He is a confident guy, man. There is no moment too big for Mitch Jeter. I had a lot of confidence in him in that moment that he was going to do exactly what he did, and he did a great job at doing that.

Q. I am curious about the beginning of the drive, how you decide what the plan of attack is in that situation.

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, I don't know exactly where the ball was -- at the plus 42. We wanted to get the ball as close to the 30-yard line as we could. Listen, if we could have went down and scored we would have, but we get at this moment, let's get the ball at least to the 30, and if we're not going to score a touchdown, let's run as much time off the clock as we can.

But we didn't want to leave us with zero time, so we had to be smart with how we utilized those three time-outs, and we did a good job.

Q. (No microphone.)

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, he was banged up, and he is a tough individual. He didn't get a lot of practice reps. We were very calculated on what we asked him to do in practice.

There was maybe a little doubt on my end, but the closer we got to the game I said, okay, he's going to give it a go.

The statistics maybe weren't there in the first half, but him being out there means something to everybody on that offense and everybody on our team. In the second half he made some Jeremiyah Love plays.

It speaks volumes to the heart he has. He gave everything he had to this place. He did not have to play today. Nobody would have batted an eye. But he put team in front of himself and how he felt, and we've got a whole bunch of guys like that in that locker room, and that's why we're in this position.

Q. (Indiscernible)...wide receivers against the



cornerbacks. At some point during the game did you realize we could adjust a little more and help out on the run when you have Christian and Leonard more on the outside?

CHRISTIAN GRAY: Coach Mick has always told us challenge, challenge, challenge every time and we just did our job and we just kept them to zero matches, so yeah.

MARCUS FREEMAN: That's him, man. Keep it simple. You know, as a defensive mindset, when you have a lot of confidence in your corners to be able to play man-to-man coverage, it allows you to do a lot of different things with those nine other people.

But we can't always just play man, too, because that's how some of those big plays happen. You can scheme us up.

But just those guys -- one of my favorite plays Christian made today wasn't a play on the pass, it was when his guy cracked blocking the field and made a huge tackle. I think that was on 3rd down.

He put all 175 pounds into that tackle, man. But you know what? That hurts. That hurts. He's made to play man coverage, but I don't know how much he signed up to throw his body in there against a 200 pound running back that runs physical.

But that's the way we choose to play this game. That's what I told them in the locker room. That's what I told them before this game. We choose to play this game in a physical, very physical manner.

You know what? You're going to have to play through some pain, but that moment in that locker room when we're singing that fight song and we're celebrating together, it numbs the pain. I'm just proud of them. Proud of them and grateful that we have these guys in our locker room.

Q. Marcus, it feels like this game was a microcosm of the journey you've been on this season to get to this point. Can you just talk about the resilience and response of this team, to give this program a chance to win its first national title since 1988?

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, I often tell them, in your lowest moments you find out the most about yourself. We've had low moments, but we had a really low moment week 2, and these guys battled. We've got great leaders. We've got great players that chose to put this university and this football program in front of themselves.

That to me is probably the single most -- the single thing that I'm probably most proud of, is how we have a group of

individuals that truly put Notre Dame football in front of themselves.

I know Riley and Christian truly would rather be in that locker room celebrating than being up here, but that's what it takes. It takes 120 guys saying, you know what, who cares how many plays I get? Who cares what type of individual praise I get?

It's all for Notre Dame and to make sure we achieve team glory and we have a locker room full of guys made up of that, and that to me is a reflection of what you saw today, guys that did whatever it took to make sure we achieved the outcome we want.

Q. Coach, having a win down here in South Florida is huge impacting just visibility to students and high school recruiting. What do you think a win like this locally here will do for you guys in recruiting in that aspect?

MARCUS FREEMAN: Winning helps everything. There's a lot of coaches that are on the road right now recruiting, and fortunately for us, the best recruiting we can do is winning. But also hopefully the culture that is built here attracts recruits.

This is a place -- we know South Florida is a hotbed. South Florida has a lot of great football players. Hopefully we find the right ones that choose Notre Dame.

Q. Riley, walk us through the 3rd down play right before the field goal and having to sit on the sidelines when it feels like forever when Mitch finally hits that field goal?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, it's a really weird feeling. It's hard to describe the emotion that goes on during that time. It's hard to describe the emotion that going on right now even.

