



Scoring Summary report
Tennessee vs Ohio State (Dec 21, 2024)
Tennessee (10-3) vs Ohio State (11-2)

Date: Dec 21, 2024
Site: Columbus, Ohio
Stadium: Ohio Stadium
Attendance: 102819

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tennessee	0	10	0	7	17
Ohio State	21	0	14	7	42

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:46	OSU - #4 J.Smith 37 yd pass from #18 W.Howard (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-75, 02:14	0-7
1st	08:09	OSU - #1 Q.Judkins 1 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-68, 02:39	0-14
1st	03:27	OSU - #32 T.Henderson 29 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 7-58, 03:22	0-21
2nd	06:39	TENN - #90 M.Gilbert 36 yd FG, 9-62, 03:23	3-21
2nd	00:20	TENN - #8 N.Iamaleava 2 yd rush (#90 M.Gilbert kick), 16-79, 04:03	10-21
3rd	09:16	OSU - #4 J.Smith 22 yd pass from #18 W.Howard (#38 J.Fielding kick), 6-65, 03:14	10-28
3rd	01:18	OSU - #1 Q.Judkins 1 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 9-81, 04:46	10-35
4th	10:53	OSU - #32 T.Henderson 24 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-39, 02:26	10-42
4th	01:56	TENN - #8 N.Iamaleava 2 yd rush (#90 M.Gilbert kick), 9-73, 03:19	17-42

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 08:10 PM
End of Game: 11:38 PM
Total elapsed: 03:27

OFFICIALS

Referee: Jerry Magallanes
Umpire: Daniel Worrell
Linesman: Darryl Johnson
Line judge: Alex Amaya
Back judge: Michael Griffith
Field judge: Kip Johnson
Side judge: Brian McGready
Center judge: Anthony Calabrese
Replay Official: Josh Busch

WEATHER

Weather: Clear 25 F
Wind: North West 6 mph



FULL GAME

TENNESSEE

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Peyton Lewis	10	82	5	77	0	26	7.7
Nico Iamaleava	20	82	35	47	2	14	2.4
DeSean Bishop	7	23	1	22	0	8	3.1
Dylan Sampson	2	6	0	6	0	3	3.0
Totals:	39	193	41	152	2	26	3.9

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Nico Iamaleava	14-31-0	104	0	21	4
Totals:	14-31-0	104	0	21	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Bru McCoy	6	4	40	3	0	21
Peyton Lewis	3	3	7	13	0	4
Braylon Staley	4	2	11	13	0	7
Squirrel White	3	1	17	0	0	17
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	1	1	14	7	0	14
Chris Brazzell II	8	1	8	0	0	8
Miles Kitselman	2	1	5	0	0	5
Dylan Sampson	1	1	2	4	0	2
DeSean Bishop	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Matthews	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	31	14	104	40	0	21

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jackson Ross	7	286	40.9	53	1	1
Totals:	7	286	40.9	53	1	1

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Peyton Lewis	0	0	0	1	24	24	0	0	0
Will Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0	1	24	24	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Max Gilbert	2nd	06:39	36	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Josh Turbyville	4	246	61.5	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Peyton Lewis	77	7	24	0	0	108
Nico Iamaleava	47	0	0	0	0	47
Bru McCoy	0	40	0	0	0	40
DeSean Bishop	22	0	0	0	0	22

FUMBLES

Tennessee - Nico Iamaleava 1-0

Ohio State - Caleb Downs 1-0

OHIO STATE

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
TreVeyon Henderson	10	84	4	80	2	29	8.0
Will Howard	5	37	0	37	0	12	7.4
Quinshon Judkins	10	35	1	34	2	8	3.4
James Peoples	7	11	5	6	0	6	0.9
Emeka Egbuka	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Totals:	33	167	11	156	4	29	4.7

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Will Howard	24-29-1	311	2	40	0
Devin Brown	1-1-0	6	0	6	0
Julian Sayin	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	25-31-1	317	2	40	0

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jeremiah Smith	7	6	103	39	2	37
Emeka Egbuka	7	5	81	31	0	40
TreVeyon Henderson	4	4	54	35	0	21
Gee Scott Jr.	5	4	39	11	0	26
Quinshon Judkins	2	2	9	10	0	6
Carnell Tate	1	1	18	0	0	18
Will Kacmarek	1	1	7	7	0	7
Brandon Inniss	1	1	6	1	0	6
Will Howard	1	1	0	7	0	0
Bryson Rodgers	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	30	25	317	141	2	40

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Joe McGuire	3	118	39.3	46	1	0
Totals:	3	118	39.3	46	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Caleb Downs	1	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Inniss	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TreVeyon Henderson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	2	-3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Jayden Fielding	2nd	00:00	56	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Jayden Fielding	7	433	61.9	1	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
TreVeyon Henderson	80	54	0	0	0	134
Jeremiah Smith	0	103	0	0	0	103
Emeka Egbuka	-1	81	0	0	0	80
Quinshon Judkins	34	9	0	0	0	43



FULL GAME	TENN	OSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	24
Rushing	12	8
Passing	4	14
Penalty	1	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	152	156
Rushing Attempts	39	33
Average Per Rush	3.9	4.7
Rushing Touchdowns	2	4
Yards Gained Rushing	193	167
Yards Lost Rushing	41	11
NET YARDS PASSING	104	317
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-31-0	25-31-1
Average Per Attempt	3.4	10.2
Average Per Completion	7.4	12.7
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	256	473
Total offense plays	70	64
Average Gain Per Play	3.7	7.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-50	3-25
PUNTS-YARDS	7-286	3-118
Average Yards Per Punt	40.9	39.3
Net Yards Per Punt	38.4	39.3
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	1	0
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair catch	2	2
KICKOFF-YARDS	4-246	7-433
Average Yards Per Kickoff	61.5	61.9
Net Yards Per Kickoff	43	39.9
Touchbacks	2	1
Fair Catch Yards	24	105
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-3-0
Average Per Return	0.0	-1.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-24-0	1-0-0
Average Per Return	24.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	27:10	32:50
1st Quarter	05:56	09:04
2nd Quarter	07:26	07:34
3rd Quarter	07:00	08:00
4th Quarter	06:48	08:12
Third-Down Conversions	6-16	4-9
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	2-3
Touchdowns	2	2
Field goals	1	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	4-35
PAT Kicks	2-2	6-6
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	0-1
Points off Turnover	3	0



FULL GAME

TENNESSEE

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
22	Jeremiah Telander	7	3	10	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Jermody McCoy	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Will Brooks	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
8	Kalib Perry	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	James Pearce Jr.	3	0	3	0.0-0	2.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Rickey Gibson III	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Arion Carter	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
23	Boo Carter	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Andre Turrentine	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Christian Harrison	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Omari Thomas	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
31	Caleb Herring	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Christian Charles	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
42	Tyre West	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Ben Bolton	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Jakobe Thomas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
90	Dominic Bailey	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
13	Edwin Spillman	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	William Wright	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jalen McMurray	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Joshua Josephs	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Tyree Weathersby	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
53	Daevin Hobbs	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
94	Nathan Robinson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		39	20	59	0.0-0	7.0-11	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	2

OHIO STATE

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
0	Cody Simon	5	7	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
44	JT Tuimolaau	5	3	8	2.0-20	2.5-20	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
2	Caleb Downs	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Sonny Styles	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
8	Lathan Ransom	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
33	Jack Sawyer	1	4	5	1.5-12	1.5-12	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
58	Ty Hamilton	0	4	4	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylen McClain	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Arvell Reese	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
24	Jermaine Matthews Jr.	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Tyleik Williams	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Davison Igbinosun	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
7	Jordan Hancock	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Kenyatta Jackson Jr.	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Caden Curry	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Malik Hartford	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	C.J. Hicks	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
96	Eddrick Houston	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
94	Jason Moore	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Mitchell Melton	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
95	Tywayne Malone	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Lorenzo Styles Jr.	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
12	Bryce West	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		31	40	71	4.0-35	6.0-41	1	0-0	0-0	9	0	0



TENNESSEE

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	1	Thornton Jr., Dont'e
WR	3	White, Squirrel
WR	5	McCoy, Bru
OL	53	Heard, Lance
RB	6	Sampson, Dylan
OL	63	Mays, Cooper
OL	70	Karic, Andrej
OL	74	Campbell Jr., John
OL	76	Spraggins, Javontez
QB	8	Iamaleava, Nico
TE	87	Kitselman, Miles

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	1	Gibson III, Rickey
DB	2	Turrentine, Andre
DL	20	Eason, Bryson
DL	21	Thomas, Omari
LB	22	Telander, Jeremiah
DL	27	Pearce Jr., James
DB	3	McCoy, Jermod
DB	35	Brooks, Will
LB	7	Carter, Arion
LB	8	Perry, Kalib
DL	90	Bailey, Dominic

OHIO STATE

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Judkins, Quinshon
QB	18	Howard, Will
WR	2	Egbuka, Emeka
WR	4	Smith, Jeremiah
OL	67	Siereveld, Austin
OL	70	Fryar, Josh
OL	74	Jackson, Donovan
OL	75	Hinzman, Carson
OL	77	Tshabola, Tegra
TE	88	Scott Jr., Gee
TE	89	Kacmarek, Will

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	0	Simon, Cody
CB	1	Igbinosun, Davison
DB	10	Burke, Denzel
DB	2	Downs, Caleb
DE	33	Sawyer, Jack
DL	44	Tuimoloua, JT
DL	58	Hamilton, Ty
LB	6	Styles, Sonny
CB	7	Hancock, Jordan
S	8	Ransom, Lathan
DL	91	Williams, Tyleik

Tennessee

0-Wright, William, 10-Simmons, Elijah, 10-Matthews, Mike, 12-Slaughter, John, 13-Spillman, Edwin, 14-Staley, Braylon, 14-Charles, Christian, 15-Farooq, Edrees, 17-Brazzell II, Chris, 18-Weathersby, Tyree, 18-Bishop, DeSean, 19-Staes, Holden, 19-Josephs, Joshua, 23-Carter, Boo, 25-Beasley, Kaleb, 27-Lewis, Peyton, 29-Ross, Jordan, 31-Herring, Caleb, 33-Bolton, Ben, 37-Bandy, Montrell, 42-West, Tyre, 47-Salansky, Matthew, 5-Harrison, Christian, 51-Moi, Jaxson, 52-Purcell, Eli, 53-Hobbs, Daevin, 55-Norman-Lott, Omarr, 6-McMurray, Jalen, 66-Davis, Dayne, 68-Warren, Bennett, 75-Lampley, Jackson, 77-Johnson III, Larry, 79-Umarov, Shamurad, 9-Thomas, Jakobe, 90-Gilbert, Max, 94-Turbyville, Josh, 94-Robinson, Nathan, 97-Jenkins, Jayson, 98-Ross, Jackson

Ohio State

10-Sayin, Julian, 11-Inniss, Brandon, 11-Hicks, C.J., 12-West, Bryce, 13-Rodgers, Bryson, 15-Thurman, Jelani, 16-Nelson Jr., Keenan, 17-Tate, Carnell, 17-Melton, Mitchell, 18-McClain, Jaylen, 20-Reese, Arvell, 20-Peoples, James, 23-Stover, Garrett, 24-Matthews Jr., Jermaine, 26-Pierce, Payton, 3-Styles Jr., Lorenzo, 3-Kienholz, Lincoln, 32-Jones, Brenton, 32-Henderson, TreVeyon, 33-Brown, Devin, 38-Fielding, Jayden, 39-Velazquez, Joey, 42-McGuire, Joe, 43-Ferlmann, John, 49-Gurd, Patrick, 5-Scott Jr., Aaron, 5-Graham, Mylan, 51-Montgomery, Luke, 53-Smith Jr., Will, 54-Wilson, Toby, 62-Padilla, Joshua, 68-Fitzpatrick, George, 69-Moore, Ian, 82-Adolph, David, 86-LeBlanc, Max, 9-Hartford, Malik, 92-Curry, Caden, 93-Kanu, Hero, 94-Moore, Jason, 95-Malone, Tywone, 96-Houston, Eddrick, 97-Jackson Jr., Kenyatta, 98-McDonald, Kayden



