



**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP**
ATLANTA 2018

**College Football Playoff National Championship
FINAL GAME BOOK**



**#4 Alabama
Crimson Tide 26**



**#3 Georgia
Bulldogs 23**

Offensive Player of the Game -- Tua Tagovailoa, quarterback, Alabama

Defensive Player of the Game -- Da'Ron Payne, nose guard, Alabama

University of Alabama (13-1) vs. University of Georgia (13-2)

January 8, 2018

Mercedes-Benz Stadium • Atlanta, Georgia

Attendance: 77,430 • Start Time: 8:19 p.m. • Duration: 3:50



Scoring Summary (Final)
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#4 Alabama (13-1) vs. #3 Georgia (13-2)

Date: 01/08/18 • Site: Atlanta, Georgia • Stadium: Mercedes-Benz Stad.

Attendance: 77430

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	O1	Total
#4 Alabama	0	0	10	10	6	6	26
#3 Georgia	0	13	7	0	3	3	23

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	14:14	UGA - Blankenship,R. 41 yd field goal, 14-55 7:40	0 - 3
	07:33	UGA - Blankenship,R. 27 yd field goal, 13-70 5:19	0 - 6
	00:07	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 1 yd run (Blankenship,R. kick), 9-69 1:12	0 - 13
3rd	08:52	UA - Ruggs III, Henry 6 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 7-56 1:59	7 - 13
	06:52	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 80 yd pass from Fromm,Jake (Blankenship,R. kick), 4-93 1:55	7 - 20
	05:15	UA - Pappanastos,A. 43 yd field goal, 6-15 1:06	10 - 20
4th	09:24	UA - Pappanastos,A. 30 yd field goal, 8-71 2:15	13 - 20
	03:49	UA - Ridley, Calvin 7 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 8-66 3:21	20 - 20
OT	15:00	UGA - Blankenship,R. 51 yd field goal, 4--9 0:00	20 - 23
	15:00	UA - Smith, DeVonta 41 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua, 2-25 0:00	26 - 23

Kickoff time: 8:19 pm • End of Game: 12:09 • Total elapsed time: 3:50

Officials: Referee: Dan Capron; Umpire: Ed Feaster; Linesman: Mike Dolce;

Line judge: Patrick Holt; Back judge: Matt Edwards; Field judge: Grady Smith;

Side judge: John Hayes; Center judge: Mike Stumberg;

Temperature: • Wind: • Weather: Indoors



Team Statistics (Final)
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	UA	UGA
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
Rushing	10	8
Passing	8	11
Penalty	2	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	184	133
Rushing Attempts	39	45
Average Per Rush	4.7	3.0
Rushing Touchdowns	0	1
Yards Gained Rushing	215	181
Yards Lost Rushing	31	48
NET YARDS PASSING	187	232
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-32-1	16-32-2
Average Per Attempt	5.8	7.2
Average Per Completion	11.0	14.5
Passing Touchdowns	3	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	371	365
Total offense plays	71	77
Average Gain Per Play	5.2	4.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-41	6-65
PUNTS-YARDS	6-285	7-295
Average Yards Per Punt	47.5	42.1
Net Yards Per Punt	41.8	36.7
Inside 20	2	1
50+ Yards	3	2
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	2
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-323	5-334
Average Yards Per Kickoff	64.6	66.8
Net Yards Per Kickoff	46.6	43.4
Touchbacks	2	3
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	5-38-0	2-34-0
Average Per Return	7.6	17.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-42-0	3-40-0
Average Per Return	21.0	13.3
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	2-19-0	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	26:17	33:43
1st Quarter	5:54	9:06
2nd Quarter	4:43	10:17
3rd Quarter	7:09	7:51
4th Quarter	8:31	6:29
OT Quarter	0:00	0:00
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	8 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	2-2
Touchdowns	2-5	1-2
Field goals	1-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-33	3-26
PAT Kicks	2-2	2-2
Field Goals	2-4	3-3
Points off turnovers	3	0