But I think it's kind of funny to me, because I kind of knew the kick was going to go in. We all knew the kick was going to go in. The kid has got ice in his veins. Any time his number is called and he's got to make it, it's a lock.

Shout out to Mitch Jeter there and to the defense, as well. Our job was to get 15 yards or so, get us in field goal range, and the rest is history.

Q. Marcus, I know you said you had all the confidence in Mitch, but how much was it between when Penn State called a time-out and when the kick went through, what are you feeling on the sidelines?

MARCUS FREEMAN: Let's go. I was more concerned with the protection than I am with Mitch Jeter. Our field goal protection has been a big point of emphasis the last few weeks, and that was what I kept thinking about, and when we had that time-out was reminding them of the fundamentals to execute the protection protecting the field goal.

I leave Mitch alone. When he's in his lane, let him do what he does. But I had to make sure those big guys didn't get lost in the moment. It was about execution in that moment, and they did a great job in protection.

Q. Christian, what did you see on the interception, and when did it start to sink in that you just made probably the biggest play of your career and were going to help send your team to the national title game?

CHRISTIAN GRAY: To be honest with you I really didn't think about anything after I caught the ball. I just knew I was just blessed and I just felt God over me after I caught the ball.

So pretty much it.

MARCUS FREEMAN: Special, I mean, all these guys are special, man. He won't take credit for it, but in the biggest moments, both of these two and many guys in that locker room find ways to make plays when it matters the most.

We're playing USC here a couple weeks ago and they're going in to try to make this a one-score game and he had some plays earlier that didn't go his way, but on that play versus USC, when they went at him, he picked the ball off and ran it back for a touchdown.

That's what Christian Gray does. He makes plays when it matters the most. I think he got a DPI or a holding or something like that, but in that moment Christian had to make a play and he did, and was a huge reason why we won that game.

Q. For all three of you, players come to Notre Dame, coaches coach at Notre Dame for the hope of winning a National Championship and the belief that that's possible. I'm curious for each of you, now that you're 60 minutes away, what does that mean?

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, throughout this whole off-season everybody would ask me why I came to Notre Dame and I would give a lot of different answers, but the truth is I came here to win a National Championship and to go to the best team that would give me the best chance to do that.

Obviously this is the right place and I made the right

decision. That's why I came here, at the end of the day.

CHRISTIAN GRAY: Really, I just trusted God and I trust the coaches here. They saw potential in me. They saw greatness in me, and I believed them on that. I just came there because of the trust and the community and everything here. So yeah.

MARCUS FREEMAN: I think any competitor wants to be a part of a place that the expectations are to win championships. We all had a decision to make when we chose Notre Dame as the place we want to either coach or play at.

But there's more to this place than that, too. We know every year we compete. The expectation is to win championships. But there's more to this university and what it provides for young people. It's a special place that young people get to grow in their faith, they get to grow in community, they get to make connections that are going to help them for the rest of their lives.

Every football season this is the expectation. Although we haven't achieved it. But there's also a lot of things that this university does for these young people that will carry them throughout the rest of their lives.

Q. Marcus, you've not only had to put Steve Angeli in the game in a critical moment but you let him let it rip. What's the confidence level and where does that come from in him and all the other backup guys that you ended up having to play?

MARCUS FREEMAN: Yeah, it's earned. We've got a lot of confidence in Steve and all those other guys that had to step up when their numbers are called. They earn that confidence in practice. Steve has earned it in some game opportunities coaching, but you earn it from your teammates and your coaches in practice.

And so if you're thrust into this opportunity out in a game where everybody else can see you, that's when they get to learn about you. But we had a lot of confidence in Steve and what he can do, and we weren't just going to put him in there to hand the ball off. We were going to go to try to score, and we ended up scoring three points.

Q. Marcus and Riley, making this run, the whole country is watching. What do you hope the country is learning about your program?

RILEY LEONARD: What I think the country is learning about our program, I think the biggest thing is just culture wins. You see a bunch of talented guys across our locker room but you can see that anywhere in the country.



I think at the end of the day it's which guys are putting their bodies on the line and doing everything they can for the man next to them. Nobody is thinking about draft stocks or next year or anything like that, any type of individual glory. We're all thinking about the man beside us.

I think we kind of proved throughout the season that culture wins, and it's a special place for a reason.