TENNESSEE

Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
TENN	1st	TENN25	12:46	Kickoff	TENN32	10:48	Punt	3 - 7	01:58
TENN		TENN25	08:09	Kickoff	TENN07	06:49	Punt	3 - -18	01:20
TENN		TENN25	03:27	Kickoff	TENN47	00:49	Punt	7 - 22	02:38
TENN	2nd	TENN20	10:02	Interception	OSU18	06:39	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 62	03:23
TENN		TENN21	04:23	Punt	OSU00	00:20	*TOUCHDOWN	16 - 79	04:03
TENN	3rd	TENN26	14:54	Kickoff	TENN34	12:30	Punt	6 - 8	02:24
TENN		TENN25	09:16	Kickoff	TENN43	06:04	Punt	6 - 18	03:12
TENN		TENN25	01:18	Kickoff	TENN39	13:19	Downs	6 - 14	02:59
TENN	4th	TENN25	10:53	Kickoff	TENN17	09:45	Punt	3 - -8	01:08
TENN		TENN12	07:33	Punt	TENN16	06:53	Punt	3 - 4	00:40
TENN		TENN27	05:15	Punt	OSU00	01:56	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 73	03:19

Tennessee	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	05:56	07:26	07:00	06:48	13:22	13:48	27:10
3rd down conversions	1-4	2-4	2-5	1-3	3-8	3-8	6-16
Average field position	TENN25	TENN21	TENN25	TENN21	TENN23	TENN23	TENN23
4th down conversions	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2

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OSU		OSU32	10:48	Punt	TENN00	08:09	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 68	02:39
OSU		OSU42	06:49	Punt	TENN00	03:27	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 58	03:22
OSU		OSU20	00:49	Punt	TENN20	10:02	Interception	12 - 60	05:47
OSU	2nd	OSU25	06:39	Kickoff	OSU33	04:23	Punt	3 - 8	02:16
OSU		OSU25	00:20	Kickoff	TENN38	00:00	Missed FG	4 - 37	00:20
OSU	3rd	OSU35	12:30	Punt	TENN00	09:16	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 65	03:14
OSU		OSU19	06:04	Punt	TENN00	01:18	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 81	04:46
OSU	4th	TENN39	13:19	Downs	TENN00	10:53	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 39	02:26
OSU		OSU45	09:45	Punt	TENN49	07:33	Punt	3 - 6	02:12
OSU		OSU42	06:53	Punt	OSU38	05:15	Punt	3 - -4	01:38
OSU		OSU13	01:55	Kickoff	OSU18	00:00	End of half	3 - 5	01:55

Ohio State	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	09:04	07:34	08:00	08:12	16:38	16:12	32:50
3rd down conversions	2-3	0-1	1-1	1-4	2-4	2-5	4-9
Average field position	OSU30	OSU25	OSU27	OSU40	OSU28	OSU36	OSU32
4th down conversions	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1



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TENN		TENN25	12:46	Kickoff	TENN32	10:48	Punt	3 - 7	01:58
OSU		OSU32	10:48	Punt	TENN00	08:09	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 68	02:39
TENN		TENN25	08:09	Kickoff	TENN07	06:49	Punt	3 - -18	01:20
OSU		OSU42	06:49	Punt	TENN00	03:27	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 58	03:22
TENN		TENN25	03:27	Kickoff	TENN47	00:49	Punt	7 - 22	02:38
OSU	2nd	OSU20	00:49	Punt	TENN20	10:02	Interception	12 - 60	05:47
TENN		TENN20	10:02	Interception	OSU18	06:39	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 62	03:23
OSU		OSU25	06:39	Kickoff	OSU33	04:23	Punt	3 - 8	02:16
TENN		TENN21	04:23	Punt	OSU00	00:20	*TOUCHDOWN	16 - 79	04:03
OSU		OSU25	00:20	Kickoff	TENN38	00:00	Missed FG	4 - 37	00:20
TENN		TENN26	14:54	Kickoff	TENN34	12:30	Punt	6 - 8	02:24
OSU	3rd	OSU35	12:30	Punt	TENN00	09:16	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 65	03:14
TENN		TENN25	09:16	Kickoff	TENN43	06:04	Punt	6 - 18	03:12
OSU		OSU19	06:04	Punt	TENN00	01:18	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 81	04:46
TENN		TENN25	01:18	Kickoff	TENN39	13:19	Downs	6 - 14	02:59
OSU		TENN39	13:19	Downs	TENN00	10:53	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 39	02:26
TENN		TENN25	10:53	Kickoff	TENN17	09:45	Punt	3 - -8	01:08
OSU	4th	OSU45	09:45	Punt	TENN49	07:33	Punt	3 - 6	02:12
TENN		TENN12	07:33	Punt	TENN16	06:53	Punt	3 - 4	00:40
OSU		OSU42	06:53	Punt	OSU38	05:15	Punt	3 - -4	01:38
TENN		TENN27	05:15	Punt	OSU00	01:56	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 73	03:19
OSU		OSU13	01:55	Kickoff	OSU18	00:00	End of half	3 - 5	01:55



1st Quarter

Tennessee wins toss and defers; OSU will receive; TEN will defend South end-zone.

#94 J.Turbyville kickoff 64 yards to the OSU01 fair catch by #2 E.Egbuka at OSU01.

Ohio State drive starts at 15:00

1-10	OSU25	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #2 E.Egbuka caught at OSU23, for 8 yards to the OSU33 (#22 J.Telander; #35 W.Brooks).	
2-2	OSU33	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete short middle to #2 E.Egbuka thrown to OSU48. (14:17) Timeout by OSU.	
3-2	OSU33	Shotgun #18 W.Howard sacked for loss of 13 yards to the OSU20 (#20 B.Eason) PENALTY TENN Face Mask (#20 B.Eason) 15 yards from OSU33 to OSU48, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X1
1-10	OSU48	No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush left for 1 yard loss to the OSU47 (#27 J.Pearce Jr.).	
2-11	OSU47	PENALTY OSU False Start 5 yards from OSU47 to OSU42. NO PLAY.	
2-16	OSU42	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #32 T.Henderson caught at TENN39, for 21 yards to the TENN37 (#35 W.Brooks), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P2
1-10	TENN37	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete deep left to #4 J.Smith caught at TENN00, for 37 yards to the TENN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:46, 1ST DOWN.	P3
	TENN03	#38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).	

Tennessee 0, Ohio State 7.

5 plays, 75 yards, 02:14

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 60 yards to the TENN05 fair catch by #27 P.Lewis at TENN05.

Tennessee drive starts at 12:46

1-10	TENN25	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush right for 3 yards gain to the TENN28 (#2 C.Downs), out of bounds.	
2-7	TENN28	No Huddle-Shotgun #6 D.Sampson rush right for 3 yards gain to the TENN31 (#6 S.Styles; #2 C.Downs).	
3-4	TENN31	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 1 yard gain to the TENN32 (#0 C.Simon; #33 J.Sawyer).	
4-3	TENN32	#98 J.Ross punt 36 yards to the OSU32 fair catch by #2 C.Downs at OSU32.	

3 plays, 7 yards, 01:58

Ohio State drive starts at 10:48

1-10	OSU32	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #4 J.Smith caught at OSU29, for 18 yards to the OSU50 (#3 J.McCoy), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P4
1-10	OSU50	No Huddle-Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush right for 4 yards gain to the TENN46 (#7 A.Carter; #42 T.West).	
2-6	TENN46	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete deep middle to #2 E.Egbuka caught at TENN08, for 40 yards to the TENN06 (#9 J.Thomas), 1ST DOWN.	P5
1-G	TENN06	No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush middle for 5 yards gain to the TENN01 (#22 J.Telander; #8 K.Perry).	
2-G	TENN01	#1 Q.Judkins rush right for 1 yard gain to the TENN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 08:09.	
	TENN03	#38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).	

Tennessee 0, Ohio State 14.

5 plays, 68 yards, 02:39

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 60 yards to the TENN05 fair catch by #27 P.Lewis at TENN05.

Tennessee drive starts at 08:09

1-10	TENN25	Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 1 yard loss to the TENN24 (#91 T.Williams; #44 J.Tuimoloau).	
2-11	TENN24	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava sacked for loss of 12 yards to the TENN12 (#44 J.Tuimoloau).	
3-23	TENN12	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #3 S.White thrown to TENN10 broken up by #33 J.Sawyer.	
4-23	TENN12	PENALTY TENN Delay Of Game 5 yards from TENN12 to TENN07. NO PLAY.	
4-28	TENN07	#98 J.Ross punt 47 yards to the OSU46 muffed by #2 C.Downs at OSU46 recovered by OSU #2 C.Downs at OSU42, End Of Play.	

3 plays, -18 yards, 01:20

Ohio State drive starts at 06:49

1-10	OSU42	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete short right thrown to OSU50 QB hurried by #90 D.Bailey.	
2-10	OSU42	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short left to #32 T.Henderson caught at OSU39, for 10 yards to the TENN48 (#2 A.Turrentine), 1ST DOWN.	P6
1-10	TENN48	No Huddle-Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush left for 1 yard loss to the TENN49 (#90 D.Bailey).	
2-11	TENN49	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short middle to #4 J.Smith caught at TENN46, for 6 yards to the TENN43 (#13 E.Spillman), out of bounds.	
3-5	TENN43	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #2 E.Egbuka caught at TENN27, for 16 yards to the TENN27 (#35 W.Brooks), 1ST DOWN.	P7
1-10	TENN27	Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #88 G.Scott Jr. caught at TENN29, for 2 yards loss to the TENN29, out of bounds at TENN29.	
2-12	TENN29	No Huddle-Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush middle for 29 yards gain to the TENN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:27, 1ST DOWN.	R8
	TENN03	#38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).	

Tennessee 0, Ohio State 21.

7 plays, 58 yards, 03:22

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 65 yards to the TENN00, Touchback.

Tennessee drive starts at 03:27

1-10	TENN25	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush left for 14 yards gain to the TENN39 (#1 D.Igbinosun), 1ST DOWN.	R1
1-10	TENN39	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short middle to #5 B.McCoy thrown to OSU46 broken up by #8 L.Ransom.	
2-10	TENN39	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short left to #87 M.Kitselman thrown to TENN45 broken up by #44 J.Tuimoloau.	
3-10	TENN39	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush right for 12 yards gain to the OSU49 (#2 C.Downs; #44 J.Tuimoloau), 1ST DOWN.	R2
1-10	OSU49	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava sacked for loss of 7 yards to the TENN44 (#33 J.Sawyer, #58 T.Hamilton).	
2-17	TENN44	No Huddle-Shotgun #6 D.Sampson rush left for 3 yards gain to the TENN47 (#33 J.Sawyer; #8 L.Ransom).	
3-14	TENN47	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete deep right to #3 S.White thrown to OSU25.	



4-14 TENN47 #98 J.Ross punt 53 yards to the OSU00, Touchback.
7 plays, 22 yards, 02:38

Ohio State drive starts at 00:49

1-10 OSU20 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #1 Q.Judkins caught at OSU17, for 6 yards to the OSU26 (#8 K.Perry), out of bounds.

