## **CFP National Championship: Ohio State vs Notre Dame**

Monday, January 20, 2025 Atlanta, Georgia, USA Mercedes-Benz Stadium

## Ohio State Buckeyes Coach Ryan Day

On-Field Interview

Ohio State 34, Notre Dame 23

Q. Coach Day, the Irish have gained momentum, there's two minutes left, and you've got 3rd and long. What was the play call to Jeremiah that sealed this game?

RYAN DAY: It was a go ball to the outside with a couple options if they played one-on-one on the outside, we were going to take our shot. They did a great job of game planning us. Will made a huge throw, and Jeremiah made a huge catch to seal the game.

Q. Trust has been unbelievable with this group all season long. Why have you all trusted each other, the Woody against the world to win a championship?

RYAN DAY: The story gets to get told now. It's a great story about a bunch of guys who have overcome some really tough situations.

There was a point where there was a lot of people that counted us out, and we just kept swinging and kept fighting. It's the reason you get into coaching, to see guys overcome things, learn life lessons, and then reach their dreams. This is what happened tonight.

Q. You talked about the story being told. This team had to have resilience to write the perfect ending. What have you seen from this group in the hard times, in the moments that were hard that got you here?

RYAN DAY: Just sticking together, having each other's back. Faith is huge with these guys. We built a foundation early in the season that we knew we were going to have to withstand some storms along the way. We did.

We stuck together. We hung in there like a family does when things get hard, and we came out the back end. And this just gives so much credibility to what these guys did all



season. So proud of them.

## Q. You've also been through a storm; how have you stood tall and let these young men?

RYAN DAY: They're my motivation. My family at home, my wife and kids, and then these guys. That's why I get up in the morning every day is to try to make sure these guys reach their dreams and goals. That's all it comes down to. It also shows an example when things get that's our culture.

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