MARCUS FREEMAN: I'll follow up what Riley says. I hope people that see this football team that aren't with us every day sees a bunch of individuals that put team in front of themselves, and that's a lesson that is going to help you achieve great things in football but great things in life. You have to be selfless to achieve anything great. We've got a locker room full of selfless players and selfless coaches.

The time you're tested the most is when you're at your lowest point. We lose to Northern Illinois and you've got a decision, do I want to be selfless or am I going to put individual glory ahead of myself. I hope the nation sees no matter what the situation was, this team continues to put Notre Dame in front of myself.

Q. Riley, either when you were down right after you got hit in the first half or in the tent, was there a worry or concern that your night might be done?

RILEY LEONARD: No, I was very aware of how I felt. I just had to prove that through our brain cognition tests.

But yeah, I knew -- I got a little wobbly there for a second, but I knew whenever I was in the tent I was all good, so there wasn't no worry at all, no.

Q. Can you guys just speak, he's not up here, Jeremiyah Love, can you speak to the grittiness that he portrayed tonight, especially on that touchdown run? What is it like for him to battle through that injury? Obviously he wasn't 100 percent, but what was it like for him to be out there and grit through this game?

MARCUS FREEMAN: I've already answered that on my end but I want you guys to answer that.

RILEY LEONARD: I'll speak on J Love real quick. J Love is a guy that doesn't show too much emotion until he gets the opportunity to be the leading blocker for me.

It's kind of funny out there. He's a real quiet kid, but whenever he has the chance to go knock a D-end and block for me, that's when he starts to chirp. I think it's the best feeling in the world when he's only talking trash

whenever the ball is not even going to be in his hands.

He's a special, special person and one that I love sharing the backfield with.

CHRISTIAN GRAY: Man, I've been going against J Love since like freshman year of high school. He's just that guy. He's just that guy, ever since freshman year. He's been scoring touchdowns like crazy. Knowing J Love and his personality, man, the future is bright for him, not gonna lie.

Q. How do you feel about extra day off that the winner of the Cotton Bowl is not going to have?

MARCUS FREEMAN: You know what? The greatest thing is there is one day guaranteed you don't have to stress. We don't know who we're going to play. So let's enjoy the night and let's enjoy tomorrow. Hopefully we can watch the game or try to as a fan. I don't know if we will.

But the minute that we find out who wins that game, you go into competition mode. You're starting to prepare, coaches and players. But the best thing is yeah, we have one day extra physically to get healthy, but the mental strain that it has on you preparing for an opponent, it's tough. I hope these guys for one day can enjoy this moment, enjoy not having an opponent. We'll have a happy flight home and then Saturday we've got to get to work.

RILEY LEONARD: Yeah, it'll be great to have that extra day for my body for sure.

CHRISTIAN GRAY: Yeah, same thing.

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Steve Angeli, QB

On being called into the game:

“I think playing quarterback here and with the culture of our room, my coach prepared me well to step in there. It's really just about my teammates, trying to be the best I can for those guys and putting them in the best position. We're leaning on them and doing the best they can for me.”

On going to the National Championship Game:

“I can't (put it into words). It's been a dream of mine since I was a little kid. It still hasn't even hit yet. It's unbelievable and it's just a testament to all the work, all the adversity we've gone through, and the continuous elevation of this team has shown.”

On leading the offense to its first points of the game:

“It's huge. One of our overall keys of victories is win the middle eight – those first four minutes before half time and the next four – so getting points in that position and then coming out of half time and getting that touchdown is huge.”



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Mitchell Evans, TE

On national title dreams:

"On the national championship - speechless. I mean, you kind of dream these moments as a kid, you know. Growing up and then when it's finally here, it's like, holy, I mean, speechless for the longest time."

On tonight's comeback:

"Just shows the toughness and the grittiness of our offense. We weren't executing as we should, obviously. But you know, that shows the toughness, physical and the mentality that we have, it's all insane, our the trust and the love that we have together. As you can see, I didn't even doubt it for a second that I knew our teams had to come together and find a way to win this game."



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Mitch Jeter, PK

On his game-winning field goal:

“We were going down there driving. I was getting prepared to go out there and kick. They had the ball through the interception. That's really when it was like, ‘alright, it's going to come down to a kick. Let's go make it.’ So, I was able to go out there and I was happy to execute.”