2-4 OSU26 No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush left for 8 yards gain to the OSU34 (#22 J.Telander), 1ST DOWN. R9

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tennessee	0	05:56	2	0	0	2	1-4	0-0	9-16	0-4-0-0	2-20
Ohio State	21	09:04	2	6	1	9	1-1	0-0	7-45	10-12-0-160	1-5



FIRST QUARTER	TENN	OSU
Score	0	21
FIRST DOWNS	2	9
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-16	7-45
PASSING YDS (NET)	0	160
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	0-4-0	10-12-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	13-16	19-205
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1--4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-45.3	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	1-5
Possession Time	05:56	09:04
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 4	1 of 1
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-2

TENNESSEE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nico Iamaleava	6	30	19	11	0	14	1.8
Dylan Sampson	2	6	0	6	0	3	3.0
DeSean Bishop	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Nico Iamaleava	0-4-0	0	0	0	2		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Squirrel White	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Bru McCoy	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Miles Kitselman	1	0	0	0	0	0	

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jackson Ross	3	136	45.3	53	0	1
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Jeremiah Telander	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Will Brooks	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Kalib Perry	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Andre Turrentine	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	12:46	OSU - #4 J.Smith 37 yd pass from #18 W.Howard (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-75, 02:14	0-7
1st	08:09	OSU - #1 Q.Judkins 1 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-68, 02:39	0-14
1st	03:27	OSU - #32 T.Henderson 29 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 7-58, 03:22	0-21

OHIO STATE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
TreVeyon Henderson	3	33	1	32	1	29	10.7
Quinshon Judkins	4	14	1	13	1	8	3.2

Passing	C-A-I		Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Will Howard	10-12-0		160	1	40	0
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Emeka Egbuka	4	3	64	12	0	40
Jeremiah Smith	3	3	61	24	1	37
TreVeyon Henderson	2	2	31	15	0	21
Quinshon Judkins	1	1	6	9	0	6
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Caleb Downs	1	-4	0	0
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Caleb Downs	1-2	3	0.0	0.0
Jack Sawyer	0-3	3	0.5	0.5
JT Tuimoloau	1-2	3	1.0	1.5
Cody Simon	0-1	1	0.0	0.0



2nd Quarter

1-10	OSU34	No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush middle for 3 yards gain to the OSU37 (#22 J.Telander).	
2-7	OSU37	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #2 E.Egbuka caught at OSU34, for 10 yards to the OSU47 (#5 C.Harrison), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P10
1-10	OSU47	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard rush middle for 6 yards gain to the TENN47 (#5 C.Harrison).	
2-4	TENN47	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete short right to #2 E.Egbuka thrown to TENN45 QB hurried by #21 O.Thomas.	
3-4	TENN47	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short middle to #18 W.Howard caught at OSU46, for 0 yards to the TENN47 (#14 C.Charles).	
4-4	TENN47	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short left to #4 J.Smith caught at TENN46, for 10 yards to the TENN37 (#8 K.Perry), 1ST DOWN.	P11
1-10	TENN37	Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TENN33 (#23 B.Carter).	
2-6	TENN33	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard rush left for 3 yards gain to the TENN30 (#1 R.Gibson III).	
3-3	TENN30	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short left to #4 J.Smith caught at TENN26, for 10 yards to the TENN20 (#3 J.McCoy), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P12
1-10	TENN20	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass intercepted by #35 W.Brooks at TENN00 broken up by #7 A.Carter, Touchback. The previous play is under automatic review - "Interception". PLAY STANDS.	

12 plays, 60 yards, 05:47

Tennessee drive starts at 10:02

1-10	TENN20	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TENN24 (#58 T.Hamilton; #97 K.Jackson Jr.).	
2-6	TENN24	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete deep left to #5 B.McCoy caught at TENN45, for 21 yards to the TENN45 (#8 L.Ransom), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P3
1-10	TENN45	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short middle to #3 S.White caught at OSU38, for 17 yards to the OSU38 (#7 J.Hancock), 1ST DOWN.	P4
1-10	OSU38	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to OSU31.	
2-10	OSU38	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 4 yards gain to the OSU34 (#20 A.Reese).	
3-6	OSU34	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass intercepted by #1 D.Igbinosun at OSU19, End Of Play PENALTY OSU Roughing The Passer (#97 K.Jackson Jr.) 15 yards from OSU34 to OSU19, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X5
1-10	OSU19	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short right to #5 B.McCoy caught at OSU15, for 6 yards to the OSU13 (#24 J.Matthews Jr.; #2 C.Downs).	
2-4	OSU13	PENALTY TENN False Start 5 yards from OSU13 to OSU18. NO PLAY.	
2-9	OSU18	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to OSU12.	
3-9	OSU18	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short left to #5 B.McCoy thrown to OSU00 broken up by #3 L.Styles Jr..	
4-9	OSU18	#90 M.Gilbert field goal attempt from 36 yards GOOD (H: #98 J.Ross, LS: #47 M.Salansky), clock 06:39.	

Tennessee 3, Ohio State 21.

9 plays, 62 yards, 03:23

#94 J.Turbyville kickoff 65 yards to the OSU00, Touchback.

Ohio State drive starts at 06:39

1-10	OSU25	Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush right for 1 yard gain to the OSU26 (#7 A.Carter).	
2-9	OSU26	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short left to #32 T.Henderson caught at OSU26, for 8 yards to the OSU34 (#27 J.Pearce Jr.).	
3-1	OSU34	#2 E.Egbuka rush left for 1 yard loss to the OSU33 (#27 J.Pearce Jr.).	
4-2	OSU33	#42 J.McGuire punt 46 yards to the TENN21.	

3 plays, 8 yards, 02:16

Tennessee drive starts at 04:23

1-10	TENN21	Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush middle for 6 yards gain to the TENN27 (#0 C.Simon).	
2-4	TENN27	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 2 yards gain to the TENN29 (#44 J.Tuimoloau).	
3-2	TENN29	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush left for 2 yards gain to the TENN31 (#44 J.Tuimoloau), 1ST DOWN.	R6
1-10	TENN31	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short left to #14 B.Staley caught at TENN30, for 7 yards to the TENN38 (#6 S.Styles), out of bounds.	
2-3	TENN38	No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush middle for 5 yards gain to the TENN43 (#92 C.Curry), 1ST DOWN. (02:00) Timeout.	R7
1-10	TENN43	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short left to #5 B.McCoy caught at OSU47, for 11 yards to the OSU46 (#1 D.Igbinosun), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P8
1-10	OSU46	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush right for 4 yards gain to the OSU42 (#6 S.Styles), out of bounds.	
2-6	OSU42	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #18 D.Bishop thrown to OSU42 broken up by #6 S.Styles.	
3-6	OSU42	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short right to #87 M.Kitselman caught at OSU37, for 5 yards to the OSU37 (#8 L.Ransom).	
4-1	OSU37	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 8 yards gain to the OSU29 (#2 C.Downs), 1ST DOWN.	R9
1-10	OSU29	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short right to #1 D.Thornton Jr. caught at OSU22, for 14 yards to the OSU15 (#0 C.Simon), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P10
1-10	OSU15	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short left to #14 B.Staley thrown to OSU10 broken up by #33 J.Sawyer.	
2-10	OSU15	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 8 yards gain to the OSU07 (#2 C.Downs). (00:42) Timeout by TEN.	
3-2	OSU07	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush right for 3 yards gain to the OSU04 (#33 J.Sawyer; #91 T.Williams), 1ST DOWN.	R11
1-G	OSU04	No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 2 yards gain to the OSU02 (#0 C.Simon). (00:24) Timeout by TEN.	
2-G	OSU02	Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush right for 2 yards gain to the OSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:20.	
	OSU03	#90 M.Gilbert kick attempt good (H: #98 J.Ross, LS: #47 M.Salansky).	

Tennessee 10, Ohio State 21.

16 plays, 79 yards, 04:03

#94 J.Turbyville kickoff 65 yards to the OSU00, Touchback.



Ohio State drive starts at 00:20

- 1-10 OSU25 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush left for 15 yards gain to the OSU40 (#22 J.Telander), 1ST DOWN. R13
(00:15) Timeout by OSU.
1-10 OSU40 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short left to #88 G.Scott Jr. caught at OSU45, for 7 yards to the OSU47
(#3 J.McCoy), out of bounds.
2-3 OSU47 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short middle to #32 T.Henderson caught at OSU50, for 15 yards to the P14
TENN38 (#22 J.Telander; #23 B.Carter), 1ST DOWN.
(00:05) Timeout by OSU.
1-10 TENN38 #38 J.Fielding field goal attempt from 56 yards NO GOOD (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann), clock 00:00, End Of
Play.

4 plays, 37 yards, 00:20

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Tennessee	10	07:26	4	4	1	9	2-4	1-1	12-50	7-12-0-81	1-5
Ohio State	0	07:34	1	4	0	5	1-3	1-1	7-31	7-9-1-60	1-15



SECOND QUARTER	TENN	OSU
Score	10	0
FIRST DOWNS	9	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	12-50	7-31
PASSING YDS (NET)	81	60
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	7-12-0	7-9-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	24-131	16-91
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	1-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	1-15
Possession Time	07:26	07:34
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	0-0

TENNESSEE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nico Iamaleava	7	25	0	25	1	8	3.6
DeSean Bishop	3	14	0	14	0	8	4.7
Peyton Lewis	2	11	0	11	0	6	5.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Nico Iamaleava	7-12-0	81	0	21	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Bru McCoy	4	3	38	3	0	21
Squirrel White	1	1	17	0	0	17
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	1	1	14	7	0	14
Braylon Staley	2	1	7	8	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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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
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Jeremiah Telander	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
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Boo Carter	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
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Christian Harrison	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
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James Pearce Jr.	2-0	2	0.0	1.0
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Qtr	Time	Scoring Play
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2nd	06:39	TENN - #90 M.Gilbert 36 yd FG, 9-62, 03:23
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2nd	00:20	TENN - #8 N.Iamaleava 2 yd rush (#90 M.Gilbert kick), 16-79, 04:03
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OHIO STATE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
TreVeyon Henderson	2	19	0	19	0	15	9.5
Will Howard	2	9	0	9	0	6	4.5
Quinshon Judkins	2	4	0	4	0	3	2.0
Emeka Egbuka	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Will Howard	7-9-1	60	0	15	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
TreVeyon Henderson	2	2	23	20	0	15
Jeremiah Smith	3	2	20	15	0	10
Emeka Egbuka	2	1	10	13	0	10
Gee Scott Jr.	1	1	7	2	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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Joe McGuire	1	46	46.0	46	0	0
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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
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Caleb Downs	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
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Cody Simon	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
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JT Tuimoloau	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
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Lathan Ransom	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
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Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
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3rd Quarter

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 63 yards to the TENN02 #27 P.Lewis return 24 yards to the TENN26 (#7 J.Hancock; #20 A.Reese).

Tennessee drive starts at 14:54

- 1-10 TENN26 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 5 yards gain to the TENN31 (#0 C.Simon; #58 T.Hamilton).
2-5 TENN31 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TENN35 (#0 C.Simon; #44 J.Tuimolou).
3-1 TENN35 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 1 yard gain to the TENN36 (#0 C.Simon; #8 L.Ransom), 1ST DOWN. R12
1-10 TENN36 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 D.Bishop rush middle for 3 yards gain to the TENN39 (#91 T.Williams; #58 T.Hamilton).
2-7 TENN39 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to TENN44 broken up by #1 D.Igbinosun.
3-7 TENN39 Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush right for 5 yards loss to the TENN34 (#8 L.Ransom).
4-12 TENN34 #98 J.Ross punt 31 yards to the OSU35, out of bounds at OSU35.

6 plays, 8 yards, 02:24

Ohio State drive starts at 12:30

- 1-10 OSU35 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush left for 0 yards to the OSU35 (#22 J.Telander).
2-10 OSU35 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short middle to #88 G.Scott Jr. caught at OSU40, for 8 yards to the OSU43 (#23 B.Carter; #35 W.Brooks).
3-2 OSU43 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #2 E.Egbuka caught at OSU44, for 7 yards to the OSU50 P15
(#1 R.Gibson III), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.
1-10 OSU50 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush right for 2 yards gain to the TENN48 (#21 O.Thomas).
2-8 TENN48 No Huddle-Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete deep right to #88 G.Scott Jr. caught at TENN28, for 26 yards to the P16
TENN22 (#1 R.Gibson III), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.
1-10 TENN22 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete deep left to #4 J.Smith caught at TENN00, for 22 yards to the TENN00 P17
TOUCHDOWN, clock 09:16, 1ST DOWN.