Individual Statistics (Final)
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#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	6	65	1	64	0	35	10.7
Hurts,Jalen	6	54	7	47	0	31	7.8
Tagovailoa,Tua	12	47	20	27	0	9	2.2
Scarborough,Bo	4	23	0	23	0	16	5.8
Harris,Damien	6	18	1	17	0	6	2.8
Jacobs,Josh	3	8	0	8	0	5	2.7
TEAM	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Totals	39	215	31	184	0	35	4.7

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tagovailoa,Tua	14-24-1	166	3	41	2
Hurts,Jalen	3-8-0	21	0	9	1
Totals	17-32-1	187	3	41	3

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Calvin	4	32	1	9
Ruggs III,Henry	3	29	1	14
Foster,Robert	3	28	0	15
Harris,Damien	2	21	0	17
Smith,DeVonta	1	41	1	41
Jeudy,Jerry	1	20	0	20
Sims,Cam	1	13	0	13
Hentges,Hale	1	2	0	2
Scarborough,Bo	1	1	0	1
Totals	17	187	3	41

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	6	285	47.5	56	2	0
Totals	6	285	47.5	56	2	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Diggs,Trevon	5	38	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown,Tony	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Davis,Raekwon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	19
Jacobs,Josh	0	0	0	2	42	22	0	0	0
Totals	5	38	14	2	42	22	2	19	19

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Pappanastos,A.	1st	09:54	40 yards	Missed
Pappanastos,A.	3rd	05:15	43 yards	Good
Pappanastos,A.	4th	09:24	30 yards	Good
Pappanastos,A.	4th	00:00	36 yards	Missed

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Scott,JK	5	323	64.6	2	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Harris,Najee	64	0	0	0	0	64
Jacobs,Josh	8	0	42	0	0	50
Hurts,Jalen	47	0	0	0	0	47
Smith,DeVonta	0	41	0	0	0	41

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	14	98	0	98	0	26	7.0
Chubb,Nick	18	39	14	25	0	7	1.4
Swift,D'Andre	4	15	0	15	0	7	3.8
Hardman,Mecole	2	10	0	10	1	9	5.0
Fromm,Jake	7	19	34	-15	0	14	-2.1
Totals	45	181	48	133	1	26	3.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	16-32-2	232	1	80	4
Totals	16-32-2	232	1	80	4

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Riley	6	82	0	23
Godwin,Terry	4	48	0	16
Hardman,Mecole	2	80	1	80
Swift,D'Andre	2	7	0	15
Wims,Javon	1	16	0	16
Chubb,Nick	1	-1	0	0
Totals	16	232	1	80

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	6	276	46.0	51	1	0
Ramsey,Brice	1	19	19.0	19	0	0
Totals	7	295	42.1	51	1	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Hardman,Mecole	2	34	19	3	40	20	0	0	0
Baker,Deandre	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	34	19	3	40	20	1	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Blankenship,R.	2nd	14:14	41 yards	Good
Blankenship,R.	2nd	07:33	27 yards	Good
Blankenship,R.	OT	15:00	51 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Blankenship,R.	5	334	66.8	3	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Hardman,Mecole	10	80	40	34	0	164
Michel,Sony	98	0	0	0	0	98
Ridley,Riley	0	82	0	0	0	82
Godwin,Terry	0	48	0	0	0	48

FUMBLES: #4 Alabama-None. #3 Georgia-None.



Defensive Statistics (Final)
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#	#4 Alabama	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
30	Wilson, Mack	7	5	12	-	2.0-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Evans, Rashaan	4	4	8	-	1.5-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Lewis, Terrell	6	1	7	1.0-13	1.0-13	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Averett, Anthony	5	1	6	1.0-10	2.0-18	-	-	-	1	-	-
94	Payne, Da'Ron	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Fitzpatrick, M.	2	3	5	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Buggs, Isaiah	2	3	5	-	1.0-8	-	-	-	-	-	-
99	Davis, Raekwon	2	3	5	1.0-9	1.0-9	-	-	1-19	-	-	-
15	Harrison, Ronnie	2	2	4	-	1.0-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
39	Wallace, Levi	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
14	Thompson, D.	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
92	Williams, Q.	0	2	2	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	Frazier, Joshua	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Anderson, Keaton	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	Brown, Mekhi	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Sims, Cam	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Miller, C.	1	0	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
9A	Hand, Da'Shawn	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2A	Brown, Tony	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
Totals		44	28	72	4.0-33	12.0-57	0	0-0	2-19	4	0	0