On overcoming adversity during the season:

“Coach Freeman talks a lot about delayed gratification. He's been talking like that all the way back to week two, when the NIU game happened. So it's kind of been my mindset going through an injury, having the delayed gratification now to be able to come out and give our team a chance to go win a national championship.”

On his confidence level:

“Every kick is different, right? So next week I'm going to go out and go through my same process as I did this week, as I did last week, as I've done every single week this season. It's nice to go out there and make kicks and have confidence but every kick is different. I'm going to go out there and prepare the same way for every single one.”



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Jack Kiser, LB

On the game's emotional swings:

"Something that Coach Freeman harps on is this one play, one life, right? So no matter the outcome of a play, don't let that affect the next one. And certainly seeing Christian (Gray) come up with a big play at the end of the game - he's a gamer. That's what you want. I am so happy for him, so proud of him, and just proud of the defense and how we were able to make a stop when we needed it"

On what this means to an Indiana native:

"This is a special group of guys being in Indiana, knowing Notre Dame football, knowing the program, seeing how far we come this year, especially after the hiccup early on (against NIU). A lot of people wrote us off and just to know that we got one last one guaranteed (game) is so exciting."

On if this season's experience has been worth returning to ND for:

"It's funny, when a lot of people ask why you come back (it was because) I want to play for a national championship. I want to do something special here at Notre Dame. I want to do my part for this team to reach this ultimate goal. A lot of people brush that off or assume that (is just talk). But it wasn't like that. It was truly the biggest reason I came back here was because I knew that this locker room was special. I knew this coaching staff was special. Now we get a chance to go do it and get it done."

CFP Semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl: Penn State vs Notre Dame

Friday, January 10, 2025

Miami Gardens, Florida, USA

Hard Rock Stadium

Penn State Nittany Lions
Coach James Franklin
Drew Allar

Nick Singleton

Postgame Press Conference

Notre Dame 27, Penn State 24

Q. Drew, can you walk us through the interception?

DREW ALLAR: Yeah, I mean, I was going through my progressions, got to the backside, and honestly I was just trying to throw it at his feet, but I should have just thrown it away when I... (Audio interruption.)

DREW ALLAR: Just looking forward to continuing to grow, learn more about myself, get better any way I can, on the field, off the field.

I'm just looking for the opportunity. Definitely got to learn from this, but just got to learn from it and move on and take it on the chin right now.

Q. Drew, I know 3rd down was big on both sides of the ball. What did you see them doing or why was it so hard to convert those 3rd downs tonight?

DREW ALLAR: I mean, coming into the game I think they were -- I don't know what they were, but they were definitely one of the top defenses in the nation in terms of just 3rd down conversion percentage against them, but I think it came down to just executing.

I thought we had a really good plan. I thought Coach K and the offensive staff had a really good plans for normal downs, 3rd down and red zone, but I missed a couple throws on it, so it comes down to just execution. A credit to Notre Dame for making it tough for sure, but I think if we just execute those moments that we would have put ourselves in a better position, and it starts with me hitting



some of those throws.

Q. In the second quarter especially, did they do anything to slow you down in that area in the second half?

JAMES FRANKLIN: No. I mean, I think your point is a good one. The two biggest points of the game are, in my opinion, what you guys just brought up. 3rd down. We weren't effective enough on 3rd down.

And then the middle eight. That field goal right before the half was big. We almost had a chance to hit a fumble recovery right there off a strip sack, and then to open the second half with them going down and scoring a touchdown and us going three-and-out, those things, that was significant in the game.

You looked at Notre Dame when we study them, they're one of the better middle eight teams in the country. So were we. But that was a major factor in the game. Then on top of that, I would say big plays. Just we'd make them earn it, we'd make them earn it, we'd make them earn it, and then they'd capitalize with a big play, which is again, something that we've done really well all year long is making people earn it.

They had a good plan. Give their coaches a ton of credit. Their players made plays at specific times. But that was probably the two biggest points in the game from my perspective.