TENN03 #38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).

Tennessee 10, Ohio State 28.

6 plays, 65 yards, 03:14

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 63 yards to the TENN02 fair catch by #27 P.Lewis at TENN02.

Tennessee drive starts at 09:16

- 1-10 TENN25 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short left to #6 D.Sampson caught at TENN23, for 2 yards to the TENN27 (#6 S.Styles), out of bounds.
2-8 TENN27 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short left to #5 B.McCoy caught at TENN29, for 2 yards to the TENN29 (#24 J.Matthews Jr.).
3-6 TENN29 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush left for 8 yards gain to the TENN37 (#0 C.Simon), 1ST DOWN. R13
1-10 TENN37 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush left for 5 yards gain to the TENN42 (#0 C.Simon; #6 S.Styles).
2-5 TENN42 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short middle to #27 P.Lewis caught at TENN40, for 1 yard to the TENN43 (#44 J.Tuimolou).
3-4 TENN43 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #10 M.Matthews thrown to OSU50 broken up by #0 C.Simon.
4-4 TENN43 #98 J.Ross punt 39 yards to the OSU18 #11 B.Inniss return 1 yard to the OSU19 (#0 W.Wright).

6 plays, 18 yards, 03:12

Ohio State drive starts at 06:04

- 1-10 OSU19 Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush middle for 4 yards gain to the OSU23 (#2 A.Turrentine).
2-6 OSU23 No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush middle for 7 yards gain to the OSU30 (#3 J.McCoy; #19 J.Josephs), 1ST DOWN. R18
1-10 OSU30 No Huddle-Shotgun #1 Q.Judkins rush right for 5 yards gain to the OSU35 (#3 J.McCoy).
2-5 OSU35 Shotgun #18 W.Howard rush right for 10 yards gain to the OSU45 (#8 K.Perry; #42 T.West), 1ST DOWN. R19
1-10 OSU45 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #89 W.Kacmarek caught at OSU45, for 7 yards to the TENN48 (#7 A.Carter).
2-3 TENN48 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush right for 6 yards gain to the TENN42 (#22 J.Telander), 1ST DOWN. R20
1-10 TENN42 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #17 C.Tate caught at TENN24, for 18 yards to the TENN24, out of P21
bounds at TENN24, 1ST DOWN.
1-10 TENN24 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete deep right to #4 J.Smith thrown to TENN02 PENALTY TENN Illegal Substitution 5
yards from TENN24 to TENN19. NO PLAY.
1-5 TENN19 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete short right to #4 J.Smith thrown to TENN00 PENALTY TENN Pass Interference X22
(#3 J.McCoy) 15 yards from TENN19 to TENN04, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.
1-G TENN04 #18 W.Howard pass complete short right to #1 Q.Judkins caught at TENN02, for 3 yards to the TENN01, out of bounds at
TENN01.
(01:22) Timeout by TEN.
2-G TENN01 No Huddle #1 Q.Judkins rush right for 1 yard gain to the TENN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:18.
TENN03 #38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).

Tennessee 10, Ohio State 35.

9 plays, 81 yards, 04:46

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 63 yards to the TENN02 fair catch by #27 P.Lewis at TENN02.

Tennessee drive starts at 01:18

- 1-10 TENN25 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short left to #27 P.Lewis caught at TENN23, for 2 yards to the TENN27 (#97 K.Jackson Jr.; #0 C.Simon).
2-8 TENN27 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush right for 8 yards gain to the TENN35 (#2 C.Downs), 1ST DOWN. R14
1-10 TENN35 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava sacked for loss of 8 yards to the TENN27 (#33 J.Sawyer).

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Tennessee	0	07:00	3	0	0	3	2-4	0-0	9-21	4-6-0-7	2-20
Ohio State	14	08:00	3	4	1	8	1-1	0-0	8-35	7-7-0-91	0-0



THIRD QUARTER	TENN	OSU
Score	0	14
FIRST DOWNS	3	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-21	8-35
PASSING YDS (NET)	7	91
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	4-6-0	7-7-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	15-28	15-126
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-24	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-35.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	0-0
Possession Time	07:00	08:00
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 4	1 of 1
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-1

TENNESSEE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nico Iamaleava	4	17	8	9	0	8	2.2
DeSean Bishop	3	9	0	9	0	5	3.0
Peyton Lewis	2	8	5	3	0	8	1.5
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Nico Iamaleava	4-6-0	7	0	2	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Peyton Lewis	2	2	3	7	0	2	
Dylan Sampson	1	1	2	4	0	2	
Bru McCoy	1	1	2	0	0	2	
Chris Brazzell II	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Jackson Ross	2	70	35.0	39	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Peyton Lewis	1	24	0	24
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Jeremiah Telander	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Jermod McCoy	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Rickey Gibson III	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Andre Turrentine	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	09:16	OSU - #4 J.Smith 22 yd pass from #18 W.Howard (#38 J.Fielding kick), 6-65, 03:14	0-7
3rd	01:18	OSU - #1 Q.Judkins 1 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 9-81, 04:46	0-14

OHIO STATE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Quinshon Judkins	4	17	0	17	1	7	4.2
Will Howard	1	10	0	10	0	10	10.0
TreVeyon Henderson	3	8	0	8	0	6	2.7
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Will Howard	7-7-0	91	1	26	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Gee Scott Jr.	2	2	34	9	0	26	
Jeremiah Smith	1	1	22	0	1	22	
Carnell Tate	1	1	18	0	0	18	
Emeka Egbuka	1	1	7	6	0	7	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Brandon Inniss	1	1	0	1
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Cody Simon	1-5	6	0.0	0.0
JT Tuimoloau	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Lathan Ransom	1-1	2	0.0	1.0
Sonny Styles	1-1	2	0.0	0.0



4th Quarter

- 2-18 TENN27 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short middle to #27 P.Lewis caught at TENN25, for 4 yards to the TENN31 (#96 E.Houston; #0 C.Simon).
3-14 TENN31 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 8 yards gain to the TENN39 (#0 C.Simon).
4-6 TENN39 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete deep right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to OSU40, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.
6 plays, 14 yards, 02:59

Ohio State drive starts at 13:19

- 1-10 TENN39 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush right for 3 yards loss to the TENN42 (#21 O.Thomas).
2-13 TENN42 Shotgun #18 W.Howard rush right for 12 yards gain to the TENN30, End Of Play.
3-1 TENN30 Shotgun #18 W.Howard rush left for 6 yards gain to the TENN24 (#31 C.Herring), 1ST DOWN. R23
1-10 TENN24 Shotgun #18 W.Howard pass incomplete short left to #88 G.Scott Jr. thrown to TENN10.
2-10 TENN24 Shotgun #32 T.Henderson rush middle for 24 yards gain to the TENN00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 10:53, 1ST DOWN. R24
TENN03 #38 J.Fielding kick attempt good (H: #42 J.McGuire, LS: #43 J.Ferlmann).

Tennessee 10, Ohio State 42.

5 plays, 39 yards, 02:26

#38 J.Fielding kickoff 59 yards to the TENN06 fair catch by #27 P.Lewis at TENN06.

Tennessee drive starts at 10:53

- 1-10 TENN25 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to TENN42.
2-10 TENN25 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava sacked for loss of 8 yards to the TENN17 (#44 J.Tuimoloau), fumble by #8 N.lamaleava recovered by TENN #6 D.Sampson at TENN17, End Of Play.
3-18 TENN17 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short middle to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to TENN35.
4-18 TENN17 #98 J.Ross punt 38 yards to the OSU45.
3 plays, -8 yards, 01:08

Ohio State drive starts at 09:45

- 1-10 OSU45 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush left for 1 yard loss to the OSU44 (#35 W.Brooks).
2-11 OSU44 Shotgun #33 D.Brown pass complete short right to #11 B.Inniss caught at OSU49, for 6 yards to the OSU50 (#6 J.McMurray).
3-5 OSU50 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush left for 1 yard gain to the TENN49 (#22 J.Telander).
4-4 TENN49 #42 J.McGuire punt 37 yards to the TENN12 fair catch by #23 B.Carter at TENN12.
3 plays, 6 yards, 02:12

Tennessee drive starts at 07:33

- 1-10 TENN12 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short right to #14 B.Staley caught at TENN11, for 4 yards to the TENN16 (#18 J.McClain).
2-6 TENN16 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete short right to #14 B.Staley thrown to TENN32.
3-6 TENN16 Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete deep left to #10 M.Matthews thrown to OSU38 broken up by #12 B.West.
4-6 TENN16 #98 J.Ross punt 42 yards to the OSU42 fair catch by #11 B.Inniss at OSU42.
3 plays, 4 yards, 00:40

Ohio State drive starts at 06:53

- 1-10 OSU42 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush left for 1 yard loss to the OSU41 (#22 J.Telander).
2-11 OSU41 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush middle for 2 yards gain to the OSU43 (#18 T.Weathersby; #53 D.Hobbs).
3-9 OSU43 Shotgun #10 J.Sayin pass incomplete short right to #13 B.Rodgers thrown to TENN48.
4-9 OSU43 PENALTY OSU Delay Of Game 5 yards from OSU43 to OSU38. NO PLAY.
4-14 OSU38 #42 J.McGuire punt 35 yards to the TENN27 fair catch by #23 B.Carter at TENN27.
3 plays, -4 yards, 01:38

Tennessee drive starts at 05:15

- 1-10 TENN27 Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush left for 4 yards gain to the TENN31 (#18 J.McClain).
2-6 TENN31 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush middle for 26 yards gain to the OSU43 (#18 J.McClain; #24 J.Matthews Jr.), 1ST DOWN. R15
1-10 OSU43 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass complete short right to #17 C.Brazzell II caught at OSU35, for 8 yards to the OSU35, End Of Play.
2-2 OSU35 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush middle for 3 yards gain to the OSU32 (#94 J.Moore; #17 M.Melton), 1ST DOWN. R16
1-10 OSU32 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava pass incomplete deep right to #17 C.Brazzell II thrown to OSU00.
2-10 OSU32 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush right for 23 yards gain to the OSU09 (#9 M.Hartford), 1ST DOWN. R17
1-G OSU09 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush right for 4 yards gain to the OSU05 (#11 C.Hicks).
2-G OSU05 No Huddle-Shotgun #27 P.Lewis rush left for 3 yards gain to the OSU02 (#20 A.Reese; #95 T.Malone).
3-G OSU02 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 N.lamaleava rush middle for 2 yards gain to the OSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:56.
OSU03 PENALTY TENN Delay Of Game 5 yards from OSU03 to OSU08. NO PLAY.
OSU08 #90 M.Gilbert kick attempt good (H: #98 J.Ross, LS: #47 M.Salansky).

Tennessee 17, Ohio State 42.

9 plays, 73 yards, 03:19

(01:56) Timeout.

#94 J.Turbyville kickoff 52 yards to the OSU13 #32 T.Henderson return 0 yards to the OSU13, End Of Play.

