



2019 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019
Lucas Oil Stadium • Indianapolis, Ind.
FINAL SCORE: Ohio State 34, Wisconsin 21
Attendance: 66,649 (sellout)



OHIO STATE NOTES

- Ohio State improved its record to 13-0. The Buckeyes entered the game No. 1 in the College Football Playoff rankings. Its 13 wins are tied for third most in a season (2018). The Buckeyes have two national championships when they owned 14 wins in a season (14-0 in 2002 and 14-1 in 2014).
- This is Ohio State's 38th conference championship and third consecutive Big Ten title. It's the first time the Buckeyes have won three consecutive conference championships in program history. The Buckeyes are the first team since Wisconsin (2010-12) to "three-peat" as Big Ten champions.
- Ohio State defeated Wisconsin for the second time this year. It's the first time the Buckeyes have registered two wins over the same opponent in the same year since twice topping Ohio Medical in 1896.
- With his seven catches tonight, K.J. Hill became Ohio State's all-time leading receiver with 195 receptions (2,265 yards). He surpasses David Boston (191 career receptions from 1996-98). Hill's two touchdowns tonight tie his career-high. He's caught at least one pass in 47 consecutive games.
- With 172 yards (33 carries) vs. Wisconsin, J.K. Dobbins moved to No. 17 in Big Ten history for career rushing yards with 4,285. He passed Tyrone Wheatley (4,179 - Michigan) and Tiko Duckett (4,212 - Michigan State) tonight. Dobbins is 107 yards away from 16th place, held by Jamie Morris (4,392 - Michigan). Dobbins is now just 171 yards away from becoming the first Buckeye with a 2,000-yard rushing season.
- This is the fifth time Ohio State has held an opponent without a single point in the second half this season. The Buckeye defense held four other opponents scoreless in the second half (Indiana, Miami, Michigan State and Northwestern).
- Ohio State recorded two sacks vs. Wisconsin and now totals 51 on the year. Ohio State's 2000 squad holds the record with 52 sacks.
- Junior punter Drue Chrisman attempted and completed the first pass of his career on a fake punt in the second quarter.
- Ryan Day improved to 16-0 as a collegiate head coach. Each of those 16 wins were secured by double digits.
- In the second half, the Ohio State defense limited Wisconsin to just six rushing yards. Wisconsin had compiled 194 in the first half.
- The Buckeyes limited Big Ten rushing champion Jonathan Taylor to just 13 rushing yards in the second half on seven carries.
- Fields is the first player in Big Ten history with 40 passing TDs and 10 rushing TDs in a single season.

WISCONSIN NOTES

- Wisconsin's overall record fell to 10-3.
- Badger running back Jonathan Taylor became only the seventh player in FBS history to reach the 6,000-yard mark in rushing and the first to do so in just three seasons. With 148 yards tonight vs. Ohio State (20 carries), Taylor now totals 6,080 yards. His six-yard run at the 10-minute mark of the second quarter gave him 6,000 yards exactly. Other players in the "6,000 Club" include Wisconsin's Ron Dayne (7,125), Texas's Ricky Williams (6,592), Pitt's Tony

Dorsett (6,526), San Diego State's Donnel Pumphrey (6,405), Southern California's Charles White (6,245) and Memphis's DeAngelo Williams (6,026).

- Wisconsin's first-possession touchdown, tallied at 12:57 of the first quarter, was the quickest scored against Ohio State this season. Last Saturday, Michigan scored a TD at 11:43 of the first. UW's quick score was the third-fastest in Big Ten Championship Game history (13:01 on two occasions, most recently in 2014 when Ohio State's Cardale Jones threw a 39-yard TD pass to Devin Smith to open a 59-0 OSU win over Wisconsin).
- For the second time this season, the Badger defense held Ohio State scoreless in the first quarter. It's the only two times in 13 games this year that the Buckeyes have been held scoreless in the opening stanza. In 2019, Wisconsin has held its opponents scoreless in the first quarter eight times.
- The Badger defense notched five quarterback sacks against Ohio State, boosting its 13-game total to a school-record 49. Wisconsin entered the game as the nation's fifth-ranked team in terms of QB sacks (3.67 per game).
- Statistical comparisons between tonight's game and game eight between Wisconsin and Ohio State: Jonathan Taylor had 148 yards rushing tonight, 52 yards in game eight ... UW had 432 yards in total offense tonight, 191 in game eight ... UW had 23 first downs tonight, nine in game eight.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Ohio State trailed 21-7 at halftime before rallying for the victory. It matches the largest halftime deficit overcome by an eventual Big Ten Champion, tying Penn State's 14-point comeback against Wisconsin in 2016 (PSU trailed 28-14 at the half, won 38-31).
- Tonight's crowd of 66,649 (sellout) is the second-highest Big Ten Championship Game attendance in history. In 2015, a record 66,985 watched Michigan State beat Iowa, 16-13.
- With Ohio State's victory tonight, teams representing the Big Ten East Division are now 6-0.
- Ohio State and Wisconsin have combined to play in 11 Big Ten Championship Games (five for the Buckeyes and six for the Badgers). This was their third meeting in the title game (2014, 2017 and 2019). Ohio State has won four title games and Wisconsin has won twice.
- Ohio State's J.K. Dobbins set a Big Ten Championship Game record with 33 carries (for 172 yards). It was the only Big Ten Championship Game record set tonight.