Q. James, I know it's a tough loss and you've been asked a lot about the offense. Just your thoughts on what Abdul Carter was able to do in this game? Obviously he wasn't 100 percent but he was out there a lot and he was very disruptive and also Dani Dennis-Sutton against the run and against the pass. He made one of the most incredible plays to give you a chance to win the game. Those guys overall and your defense overall?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Yeah, those two guys are warriors and have been warriors all year long. Abdul, I'm really

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proud of him. He gutted it out today, showed tremendous mental and physical toughness and was disruptive in the game, and Dani is a guy that's really done everything right since he stepped on campus, and to see him be able to make some big plays tonight at critical moments was huge. Really gave us a chance to go win that game.

Proud of our offense, proud of our defense, proud of our special teams, but the two guys that you singled out, they deserve a ton of credit, and really not just tonight, all year long.

Q. You didn't have any completions to wide receivers tonight. What was Notre Dame doing defensively that made that so difficult?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Yeah, we tried a couple early on in the game and weren't able to convert them, tightly contested coverage. They're a man coverage team. But yeah, that's a storyline of the game. That's one of the storylines. I don't think there's any doubt about it.

But early on we had some throws, tightly contested balls that we didn't come down with. So again, give them some credit.

Q. After the Ohio State loss your players talked about wanting another crack, needing to handle their business so they would have a chance to play late into the season. What can you say about the player-led leadership of this team and what they proved with a run like this?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Yeah. You know, when you're talking about a 16-week season now that we have in college football, there's opportunities to bounce back from setbacks. Notre Dame was able to do it, and we were able to do it. Kept getting better as the season went on, got better, especially the second half of the season. Some big wins, some adversity that we were able to overcome, and the guys just kept battling.

I could not be prouder of the young men in that locker room and the staff and how they represented Penn State and the Big Ten all season long. They deserve a ton of credit. Obviously we would have loved an opportunity to get a win tonight and then be able to watch the game tomorrow night and figure out who our next opponent was going to be.

But again, very, very proud of our guys.

Q. You could see the emotion obviously on Drew's face. With everything that he's done for you guys, how do you think he'll respond, and what's going to be your message to him going forward?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Yeah, I mean, Drew is a passionate guy. He invested so much into his development but also to his teammates and to Penn State, and he'll handle this like he handles everything else, with a first-class approach and with an investment level that's as good as anybody in the country. His jump as a year-one starter to a year-two starter was significant. He's got a chance to take another step next year.

But he'll handle it the right way. He's hurting right now. Should be hurting. We're all hurting. This ain't easy to get in here right after the game and have a conversation after you just poured your guts out on that field and really did it all year long.

He'll handle it great. He'll be hurting tonight and he'll be hurting tomorrow and he'll hurt a little bit less the next day and so on and so forth. But he's a committed guy that's going to do it the right way, and he said it. It may not feel like it right now, but he'll learn from this and he'll be better for it, and so will we.

Q. I know you've got a lot to unpack, but I'm just wondering how you feel. You've been doing this for a long time and you get this close, play a great game. How do you feel as the head coach?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Yeah, I wanted it for the guys. I wanted it for our players. I wanted it for the staff. I wanted it for Pat Kraft and Neeli Bendapudi who have been awesome, and I've been doing this long enough to know when we have the support from our athletic director and president. That's been phenomenal, so I wanted it for them.

But most importantly, I wanted it for the guys in the locker room and the staff. As you can imagine, there's a thousand different emotions going on and feelings, but as the head coach, I've got to put on the right face for the guys in the locker room for what they need right now and for my family.

And the sun will come up tomorrow, and the one thing I want to make sure that all those guys do is walk out of that locker room with their heads high and their chests out because they have a ton to be proud of.

There's about 128 teams that would give their right arm to have the season that we just had this year. It doesn't feel that way right now, but there's a ton to be proud of.

Q. Along those lines, when things change in this era of college football so quickly and next year things will look different than they do right now, this type of



season to be at this point in the year for your program, what do you think this does in the big picture for Penn State to be at this point in the season?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Well, obviously it was a tremendous experience for our guys, and they know they can play with anybody. There's a lot of young guys in that locker room who played. There's a bunch of young guys that just were able to experience it. It's an experience that they'll remember for the rest of their life, this season and how it went.

And there's going to be a ton of guys coming back for next year that are going to be hungry and are going to be motivated for more. They've gotten a taste of what this feels like and what it looks like and what it smells like.

We'll all be better for it, including myself. We'll be better from this experience because there's so many guys in that locker room that have a chance to come back and use this as fuel and experience to get back here next year and the years after that.