Ohio State drive starts at 01:55

- 1-10 OSU13 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush middle for 2 yards gain to the OSU15 (#33 B.Bolton; #94 N.Robinson).
2-8 OSU15 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush left for 3 yards loss to the OSU12 (#31 C.Herring).
3-11 OSU12 Shotgun #20 J.Peoples rush middle for 6 yards gain to the OSU18 (#33 B.Bolton; #14 C.Charles).
3 plays, 5 yards, 01:55

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Tennessee	7	06:48	3	0	0	3	1-4	0-1	9-65	3-9-0-16	1-5
Ohio State	7	08:12	2	0	0	2	1-4	0-0	11-45	1-3-0-6	1-5



FOURTH QUARTER	TENN	OSU
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	3	2
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-65	11-45
PASSING YDS (NET)	16	6
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	3-9-0	1-3-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	18-81	14-51
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-40.0	2-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-5	1-5
Possession Time	06:48	08:12
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 4	1 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	0-0

TENNESSEE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Peyton Lewis	6	63	0	63	0	26	10.5
Nico Iamaleava	3	10	8	2	1	8	0.7
Dylan Sampson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Nico Iamaleava	3-9-0	16	0	8	1		

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Chris Brazzell II	5	1	8	0	0	8
Peyton Lewis	1	1	4	6	0	4
Braylon Staley	2	1	4	5	0	4
Mike Matthews	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Jackson Ross	2	80	40.0	42	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
Ben Bolton	0-2	2	0.0	0.0
Caleb Herring	2-0	2	0.0	1.0
Jeremiah Telander	2-0	2	0.0	1.0
Christian Charles	0-1	1	0.0	0.0

Qtr Time Scoring Play

4th 10:53 OSU - #32 T.Henderson 24 yd rush (#38 J.Fielding kick), 5-39, 02:26

4th 01:56 TENN - #8 N.Iamaleava 2 yd rush (#90 M.Gilbert kick), 9-73, 03:19

OHIO STATE

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
TreVeyon Henderson	2	24	3	21	1	24	10.5
Will Howard	2	18	0	18	0	12	9.0
James Peoples	7	11	5	6	0	6	0.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Devin Brown	1-1-0	6	0	6	0
Will Howard	0-1-0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Brandon Inniss	1	1	6	1	0	6
Gee Scott Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bryson Rodgers	1	0	0	0	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Joe McGuire	2	72	36.0	37	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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TreVeyon Henderson	1	0	0	0
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Jaylen McClain	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Cody Simon	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Arvell Reese	0-1	1	0.0	0.0
C.J. Hicks	1-0	1	0.0	0.0

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CFP First Round: Ohio State vs Tennessee

Saturday, December 21, 2024

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Tennessee Volunteers Coach Josh Heupel

Postgame Press Conference

Ohio State 42, Tennessee 17

JOSH HEUPEL: First, just want to thank our fans. I don't know what the actual number was that showed up, but there was a bunch of orange that decided to make the trip. Appreciate them. Disappointed for them. Disappointed for our team and everything that we have put into it since last January, that we didn't coach and play better in this one early.

There wasn't a phase of the football game where we operated the way we needed to early in the game, and came back and made a couple plays at the end of the second quarter to tighten it up, and just didn't function well enough the beginning of the third quarter, either.

That's a credit to them. But just didn't do what you have to on the road in a game against a really good football team.

Disappointed on all those accords.

Talked to the players in the locker room, and everybody was disappointed, obviously. But there's a lot of guys that played the last game in a Tennessee uniform that we're really proud of, too. A lot of those guys have been with us since we started this journey, when I first got hired. Great leaders, great people, great players, and meant a lot to what we've built.

I'll open it up.

Q. Josh, when you look defensively in that first quarter, what was going wrong? Also, on the injury front, what did that do for you guys game plan-wise?

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, defensively first series we got a chance to get off the field; end up with a playing penalty. Some of that's going to happen during the course of a game. Had a couple of busts in coverage, and they made some plays, too. That's going to happen against a good



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team.

But what we didn't do is come back and find a way to get on the right side of it, and that's defensively, offensively; it's everybody.

Going into it there were guys that had been out for a couple weeks that we felt like were going to be able to play in this one, were probably going to be a little bit limited. The injuries just kind of started piling up on us early in the game.

Q. From a wide receiver standpoint, it didn't seem like you guys could get open tonight down the field. What were they doing to limit you guys, and where do you go from there at that position?

JOSH HEUPEL: It's never just one thing. We struggled in protection early in the football game. I thought Nico did a good job with his feet throughout the course of it making some plays. We didn't separate at times, and it was a combination of a lot of different things.

Early the first couple series we just got behind the chains and weren't able to pick up a 3rd down, and then compile that with what was going on on the other side of the ball, and the scoreboard kind of spread a little bit and they were able to pin their ears back.

For us, we lose a couple good players out there. What Bru has done in his career, who he is; Don't'e, what he's done throughout this season. Really proud of his growth. We've got to find some guys that are going to step up and make plays, and we will.

Q. When you look at the growth of the program since you got there, what do you feel like it's going to take to take that next step when you get to this point in the season?

JOSH HEUPEL: Well, we've got to play better. We've got to coach better. Ohio State is a good football team. Tonight wasn't one of our best performances this year, and so at the end of the day we've got to continue to grow. We'll start again and start retooling, rebuilding, and grow as a football team.



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Two years ago, I don't know, we finished sixth in the country. There's a standard inside of our building, and we're going to continue to grow.

Q. Was Dylan's hamstring, was it an issue you knew about before the game?

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, end of the Vandy game, got dinged up, and it was soft tissue, and had been out the first couple weeks and got back with us. Started building him through the week. Felt like he was in a good spot. Anticipated him not having the same type of load that he normally would have.

Just early in the game kind of retweaked it and wasn't available there for a while.

Q. As you've built this program and seen the passion of the fans grow as you saw out there tonight --

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, pretty special what our fans have done.

Q. Does that make it even harder for you guys and your team to see the outcome here?

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, a ton of disappointment in our locker room for everybody that's invested. There's so much work that goes into it. But absolutely disappointed in the performance tonight for our fans. The amount of people that traveled. But it's every week. It's 365 days out of the year. Disappointed for them, absolutely.

Q. Sort of looking ahead, when you think of the pieces that are missing right now for this team to take the next step, do you think you know what those pieces are right now, and how attainable are those pieces?

JOSH HEUPEL: Man, we'll go back and watch this one here on the flight. People that have watched us, it wasn't our best football tonight. When you're playing a good football team, margins are thin, you're not on the right side of it.

It doesn't have to look like it did tonight, but it won't look good. Ultimately we're capable of playing better than we did tonight, and that's not taking anything away from Ohio State.

Q. You mentioned needing to grow as a program going forward. What lessons do you feel like y'all can learn from tonight that can help you grow moving forward?

JOSH HEUPEL: There will be a bunch of little things, just in the play and the detail of our assignments. But no matter when your season ends, every year is new. You start rebuilding.

When I say that, you can't skip any of the steps, so when we get our guys back, we'll start that process.

Q. It was in the low 20s pretty much the whole game. You had some injuries. Was that a factor tonight?

JOSH HEUPEL: Well, the injuries were a factor for sure. But listen, the season in college football, it's long, and you've got to have the next guy step up.

At the end of the day, whether it was a starter that was out there, a backup, we didn't perform the way that we needed to.

Q. Can you speak to the play of Nico (indiscernible)?

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, kid is going to lay it on the line and compete with everything that he's got, and he did that tonight. There's some things that he'd want back, and that could be a read, a throw, but continued to play and fight.

There were a lot of moving parts within our personnel around him, and when you're playing that position you need to have the guys around you playing at a high level, too.

I said at the beginning, we just didn't coach well, play well enough collectively as a group to do the things you have to in this one.

Q. (Indiscernible).

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, I think everybody that follows the sport understands that it's a unique time of year. I'm not in charge of that. Do I think they need to find a way to go through all the processes that they have right now or things that are in the game but find a better calendar for it? Yeah, I think that would be best for the game for sure.

But at the end of the day, I'm not using any of that for tonight. We just didn't play well enough, didn't coach well enough.

Q. Over and above your team, what it did or didn't do, as you scouted these guys and watched tape and looked at things leading up to this game and now you've seen them live, I wonder where their roster ranks with anybody you've played this year or the last couple years.

JOSH HEUPEL: They played really well. Coming into it, I thought their skill on both sides of the ball were as good as you'll see. Defensively they led the country or were Top 5 in pretty much every category. They did a good job tonight.

We weren't efficient in the run game early and got to the quarterback early, and you combine those two things and you're struggling offensively.

Q. What jumps out at you for why you feel like your team didn't perform as well as you would have liked tonight, and what was your message to the team?

JOSH HEUPEL: Yeah, I don't know. Like the preparation going into it, guys that were out there with us for the two weeks of this preparation, I thought they did a really good job, and the performance tonight doesn't change my viewpoint of what they did on the practice field and in their preparation.

Didn't execute some things tonight. Got beat in some one-on-one situations out on the perimeter, also at the line of scrimmage. At the end of the day, a couple of busts and they create big plays and they got -- they're on the right side of the scoreboard and create some separation, changes the way the game is played a little bit. You combine all those things...

Q. What was your message to the team?

JOSH HEUPEL: You know, I think at the end of the season, even after a really disappointing performance tonight, at the end of it, recognized what the team had done throughout the course of the season. I think that's important.

The guys that have been a part of building this program, I'm talking about inside the locker room, the seniors that you're losing, what they've meant to this program. But I started it out by recognizing how disappointing this was. I think everybody -- you'd better let that soak in, and it's got to propel you for whatever is next, and that's for the guys that are coming back. It's the guys that are leaving, too. You've got to grow and use this to propel you, too.

Q. Some of the struggles on the line of scrimmage tonight, were those things that were surprising, or when you watched film was that something that you thought was possible in this game?

JOSH HEUPEL: I thought we would handle some of those things better than we did tonight.

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Tennessee Volunteers

Joey Halzle

Tim Banks

Postgame Press Conference

Ohio State 42, Tennessee 17

Q. Tim, why do you think they had such success in the passing game in particular? (Indiscernible)?

TIM BANKS: Yeah, they're a really good program, a lot of good players. They just really did a good job tonight. They didn't do a ton of things that we necessarily hadn't seen on tape.

Our hats off to those guys, but they did a tremendous job tonight, and obviously it wasn't our best showing.

Q. Joey, can you talk about the difficulties in the passing game, and did you expect to run Nico as many times as you did?

JOEY HALZLE: A lot of the runs that Nico ended up doing was just him extending plays on his own. We did have some design quarterback run on the play he scored on and a couple 3rd and shorts.

Yeah, we weren't creating big plays in the pass game, weren't creating big windows. We had difficulty up front. It was just an entire unit where from start to finish it couldn't get anything to pop going right there.

That's why you ended up seeing him running with the ball in his hand a lot.

Q. For both of you guys, Coach Heupel mentioned losing one-on-ones a little bit tonight. For the offensive line and for the DBs when that happened, what is the message in the middle of the game to keep them engaged and prevent that from happening again?

TIM BANKS: Yeah, we've played a lot of good football around here, and we've beaten a lot of good teams. You're



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going to see good skill week in and week out. I thought our guys competed all night and gave it their best effort. Just unfortunately we just came up a little bit short tonight.

JOEY HALZLE: Similar answer. You go on the road against good competition, if you're not playing on the right side of the margins, it gets real tough real fast.

Similar to what Coach Banks said, we've played really good defenses in the past. Tonight we just weren't on the right side of those margins and the small details to allow us to make the big plays on the back end.

Q. Joey, I know you had a couple of your key guys at receiver that were hurt tonight, but when you can't make big plays down the field, either guys aren't getting open or you're not protecting well enough, how much does that hinder what you're trying to do offensively, especially against guys that are this talented?

JOEY HALZLE: Yeah, it's kind of a sum of all the parts. When we're not creating the explosives, whether it's poor calls or poor execution, whatever that may be, it puts you in a phone booth a little bit. Those guys start teeing off up front.

It's just the entire sum of the entire night is we didn't stretch them enough. We didn't force them to respect us going by them enough to make them change up what they were doing.

When you let them play comfortable, when you let them play in their game plan and don't make them change, it creates long nights like what happened tonight.

Q. Joey, what do you think contributed, not just tonight, but over the course of the season to sum up the games when you've had a lot of explosive plays in the passing game?

JOEY HALZLE: Yeah, again, it's never one thing. It's a lot of situations of everyone taking a turn, like where you get somebody open and then maybe you don't win up front and then you're dominating up front, and then you dominate up front and you get open and you miss the throw.



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Like if you just take your turn over the course of 65, 70 plays, if 11 guys take their turn one time, that's a big percentage of your plays right there.

