



## 2019 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019  
Lucas Oil Stadium • Indianapolis, Ind.



### POSTGAME QUICK QUOTES

#### **OHIO STATE HEAD COACH RYAN DAY**

*On his halftime speech to the team:*

"I said that we're going to find out about this team. Three games in a row, we played Penn State, the team up north, then we have to beat this team twice. Both times when they are top-10 opponents. Then we go down two scores going into halftime. We knew this was going to be an emotional game. We have to give Wisconsin credit. They played their tails off in this game, but we said at halftime that we were going to find out what this team is made of inside. We're going to find out about the character of this team. They came out and played unbelievable in the second half. This team is unbelievable."

*On what he learned about his team:*

"We have such heart and such leadership. There wasn't a guy in that room that didn't believe. We brought the guys together and said do you believe that we're going to win in the second half. We turned around and played the best game of our lives."

*On what winning this game means to the team:*

"This was our first goal. We had to win the Big Ten Championship. We knew at the end of the season that it was going to be this road of three tough games and to see the way that we finished the resume. I think we deserve to be No. 1 in the country."

*On if Ohio State should be No. 1 in the country:*

"I don't think there's any doubt. When you look at the way that Justin Fields came in off that injury, he played tough and gritty. When you look at all three phases, I think we deserve to be number one."

#### **OHIO STATE MVP JUSTIN FIELDS**

*On the feelings at halftime:*

"I think the whole team knew that we didn't play up to our potential in the first half. We got together and came out with confidence in the second half and just played our game."

*On if he imagined his Ohio State season going this way:*

"I had no idea it was going to happen like this, but everything happens for a reason and God put me here so I'm just grateful for my coaches, grateful for my teammates, and definitely grateful for Buckeye Nation."

*On if his injury impacted his performance on the field:*

"I think when you play on the field, you can't worry about injuries. I was just worried about helping my team out as much as possible and I'm just glad we got the dub."