Q. You talked about the guys that are coming back. There's a lot of guys that have probably played their last game for Penn State. (Audio interruption.)

JAMES FRANKLIN: We didn't approach it that way. It was a 65 play season. Averaged 65 plays on offense, 65 plays on defense, and about 27 on special teams in a game.

And how you approach and treasure those 65 plays gives you an opportunity to play another 65 plays. That's the hard part. Like Tyler Warren, big gangly kid from Virginia that we recruited as a basketball player and was committed to another school at quarterback, and he shows up here and will go down as one of the greatest tight ends in college football history.

Pretty cool to watch his total development, graduate from Penn State, just get better. Should be the first tight end taken in the draft. Just had a phenomenal experience. I'm proud of him because he's up to like 27 words at Penn State. He hasn't really said anything.

DeWan Elise didn't want to come off the field. DeWan has been playing for us for six years and two years recruiting him and knowing all these guys' families and their moms and dads and brothers and sisters, that's the hard part.

That to me is what it's all about. I love the winning and I know how important winning is at Penn State. Trust me, that's been made very clear to me, time and time again.

But to me, it's about the guys in the locker room, and it's

about their development. I take so much pride in how our guys go about their business, how they grow, how they develop, academically at a time in college football where that's being challenged.

But I take a lot of pride in how our guys conduct themselves, how they carry themselves, the degrees they get, the type of men that they're going to be, the type of leaders, fathers.

Maybe I'm old school. I don't know when I became the old coach, but I did at some point. But we've got a throw-back program with throw-back uniforms and I still coach them and love them. I guess like the dinosaur I've become at some point. I don't know when that happened.

But to me, it's about the guys. It's about the guys and their development. I want them to get drafted as high as possible. I understand the transfer portal is a part of college football now and NIL is a part of college football and we'll embrace those things, too, but I want this experience to be so much more than a transactional experience. I want it to be transformational.

Again, that's what it's all about for me.

Q. Your first scoring drive you guys got down to the 4 but had to settle for a field goal. What went wrong that you guys weren't able to punch it in there, because you guys were able to punch it in when you got close to the end zone later in the game?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Well, I don't need to talk about -- I'm not going to talk about specifically obviously what happened on that play, but first of all, you've got to give Notre Dame a ton of credit. Al Golden, Penn State grad, you've got to give him a ton of credit. We watched them on tape. We had so much appreciation for how they played defense, and they make you earn it, and we had some opportunities that we didn't capitalize on.

And we'll go back and watch the tape and struggle with it and be upset because there's things that we could have done better.

But again, the game of football is about execution. You call your defense, you call your offense, and whoever executes it better on the specific play call, they have success on that play, and the more plays you put together like that, the better. They've got a ton of talented guys on scholarship, too, just like we do, and we came up just a few seconds and a few inches shorter than they did.

But to your point, I mean, I think in games like this at this point of the season, everybody wants to pick out a specific

play. There's probably eight to 12 plays in that game that if we could have found a way to make a few more plays in that game, we're that close. It's a game of inches.

I'm not going to call out or talk about specific plays or specific players because there's a ton of plays that we're going to look back on from that game that we could have did better and that we should have did better and that we could have called better.

But it starts with giving Notre Dame credit. That's a good football team. We lost to a good football team that's led by a good man. I don't know Marcus very well, but he's a class act after the game. One of my good friends, Gerard Parker worked for him, and he thinks he's the best, thinks he's a great guy.

If you're going to lose to somebody -- I don't want to lose to anybody, to be honest with you, but you've got to give Notre Dame credit, and I know Marcus will do a phenomenal job, and I'm happy for him and their university.

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Dani Dennis-Sutton Jr. DE

Q: A lot of emotions here, what is running through your mind?

We just lost and that was my last game with some of my brothers. I'm going to miss them.

Q: Do you have another year of eligibility left?

Yeah, I'm a junior, so I have one more year left now.

Q: You said you're going to go out. I'm sorry. I just want to be clear.

I said I am going to miss my brothers. It's the last game of the season. Some of the seniors are going to be gone. I'm going to miss my brothers.

Q: Trading punches in the fourth, being part of a game like that?

It was a great game. Notre Dame is a great team. Coach Franklin did his best to prepare us for this game. We just didn't execute on a couple plays. And then, you know, it's a small margin of error at this level.