So it's about playing -- offensive football is always about playing as a unit. If one guy is off, it ain't going to work. That's what you're fighting, you're clawing, you're competing for all off-season, all week in prep. And yeah, like I said, tonight we weren't on the right side of that.

Q. Joey, we asked Heup about upgrading personnel this off-season. How much of the plan in terms of protection and receiver needs to be about maximizing Nico next year, adding guys that can help you?

JOEY HALZLE: You know, I'll let Heup answer that part about the personnel, but as far as -- it goes through your quarterback. That's who it is. When you have a quarterback, that's who it goes through. That's why the guys in the NFL, that's what everything is.

It's about supplying a team around him. If you've got a quarterback that can make it go, our job is to make sure that we have the pieces and the scheme to allow him to be his best.

Q. Joey, how much did you expect to have Dylan available tonight, and just how much did the game plan change?

JOEY HALZLE: We knew Dylan wasn't at 100 percent. We knew he was going to go early and he was going to give it a shot. Whenever that guy is not at 100 percent, you know, he's SEC offensive Player of the Year, right, he makes everything go.

So losing him and actually not even having him at full speed was tough. But that's part of the job, is when you're not healthy, when you're not 100 percent, what are you going to do to get the job done. We didn't get it done tonight.

Q. Without Sampson does it change your game plan or your play calling?

JOEY HALZLE: It can. We knew he wasn't at 100 percent. We were hopeful he was going to be able to go full speed tonight, and then the other thing is we didn't get him going, too, as much as we would have hoped.

But yeah, whenever you don't have a guy of that caliber, it hurts. It makes it more difficult, yeah.

Q. Tim, you guys had a couple stops there in the

second quarter to kind of get you guys back in the game, then the third quarter you weren't able to sustain on defense. What were the issues to start the third quarter?

TIM BANKS: Yeah, it's always difficult. We had a couple calls that didn't quite go our way based on the situation. I mean, again, I don't want to be a broken record, but you've just got to take your hat off to Ohio State. They did a tremendous job tonight.

Like I said, I have the utmost faith in our guys, and I'm very proud of what they've done to this point. It's super disappointing. We only got a couple stops. To beat a team of that caliber, we obviously need to play our best game, and unfortunately we didn't do that tonight.

Q. (Regarding Ohio State controlling the line of scrimmage).

TIM BANKS: Yeah, I think anytime -- it goes hand in hand, your back and your front, different things you have to do coverage-wise to give a front the best chance to be successful and vice versa. We just weren't able to find that combination tonight to give us a chance to play winning defense?

Q. I'm curious, how much do you think their success offensively was because of what they did and how much of it was you guys not doing what you're capable of doing?

TIM BANKS: Yeah, I think the truth always lies somewhere in the middle. You've obviously got to be a defense that doesn't beat themselves. Obviously we're playing great talent.

Obviously we'll evaluate the tape a little bit closer to have a better answer, but I think overall there were some things that we'd like to do better, and unfortunately we didn't.

Q. You guys both this year had the luxury of a lot of multiyear seniors up front. What's that going to be like, saying goodbye to a lot of friendly faces who played a lot of football around here and just kind of developing again for next year?

TIM BANKS: Well, for me, I told those guys in the locker room, when a lot of guys decided to leave here when we took this job, those guys stayed. So I'll forever be grateful for that. I love those guys. They gave us everything they had.

Then the class that came right after them, we were still building, and those guys came to be a part of it. We're

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going to miss those guys. It's going to be very hard to replace the leadership that those guys gave us, but we feel really good about some of the young guys that we've brought in and some of the guys that show some promise early in the year. The standard will be the standard. We're excited about the youth that we have.

Yep, we'll miss the leadership, but we've definitely got some guys that are going to pick it up.

JOEY HALZLE: Yeah, so a guy like I see Cooper Mays afterwards. It's like, man, it's going to be weird walking into the facility the next time and him not standing in there. For those guys, when we got here, everybody had the opportunity to leave because with the coaching change and the rules with the portal and everything, and the fact that those guys chose to stay and that they're still here and where they took this program from '21 to '24 where we're in the College Football Playoff. Like, man, the Tennessee fan base should long love that entire group of guys that helped bring this program back to where it is.

As Coach Banks was saying, for the young guys in there, the message is this doesn't happen. Like you don't just get to go to the College Football Playoff. What those guys did to get us here, it's now their time to step in and become those leaders, become the vocal and the physical leaders, become the guys that make the plays. They've been watching for a year or two years and now it's time for them to step up, but the biggest thing is none of this ever just happens.

Nothing in this game is given. Nothing just happens by surprise. Everything is earned. Everything you get and everything you don't get. That's the message moving forward. There's a lot of competition out there now. There's a lot of open spots that are up to be taken. So we should have a really high-end off-season to go get us back to where we want to be.

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Jeremiah Telander

Cooper Mays

Omari Thomas

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Q. Cooper, obviously you've had a long relationship with this program and this place. For you, I think Coach Halzle was saying it's going to be hard to walk into the facility and not see you moving forward. What does the end of your time here mean for you personally?

COOPER MAYS: Man, I don't really know how to really put it into words, how to articulate what this journey and what all these people that I've encountered in my time at Tennessee. I don't really know if I've got words to explain it.

I truly do love this place, and I love going into work with these guys every day, every week. Truly love competing and getting better every week with these guys, and super upset that it's over.

But super proud of everybody involved with getting this place back to more where it's supposed to be.

Q. (Indiscernible).

COOPER MAYS: Just that it was actually over. I don't know. Until the clock truly hit zero, I don't really think about anything but the next play. Kind of all that stuff just hitting me, that it was actually over, my time here at Tennessee. Really emotional, honestly.

Q. One of the hardest things to do at places like Tennessee or big time blue blood programs is being on the right side of the fans' passion. Clearly you guys were able to do that when you look up and see 30,000 fans in the stadium. How hard is it to walk away



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knowing you didn't play your best game but they turned out in mass?

OMARI THOMAS: I would say really just that's important for us to see and have fans that support us no matter what. We feel like our fans play a big part in everything that we did this year. They continued to just support us in everything, regardless, bad, good, ugly.

We had fans who continued to support us and come down here. It meant a lot for us. We play for each other. We play for the fans. We play for the culture. Like being a part of Tennessee culture, it just means a lot to us.

So just being able to have fans who support us and just think the world of us, it means a lot.

Q. Cooper, a different guy going to be snapping the ball to Nico. Probably a different running back behind you; different receivers. If the right people are around Nico, what's his ceiling?

COOPER MAYS: I mean, I guess you could say the sky's the limit. I've been adamant. I don't really know anything about quarterback -- truthfully, I don't know what's good or what's bad or anything. But I know that kid is a special kid, uber talented, one of the most talented football players I've ever been around, and his maturity at a young age is really impressive, too.

When you mix all that stuff together, it always breeds a positive result. I know he's going to be great whatever pieces or whatever you're speaking about. I know he's going to be a great player regardless.

Q. For all you guys, how would you describe the locker room after this one, and any of the players have a message or address the team?

JEREMIAH TELANDER: Obviously everybody is super disappointed. For me it's just really sad to see the seniors have to go. You don't prepare for a loss, and you think you're going to win every game, so you kind of mentally didn't prepare to have to tell some of these seniors goodbye or watch them take their pads off for the last time.



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For me that's the hardest thing is seeing the guys I look up to and the leaders on the team go out that way.

Q. Cooper and Omari, for the program to continue to grow from this point with what you all have built to this point, what lessons do you feel like the program needs to take from tonight to allow them to continue to grow?

OMARI THOMAS: I would say just continuing to be coachable. I feel like that's something that really -- we were coachable, but we just have to continue to be coachable. That's something for the program to continue to succeed, you have to continue to be coachable. You need guys who are going to be in the program who love the program, who love the culture about it.

Q. The first few possessions of the game for it to snowball like that and be 21-0, what was your reaction to all that as it was unfolding, and do you feel you got rattled by that or anything that happened in the first few minutes?

JEREMIAH TELANDER: Yeah, I mean, we just didn't win our one-on-ones at the start of the game, and our defense has always been a great job of bouncing back and bringing the fight back to them, but we just didn't win our one-on-ones, and it didn't go our way tonight.

Q. (Indiscernible).

COOPER MAYS: I truly don't know if it's like a message or anything that you say. I think the way that guys like us have come to work and showed up and showed face every day, the mentality and the energy that we brought, I think that speaks volumes and says more than anything two-sentence thing could ever really capture, I guess.

Yeah, the grass isn't always greener on the other side. Everybody knows that. Everybody has their own situations. But man, I really do love Tennessee, and it's been really good to me.

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Nico Iamaleava

Will Brooks

Postgame Press Conference

Ohio State 42, Tennessee 17?

Q. Nico, can you talk about the struggles with the downfield passing game? Joey said it resulted in you running a lot more. Did you ever expect to run 20 times today?

NICO IAMALEAVA: I mean, 20Ks. No, I did not expect to run that many times. Some shots that were there, and overall as a team we didn't just execute the whole game plan, so got to be better.

Q. (Indiscernible) passing game that allowed them to --

WILL BROOKS: Yeah, I mean, I think they just executed at a higher level than us. We had the opportunities to make a couple plays and just weren't able to capitalize on it, so just execution.

Q. For both of you guys, Coach Heupel talked a lot about disappointment. How would you describe tonight, and when you think about disappointment, what are you guys most disappointed about how tonight went?

WILL BROOKS: Yeah, I'll start. It just stings kind of losing like that. Obviously we're all disappointed with the result. I feel like we had a good game plan, just weren't able to execute it. Obviously really disappointed with the result of the game.

NICO IAMALEAVA: Yeah, just started off slow. We were supposed to come in, had a great game plan to come in and fire first, and they hit us in the mouth first. We were just trying to recover that whole game.

First half I thought we did a great job of that, and second



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half coming in I thought we could have played at a way higher level than we did.

Q. Nico, what do you feel like you need to take from this loss and carry it with you into the off-season?

NICO IAMALEAVA: I think just use it as motivation. We've been putting in work since January to get to this point, and it sucks to go out that way because that's not who we are.

I love this team. I love the team we have. Just the way tonight went was not the way we wanted it to go, and we'll use that as fuel and motivation during this off-season to really hit it.

Q. Both you guys, Nico, along the same lines, you guys have knocked down so many barriers the last couple days, beating Alabama, beating Florida, winning 11 games, winning 10 games, getting to the playoff. Then next step, what do you need to do to play better on the road against better teams?

NICO IAMALEAVA: I think that all just comes to executing on the road. Like I said, our coaches gave us a great game plan, and us as players, as the team, we're the ones out there on the field playing, and we've just got to hold ourselves to a higher standard and execute at a higher level.

Q. Will, what memories do you take from this?

WILL BROOKS: Yeah, really just being with the guys on the team. That's what really hurts the most about losing and not being able to finish the way we wanted to. Just the fact that I won't be able to be around any of those guys every day anymore, it really, really hurts.

Q. Nico, without Dylan's (indiscernible) and then Dont'e injured too, how much did that (indiscernible) the game plan?

NICO IAMALEAVA: Shoot, at the end of the day, man, whoever is out there, whether it's a freshman or not, we've got to be able to execute the same way with those guys or not, and we didn't do a good job of that tonight.



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Q. Nico, obviously most people who have ever played football won't play at a level like this, but to explain to those people the difference in playing offense on the road and at home, how much different is it in terms of trying to execute and doing things?

NICO IAMALEAVA: Yeah, I would just say there's a crowd noise that plays a factor in how we play. We can't play as fast as we want to without tempo, and that's really the biggest factor was crowd noise.

Q. Nico, what can be added to the open up the offense next year, and do you want to be in conversations with coaches about what can open up the offense more?

NICO IAMALEAVA: Yeah, obviously in the off-season, me, Coach Joey, and Coach Heup are always have conversations about how we can excel this offense, and it'll be that in the off-season, too.