#	#3 Georgia	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
3	Smith, Roquan	9	4	13	1.0-4	2.5-5	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Parrish, Malkom	5	0	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	Carter, Reggie	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Clark, Tyler	3	2	5	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Carter, Lorenzo	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
78	Thompson, T.	2	1	3	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Reed, J.R.	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Bellamy, Davin	2	1	3	1.5-14	1.5-14	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Walker, D'Andre	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Hardman, Mecole	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Sanders, D.	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1B	Baker, Deandre	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
51	Marshall, David	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Ledbetter, J.	0	3	3	0.5-8	1.0-9	-	-	-	-	-	-
97	Atkins, John	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Davis, Aaron	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Fromm, Jake	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Wims, Javon	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5R	Rochester, J.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	Payne, Christian	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1K	Brown, Keyon	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	Frix, Trent	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		43	26	69	3.0-26	6.0-29	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0

Participation Report (Final)
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#4 Alabama

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	73	Williams,Jonah
LG	71	Pierschbacher
C	75	Bozeman,Bradley
RG	63	Hassenauer,J.C.
RT	77	Womack,Matt
TE	84	Hentges,Hale
QB	2	Hurts,Jalen
RB	34	Harris,Damien
WR	3	Ridley,Calvin
WR	1	Foster,Robert
WR	17	Sims,Cam

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	9A	Hand,Da'Shawn
NG	94	Payne,Da'Ron
DB	14	Thompson,D.
DL	49	Buggs,Isaiah
SLB	24	Lewis,Terrell
MLB	30	Wilson,Mack
WLB	32	Evans,Rashaan
CB	28	Averett,Anthony
CB	39	Wallace,Levi
SS	29	Fitzpatrick,M.
FS	15	Harrison,Ronnie

#3 Georgia

Pos	##	OFFENSE
LT	77	Wynn,Isaiah
LG	65	Baker,Kendall
C	53	Gaillard,Lamont
RG	74	Cleveland,Ben
RT	71	Thomas,Andrew
QB	11	Fromm,Jake
TB	27	Chubb,Nick
WR	6W	Wims,Javon
WR	8	Ridley,Riley
WR	5	Godwin,Terry
RB	1	Michel,Sony

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DT	52	Clark,Tyler
NG	97	Atkins,John
DE	51	Marshall,David
DB	14	Parrish,Malkom
LB	17	Bellamy,Davin
LB	3	Smith,Roquan
LB	45	Carter,Reggie
S	24	Sanders,D.
CB	20	Reed,J.R.
CB	1B	Baker,Deandre
CB	35	Davis,Aaron

#4 Alabama: 2A-Brown,Tony, 2B-Robinson Jr, B., 3A-Wright,Daniel, 4-Jeudy,Jerry, 5-Carter,Shyheim, 6A-Smith,DeVonta, 7-Diggs,Trevon, 8-Jacobs,Josh, 9-Scarbrough,Bo, 10-Scott,JK, 11-Ruggs III,Henry, 12-Pappanastos,A., 13-Tagovailoa,Tua, 16-Mosley,Jamey, 22-Harris,Najee, 25-McKinney,Xavier, 31-Anderson,Keaton, 42-Holcombe,Keith, 43-Cowan,VanDarius, 45-Fletcher,Thomas, 47-Miller,C., 48-Brown,Mekhi, 52-Meyer,Scott, 65-Brown,Deonte, 69-Frazier,Joshua, 70-Leatherwood,A., 74-Wills Jr, J., 81-Kief,Derek, 82-Smith Jr, Irv, 92-Williams,Q., 95-Dwight,Johnny, 99-Davis,Raekwon.