Q: Can you take us through that interception?

Yeah, they're dropped in the flat. The opposite D-end did a great job of putting pressure on the quarterback. He threw the ball; I saw the ball. I just tried to go up and make a play.

Q: You don't have many of those in your career. I'm guessing.

I had one freshman year against Indian, I believe. But other than that, no sir.



Q: What has the playoff experience meant?

I'm very thankful that the College Football Playoff is now 12 teams. It gives Penn State an opportunity. The standard is for us to get here and win these games. So, like I said earlier, Coach Franklin did a great job of preparing everybody on the team to be ready. But ultimately, some of us, or the whole team didn't execute on a couple plays.



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Dvon J-Thomas, DT

Q: What do you say to Drew Allar after that late interception?

"I mean, listen, everybody wants to talk about Drew during that last minute interception. Drew has made some incredible plays all season. He's the reason why we're here. We wouldn't be having this conversation now, after the Orange Bowl, if it wasn't for Drew Allar doing the things that he's done all season. He throws a pick in a moment where, of course, anybody would be upset, but that happens in football. Not everything's going to be sunshine and rainbows, perfect plays, perfect catch. It happens. ... I thank you Drew, and I appreciate you Drew for all that he's done and all that he would do for this program."

Q: What have you learned about this team over the year?

"We're a resilient group, and we just have tremendous players. As you see, [Dani Dennis-Sutton] came up in some huge moments. ... The whole d-line is just some incredible people. I've learned that this team is incredible."



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Kobe King, LB

“Our defense takes pride in competing and being pointed to when we need something to happen. But guys just trust each other. Guys depend on each other. Guys believe each other. That’s something we took pride in. We look forward to four-quarter games, having a tough battle, playing our hardest, playing our best. The guys gave it their all today.

Learning from the playoff experience

“It’s been awesome, and I want to [credit] coach Franklin. He’s done his best job to keep us focused, keep us level-headed, keep us bought in. But I just think it was the way we competed every day in practice, the way we played every game. We just left it all out there and played for each other. We played for each other where we thought nobody could mess with us. Guys just all bought in. Guys sacrifice every day. I’ve seen guys sacrifice off the field for certain guys. For myself, I sacrifice off the field, on the field with certain guys.”

Q: Has it sunk in that it’s over?

“It has sunk in a little bit. Man, I’m still taking it in. I’m still embracing my guys. I’m still trying to keep my guys level-headed. But, man, there’s still a lot to look forward to with these guys, learn from these guys and from this season and from this game. We will go back to the drawing board, see what we can learn from it. That’s really it. Shout out to Notre Dame: The better team today, and they got it done.



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Drew Shelton, OL

"We went through some adversity this year as a team, from having to play from behind to losing guys on our offensive line ... and having guys step up. For me, personally, the biggest thing I think I'm going to take away is some leadership, just being the same guy every single day, and try to help everyone else out. It takes one less variable off everyone else's plate, trying to be the same person every day. Being one of the best leaders on this team that I can be."

Q: There is going to be some pressure on your quarterback, what is your message to him, and how does the team feel about it?

"I mean, that's our guy. We got to help him out a little better, keep pressure out of his face, obviously. But he's our guy. Great leader. I mean, I can't say enough good things about the guy. He battles. He goes to war for us every single day. He prepares better than anyone in the country. Just does everything you can to put this team in a position to win the football game. You know, sometimes it just doesn't work out like that for us."

Q: Penn State ran the ball very well. Can you explain why?

"It's something that we've put such a big emphasis on, really, all year, getting outside zone going; sticking to it. If you watch Game 1 up until tonight, our outside zone is tremendously improved for us. Just being able to have Coach K's [PSU OC Andy Kotelnicki] confidence and have him stick with us and know that we're going to do everything we can to get them guys in space. It's huge for us, and as an offensive line is what we want to do. We want to run the ball. We take a tremendous amount of pride and getting them running backs in the end zone, getting them out in space."

Q: Talk about the bond this team had...



“It’s a brotherhood, from top to bottom. I probably say it’s the tightest team we’ve had since I got here. Obviously had some six-year seniors like Sal [Wormley] just merging in with some of us freshman, watching how the team was molded and became one big brotherhood over the year is awesome.”