Q. Will, (indiscernible) give a message to the younger guys?

WILL BROOKS: Yeah. Just said keep fighting, be ready for every single opportunity that you're presented, and just to take advantage of it. I hope people can learn kind of from my journey like you don't always have to come in and start right away. You can wait your time and just take advantage of everything that's given to you and good things will come.

Q. Talking about the outcome, tens of thousands of fans were in the stands tonight. You talk about crowd noise. What does their dedication mean to you?

NICO IAMALEAVA: Yeah, man, I love it. Man, I was so happy to see all the orange in the stands. It sucks the performance we gave out for them, but I hope they get home safe, man. I really appreciate their support.

Q. What do you think the future of the wide receiver room looks like?

NICO IAMALEAVA: Yeah, shoot, I haven't really looked too far ahead yet. Letting this one sting a little bit. We've just got a great young room in there. Obviously we've got some guys coming back. Yeah, man, we'll just look to keep getting better in the off-season.

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Ohio State Buckeyes

Coach Ryan Day

Postgame Press Conference

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Q. I don't know any artful way to say this, but where was that performance hiding?

RYAN DAY: I'm proud of our seniors for a lot of reasons. One, for the fact that they were able to finish their last game at Ohio Stadium with a win like that. I'm also proud of the way that they responded.

I told them in the locker room that in life you're going to be -- you're defined by the way you handle adversity in life, as a person, as a man, as a dad. So to see the way that they responded in this game, you can tell from the jump that they had a look in their eye that they were going to go win this game. I thought they played that way.

A lot of football ahead of us. Great win. We'll enjoy this for 24 hours. Then it's on to Oregon.

Q. From a coaching perspective, this was like 180 from your last game. What did you guys do different? Did you just say we're going to go out and throw the ball, play loose, play aggressive?

RYAN DAY: I think it was a combination of things. I think it's a little bit of everything. I think when you go back and look at the season -- we talked about it going into the game -- we were a different team. When we lost Seth, we played that Indiana game. We got the punt return, looking back on it. We got that turnover down in the red zone. We really didn't play great on offense in the Indiana game, truth be told.

Then we went into the last game and still didn't quite know what the ramifications were from everything that was going on based on who we had up front. And there was a lot of things that played into that game. But certainly one of them was we called this game more aggressively. There's no question about that.



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But also I think we did some things in this game that maximized what we have in terms of our strengths and minimized our deficiencies -- not that everything was perfect in this game; it wasn't. But I do think that -- and I also thought Will was excellent in this game. Played really well. Did a really good job of placing the ball in some big-time throws. When he needed to make plays with his legs, he did.

And certainly Jeremiah was dynamite again. But Will was a leader.

But we also had balance in this game. It wasn't like we were throwing it all over the place. We did have balance. We had some good runs, and those hit for us, which makes a big difference when you have that run/pass balance that we're looking for.

This has got to build momentum going into this next game.

Q. You dominated the first half but then you looked up at the scoreboard heading into halftime and you were only up 11. Did you feel like you let them off the hook a little bit? And what was the conversation at halftime knowing that you dominated the half, albeit just an 11-point margin?

RYAN DAY: Yeah, that's why we knew coming out in the second half we had to win the next four to five minutes, and we did. That really helped, because you're right; you can feel that a little bit.

I say it to them all the time coming into halftime you're going to be up/down or it's going to be tied. So, now we have to go win the next four, five minutes of the game. They deferred, so they got the ball. We had to get that stop. We did. And we went down and scored, and that made a huge difference.

But I tell the guys all the time that in games like this, you've got to have poise because there's ups and downs, and you can't get caught up in that. But, yeah, there was a point there where we have a chance to go up 28-0, and we throw the interception. Great play, and I liked the call.



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I liked how aggressive we were because that's part of it. When you're going to call the game aggressively and something like this happens, you have to be able to live with it.

But, yeah, we had a chance to score there and go 28-nothing, and the game is pretty much in hand at that point.

But they fought their way back in. They're a good team. This is a very good SEC team that came up here. So we knew it wasn't going to be easy.

Q. I know obviously the confidence from this group comes from the work you put in on a daily basis. But when you sit for weeks and you obviously just want to get into the game, how important is it for you to have that first drive the way you guys did that to build confidence for the rest of the game?

RYAN DAY: And just the execution. We've talked about that the last few weeks in some of the press conferences we've been in. I know you've heard us harp on execution, execution, execution, because there's a lot of things coming out of that last game that we just look back on and we just didn't execute very well.

And certainly there are things that we needed to do better in terms of scheme. But we also didn't execute. I thought we for the most part fielded the kicks better in this game. I thought we blocked better in this game. I thought we ran through contact better in this game. And certainly we threw and caught better in this game. And that made a huge difference in it.

You're right, there was a confidence coming out of that first quarter because we were playing with a lot of energy.

But even coming out of warmups you could feel it. These guys wanted to play in this game and there was a confidence that got built through practice. And I thought we had a good game plan going in. I think the guys believed in it. And that went a long way to get that first drive.

Q. (Indiscernible) how you got through it and just how important this was, because this was a season-defining win to this point? What did you do to make sure that you guys were ready because that was obviously a devastating loss?

RYAN DAY: The first week was an identification of the issues. You don't just move on from the game. You have to identify what the issues are and have real conversations with the players, allow them to speak because they're

vested in this. And then coaches have their two cents.

You give it about a week and then you put a plan together on how we're going to move forward, how we're going to get these things fixed.

And you find out who your opponent is. We found out it's Tennessee. That's where the two weeks of work went.

About Wednesday of this week you could tell these guys just wanted to get on the field. It had been a long leadup for us, weeks. To say it doesn't weigh on you, it does. We have a lot of pride in who we are. These guys have a lot of pride.

These guys, they love each other and they're a great representation of Ohio State. And I'm glad that they were able to -- for the last game, for those seniors -- to finish with a win, but they are not satisfied at all. I mean, they quickly are going to get their focus on Oregon, which is going to be a rematch for us, which is exciting, and going into a great opportunity to go play in the Rose Bowl again.

So I think it says a lot about who our guys are that we're able to respond like that in a big way.

Q. You talk a lot about leave no doubt. How important was it for you guys in terms of building momentum to not just win tonight but to leave no doubt?

RYAN DAY: That's it. And even there were a couple of points in the game, there's a couple of calls and different things where in the past, when you have one of these games and it comes down to the last play, you can look to those as game-altering plays.

But when you leave no doubt, nobody will talk about those plays because we did. And there was a few opportunities in this game to do that very thing -- fourth down stop. There was, again, those drives right there in the third quarter that I felt like allowed us an opportunity to pull away when the defense was getting stops.

Q. You told us during the week that we could see a rotation on the interior of your offensive line there. Could you just talk about the job Luke Montgomery did. But also Austin is playing essentially two different positions in one game. Just evaluate the job he did going back and forth depending who was in the game with him?

RYAN DAY: When you don't notice the guards, they're doing pretty well. I noticed Luke's energy, toughness and edge. I've got to watch the film and see how he did, but we blocked them much better in this game. And they have a



good front.

I thought we got some of the gap schemes going. Some good double teams. It wasn't all perfect by any means, and we'll have to continue to diversify going into next game. But I thought we at least focused on the things that these guys could do well and now we have to build on it.

And they play with confidence and energy. You could see after we scored a couple of touchdowns, they were jacked up, and coming off the field with good energy.

And the leaders of that group is certainly Donovan Jackson and Josh Fryar. And good to see Carson play well, looked like it anyways from my point of view, watching the game on tablet that he played well. That allows us to have balance, and as you know that's a huge part of it.

Q. (Off microphone).

RYAN DAY: We'll have to look at it, but it seems healthy to me to get those guys involved in the game.

Q. This week, the defense talked about if they had to win the game, they felt confident doing that. Obviously your offense plays the way it does so they don't have that as much on their shoulders, but other than a couple of drives they hold the fort down. Their performance and what they can build on from this.

RYAN DAY: They're playing with confidence. And coming off the last game, I think they felt like, you know, we have to go win the game, but when the offense is playing to their potential, like they were today, now it's complementary and you can end up with a game like we did tonight.

So you just never know. It could be like the Oregon game. It could be like the last game of the season. You just never know how those games are going to shake out. And we have to do whatever we can to win. We've talked about that before. Just win the game. And so we've got to win three more.

Q. With Will, that first touchdown throw just seemed like it was so on point. He looked to be just kind of dealing tonight. Did you see anything different from him the last couple of weeks? Just because down field he looked better. He looked more concise almost at every turn.

RYAN DAY: I thought his footwork was good. We worked hard on some of those throws, and he hit a few of those right on the money. The fade ball and go ball were really well done. The levels ball, too, and Carnell was really a well thrown ball. Probably missing a few others. But he

was accurate today.

A big thing for Will is his footwork. When his footwork's on point, and when he's seeing things well, he's as good as anybody in the country.

Q. I wanted to ask you big picture about the Big Ten and what kind of the season maybe looks like when you have three teams advancing to the quarterfinals. And from a big picture perspective what was this first year like playing in the Big Ten? And how good are these teams that are in the tournament?

RYAN DAY: Well, I think the Big Ten has great football. I think that we play nine conference games. So we beat each other up sometimes. But when you have an opportunity like this against a very good SEC team, we know how important that is for the conference.

And great to see some of the other teams in the league representing well because it is a great conference and a very difficult conference.

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OC Chip Kelly

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Q. Tennessee's front was known for kind of getting pressure on quarterbacks and sacks. You guys didn't give up any tonight and it seemed like Will had a lot of time to throw. What do you think the line, you guys did to ensure a clean pocket for a lot of the game?

CHIP KELLY: I think our line played outstanding tonight. That defense going in, I think they were fifth in the country in total defense and fifth in scoring defense. We know how difficult they can be. You watch their games and they got after everybody they played.

But I think really credit to our offensive line keeping Will clean. Will knew if he could be clean and go through his reads and get a chance to go through his progressions we'd have a shot at beating these guys. I think our offensive line did an outstanding job on protection for Will.

Q. When you make some changes along the offensive line are there things maybe you could do to help those guys out? Are there ways you can call plays things you can do to help them out things you wouldn't otherwise do if (indiscernible)?

CHIP KELLY: We're always trying to play to their strengths. Depending on who is in the game -- and Justin did a great job telling us what the rotation is, who is in at left guard, who is in at right guard. Everybody has strengths sometimes you're trying to hide a weakness or two.

But I think we tried to play to their strengths. I think all three guys have strengths. You just, you don't get a ton. We get some feedback looking at the tablets and seeing some things, but I think all three guys did a nice job.

We'll break the film down early tomorrow and get a grade on them and get a look at them. But I think having depth at

this point in time during the season is critical in the fact that we got three guys in there that I think played at a pretty high level today, was important for us.

Q. To what extent do you buy into the fact you can throw to set up the run? And was that kind of the emphasis in this game, because it was a lot of passes early and later kind of took the control and ran out the clock with the running game?

CHIP KELLY: Just depends on who you're playing. I think there's always a philosophical approach when you're playing somebody based on what their strengths are and weaknesses are and what you're trying to exploit.

I don't think it's as easy as, say, throw to set up the run. I've done it before and gone three-and-out, three-and-out, three-and-out. And we've never gone anywhere with it. It's not just do this it works. It's about players executing and I thought our players executed at a high level tonight.

Q. For the last three weeks, what impressed you about Will, not just the way his play improved but how he handled the three weeks after the Michigan loss?

CHIP KELLY: I think the one thing with Will is he's consistent. He's the same person every day. He's not too high. He's not too low. He's a lifelong learner. He's got a thirst for learning. He's in every day. He's watching film. He's studying.

He's always trying to get better, and can he just get a little bit better on a daily basis? But one thing about Will there's a consistency to his approach and there's a consistency to how he is every single day in practice.

He's not one of those guys that's low on one day and high on another day. He's not like that. He's kind of really steady in his approach to how he prepares for games. And I think that's what you see when he plays in a game like he did tonight.

Q. A few days after the Michigan game Ryan said we have plenty of good-enough players to go on a run and win the national championship. What did this performance tonight say about what you guys are



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capable of when you play your game?

CHIP KELLY: It says we're one of eight teams left. Everybody is fighting for the same prize. And obviously each game gets a little bit more amplified.

But to win it all, you've got to win the first one. That's really the whole team's focus. I thought Ryan did a great job keeping everybody focused. It really wasn't talk about what are we going to do on January 20th because January 20th didn't mean anything if we didn't take care of December 21st.

I think our guys were laser focused on playing this game. When you turn the tape on and see how talented Tennessee is, that got your attention right away. There was no looking past them to whoever is the next game.

Obviously we know we've got to go play Oregon, and that was in the back. It was all about Tennessee because you've got to win the first one to get going.

We'll regroup tomorrow. We'll look at the film and then we'll start as quick as we can getting ready for the next one.

Q. Nobody knows Ryan and is closer to Ryan than you are in the coaching profession. Last three weeks I would imagine have been as tough a time for him as ever in his coaching career. How did he handle it? What did you see from him during this period, maybe that I don't know if you've seen before or impressed you or whatever?

CHIP KELLY: I just saw the guy I've known for since he was 5. I told him a long time ago he's built for this. And he understands it. He understands the gravity of what his position is. He understands how everybody feels about Buckeye football and rightly so.

He feels the same exact way. I don't think anybody took the loss to The Team Up North harder than he took the loss. That's the type of person he is.

But he also has to lead from front. It wasn't, feel sorry for me, and, hey, is everybody going to pick me up and make me feel better.

It's no, we've got to address this the right way, look at what we did on film. We have to figure out how can we correct that. How do we put our positions -- I think your job as a coach is to put your players in positions to make plays. We didn't do it the last game. And we did a better job tonight.

And our players went and won this game. There's not one

coach that played today. The credit goes to those guys. They were awesome and they were clicking on all cylinders. And when you start to call plays and Will can finish the play before you get it out, you know how dialed in you are. And I think that's what these two weeks were.

We said we're going to go -- before I could get the second play off it was a 10-play word call. He had it. He knew what we were doing.

And I think the buy-in, especially from the leaders here, our senior leaders, is tremendous. And I think that's what's going to propel us as we continue to move forward with the ultimate goal of trying to get to January 20th.

Q. (Off microphone)

CHIP KELLY: In both. We have a communication system that is kind of unique, but we're always talking through the headset and hand signal and got it. And I will start to make a "no check to" -- and he knows. He got it.

So it just tells where he is and how dialed in Will has been throughout the entire season. And I don't know what he finished today, but I think it was above 80 again. We talk about that. But there's a reason for that. It's how hard he works at it.

I think he understands the fundamentals of the position, but really the game within the game and taking what the defense gives him and making those decisions of when to take a checkdown and not to force a play.

But if your opportunity comes and you do have a shot to put the ball only in a spot where J.J. can catch it, or if J.J. can't catch it they'll have to interfere with him. Great decision-making today.

But I think the credit goes to the players, man, those guys have been awesome since what happened in the last game. And I think those guys said, hey, we've got a chance here because we're in it. That was the only thing they were hoping for is, are we still in this tournament. If we're in the tournament, then let's go win it.

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Q. Once again the defense was pretty airtight. They had the two drives the second quarter and that was pretty much it. What was the priority for you guys in terms of game plan for this team?

JIM KNOWLES: No explosive plays. Make them -- if they're going to score, I think the one play, one score it was like a 16-play drive. We had our shots. And a really suspect quarterback-roughing penalty. And make them go the distance on us.

I thought we had a great plan, early three-and-out, score, early three-and-out, scores. Got us out in front.

Q. Jack and J.T., this felt like this was one of their most productive disruptive games. What did you see out of the two defensive ends in this?

JIM KNOWLES: We knew they were going to have a good game. The setup with their quarterback was a little different. It was a lot tighter. We thought we would be able to change up coverage enough to make him hold the ball. So we expected they were going to have a good game.

Q. How much are you looking forward to a rematch against Oregon, where you guys kind of took some hits there. But now you get a chance to redo. How different is this defense? We've talked about this. How different is this defense now compared to then?

JIM KNOWLES: I don't know how different it is. I think there's been adjustments. There's been some different calls, but I think it's confidence. And we're looking forward to the opportunity because it was not a great game for us.

Quite frankly, I think the guys got a little pissed off. And it led to a run for us in terms of defense and where we're at statistically, which has got to be number one or close to

number one in categories.

They used that game as a motivation. I'm sure they're looking forward to another opportunity.

Q. There's been a lot of SEC chest pointing, let's say, from pundits, even a few coaches on Twitter; I won't name names. But why does the SEC have that air of superiority around it, do you think?

JIM KNOWLES: I have no idea. I don't know. Today we played pretty well. That's all I know.

Q. They get the ball to start the second half. It's a tight game. What were you hoping to see? Obviously I know what you wanted to see, but what did you say, what was the halftime like?

JIM KNOWLES: I got after them pretty good at halftime. I did, to be honest with you. I felt like we were rolling in the beginning of the game. And then I just felt like we took our foot off the gas a little bit.

So, I got after them at halftime and challenged them because I knew the way the game was going that as long as we did our job everything was going to turn out all right. I thought they came out. I thought they came out strong in the second half.

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Q. I know you didn't question the game plan but when you guys were preparing for Tennessee and you're seeing the game plan being put together, where you were going to get opportunities to push the ball down the field, were you licking your chops at the opportunity to do that?

WILL HOWARD: I think giving us the two or three weeks that we had to get ready for these guys, I think, gave us a little bit of an edge. And we were able to really break them down and figure out what we liked, what we didn't like and figure out what we were doing well.

And I think coming into this game I was really fired up about the game plan, like more than usual. And I think the way that we were able to execute it -- at the end of the day, it's how you execute it.

Like, I never go into a game like feeling bad about a game plan. It's how you execute it at the end of the day. But, yeah, I was fired up about our game plan today. And I think we did a hell of a job executing it.

Q. Will, why more fired up for this game plan than other game plans?

WILL HOWARD: I don't know. I mean, you saw it was a pretty good game. That's probably why.

Q. When you guys play aggressive like that -- and you've said multiple times it's the best special teams corps in the country -- you mix it with getting Tre out of the backfield and hitting Gee, what's it like when you're in sync in a big game like this?

WILL HOWARD: Yeah, it's huge. Getting the ball in our playmakers' hands is big, especially in space. You see what they're able to do. Tre busted that last run, I was,



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like, I don't know what he even saw. It was crazy.

But just giving those guys opportunities to get in space and do what they do is huge. And I think we did a heck of a job doing that tonight.

Q. Tennessee's front has been pretty good throughout this year and your line kept you from getting sacked. You had a clean (indiscernible) a lot of times. What did you think of the protection you had tonight?

WILL HOWARD: I'm so proud of those guys. I had to listen to them get just harassed for the last three weeks. And I had to sit here and just act like it didn't affect me, because those are my brothers, and I go to war with those guys every single day.

And for them to show out and have the performance that they had tonight, it was huge -- and against a really good front. I mean, they're probably the second-best front we've seen all year.

For them to come out and do what they did against those guys was huge. And I'm just so proud of those guys for not listening to the outside noise and sticking their noses down and really getting gritty and working for everything.

Q. Just your thoughts on Jeremiah stepping up? True freshman doing this. Does he surprise you anymore and your thoughts on his game overall?

WILL HOWARD: No, he does not surprise me. I think all of us can agree that we're not surprised by how good he is now. He's a dude, man. I think he's the best receiver in the country. I think we've got the three best receivers in the country, but I'm a little biased.

But you see what the kid does with the ball in his hands and what he does with the ball not in his hands. He runs unbelievable routes. He's smart. He works hard. I mean, he's everything you would want in a teammate and receiver.

And all those guys, man, are studs. So you are able to see that, put it on display tonight.

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Q. Given the way that the first meeting against Oregon ended, what do you think about the rematch ahead?

WILL HOWARD: I'm excited. It's going to be a heck of an opportunity for all of us. I think we've all been looking forward to this one and for another crack at these guys.

And the way that last one ended doesn't sit right with me. It still doesn't. It still bugs me. And I'm just thankful for the opportunity that we get another crack at them.

And in life, I said this before the game, in life you don't get a lot of second chances. The fact that we're getting a second chance here is a blessing from the Lord. And we're going to go out there and have some fun and let it rip, man, because this is all we've got. It's win or go home.

Q. There were questions leading up to this game about what the atmosphere might be like with Tennessee fans. How do you think the fans were for your final home game?

WILL HOWARD: Great. Great. I think they thought they were going to take over this place, and we showed them pretty quick that we weren't going to let that happen. I think obviously us jumping out to a pretty quick start helped with that, but I've got to give credit to Buckeye Nation for showing up and being loud, and that drone show in the third quarter was pretty damn cool.

Q. You threw your arms up at the end of the first quarter, three touchdowns, three possessions. How much of that was frustration like released and you guys just playing, like you said, executing the game plan and, I mean, when you guys are clicking like that, kind of hard to stop you guys.

WILL HOWARD: I don't know about frustration, but more excitement and just I was thrilled that we were having the success we had, but we were far from done and I think we showed that.

Q. Chip volunteered it like you were finishing the plays in practice and in the game. You're a fifth-year guy. You've been through it, but is that as locked in as you've been? Where does that come from, where you can finish the plays?

WILL HOWARD: I like to think that I can do that every week. That's something that I try to get in my preparation.

When we go in there, we install a bunch of stuff going into Tuesday, it's like maybe I'm having to -- because he's telling me the plays and I'm trying to learn, like, this week what's the verbiage going to be on this one? Really by like

Thursday I try to have them all down pat, where I can finish them. Literally, he starts it and I'm like, okay, I know what the play is.

Just understanding the game, knowing we're in the red zone, it's third down, I know we're going to call this. There were times tonight where there was a third down and I knew that we went into a certain personnel package and I knew what he was going to call.

That's just us being on the same page. A lot of that has to do with me trying to get in there and around those guys as much as I can be so that we're all on the same page with what we're calling, and part of that is just my preparation. That's how I like to operate.

I want to know the game plan inside and out and why we're doing what we're doing, and I like to think my memory is pretty decent. I like to try and memorize the plays.

Q. Coach Day always talks about leaving no doubt. How important do you think it was for you guys not just to win, but to leave no doubt tonight?

WILL HOWARD: It was huge. I think we did a hell of a job not letting off the gas. Because when it's 21-0, 21-10 going into the half, we could have let that go sideways, but the defense came out, got a huge stop. We go down to score, score again, and it was like we left no doubt. We could have let that become a game, but being able to go out there and continue to keep the foot on the pedal was huge.

Q. Couple of your passes, especially to Jeremiah were what they call dimes in a Coke bottle -- you understand what I'm saying.

WILL HOWARD: You crack me up, Tim.

Q. But did it feel like that? Did it feel like you were on tonight, for want of another term? I don't know, how important was it for you to have that feeling?

WILL HOWARD: You kind of, as a quarterback, you kind of get into a rhythm and you get into a flow state, and I felt like tonight we were able to get into that. I feel when I'm able to get completions early, get the ball out of my hand and get the guys in space, you catch a couple of breaks. On that first drive, I get a face mask penalty on pressure to throwing the wheel to Q, but you luck out and you've got to catch a couple of breaks.

But once you're able to get that first first down and get moving, you kind of get into that rhythm and that rhythm is huge, for me as a quarterback and really for the offense. We always talk about getting that first first down, and it's

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downhill from there.

Q. TreVeyon Henderson had a game, running and catching, what's your impression of his game tonight?

WILL HOWARD: I'm so proud of him. Him and Q did a great job tonight. But Tre made some unbelievable plays. That kid, he just shows up to work every single day. He continues to amaze me with his abilities, how connected he is to the Lord and to his faith while he's also going out there and laying his body on the line. I'm just lucky that I'm on the same team as Tre and a lot of these guys.

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