#3 Georgia: 1M-Herring,Malik, 1T-Blount,Trey, 1K-Brown,Keyon, 1H-Holyfield,E., 2-Stanley,Jayson, 3S-Simmons,Tyler, 4-Hardman,Mecole, 5R-Rochester,J., 7S-Swift,D'Andre, 7-Carter,Lorenzo, 12-Ramsey,Brice, 13-Ledbetter,J., 15-Walker,D'Andre, 16-Crumpton,Ahkil, 18-Nauta,Isaac, 19-Wilson,Jarvis, 22-McBride,Nate, 26-McGhee,Tyrique, 29-Hill,Tim, 30-Crowder,Tae, 32-Rice,Monty, 42-Bynum,Aulden, 43-Moore,Nick, 44-Taylor,Juwan, 47-Payne,Christian, 66-Kindley,Solomon, 69-Frix,Trent, 78-Thompson,T., 83-Blazevich,Jeb, 84-Grant,Walter, 88-Harris,Jackson, 92-Nizialek,C., 94-Barnett,Michael, 96-DHawkins-Muckle, 98-Blankenship,R..



Drive Chart (By Team) (Final)
2018 CFP National Championship
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
UA	1st	V36	13:38	Interception	H22	09:54	Missed FG	11 - 42	3:44
UA		V20	09:04	Punt	V26	06:54	Punt	3 - 6	2:10
UA	2nd	V25	14:14	Kickoff	V29	12:52	Punt	3 - 4	1:22
UA		V25	07:33	Kickoff	H44	05:14	Punt	4 - 31	2:19
UA		V25	02:14	Punt	V32	01:19	Punt	3 - 7	0:55
UA		V25	00:07	Kickoff	V24	00:00	End of half	1 - (1)	0:07
UA	3rd	V22	14:56	Kickoff	V29	13:03	Punt	3 - 7	1:53
UA		V44	10:51	Punt	H00	08:52	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 56	1:59
UA		V26	06:47	Kickoff	V26	06:32	Interception	2 - 0	0:15
UA		H40	06:21	Interception	H25	05:15	*FIELD GOAL	6 - 15	1:06
UA		V20	01:55	Punt	V44	00:08	Punt	4 - 24	1:47
UA	4th	V17	11:39	Punt	H12	09:24	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 71	2:15
UA		V34	07:10	Punt	H00	03:49	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 66	3:21
UA		V35	02:55	Punt	H17	00:00	Missed FG	10 - 48	2:55
UA	OT	H25	15:00	Possession	H00	15:00	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 25	0:00

#4 Alabama	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	05:54	04:43	07:09	08:31	10:37	15:40	26:17
3rd down conversions	1-3	0-3	1-4	1-4	1-6	2-8	3-14
Average field position	V28	V25	V34	V28	V26	V32	V29
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	1-1

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UGA	1st	H25	15:00	Kickoff	H28	13:38	Interception	3 - 3	1:22
UGA		H22	09:54	Missed FG	H31	09:04	Punt	4 - 9	0:50
UGA		H21	06:54	Punt	V24	14:14	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 55	7:40
UGA	2nd	H20	12:52	Punt	V10	07:33	*FIELD GOAL	13 - 70	5:19
UGA		H05	05:14	Punt	H28	02:14	Punt	6 - 23	3:00
UGA		H31	01:19	Punt	V00	00:07	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 69	1:12
UGA	3rd	H36	13:03	Punt	H29	10:51	Punt	3 - (7)	2:12
UGA		H07	08:47	Kickoff	V00	06:52	*TOUCHDOWN	4 - 93	1:55
UGA		V39	06:32	Interception	V39	06:21	Interception	1 - 0	0:11
UGA		H25	05:15	Kickoff	V39	01:55	Punt	6 - 36	3:20
UGA		H10	00:08	Punt	H38	11:39	Punt	7 - 28	3:29
UGA	4th	H14	09:20	Kickoff	H23	07:10	Punt	3 - 9	2:10
UGA		H21	03:44	Kickoff	H28	02:55	Punt	3 - 7	0:49
UGA		H20	00:00	Missed FG	H20	00:00	End of half	0 - 0	0:00
UGA	OT	V25	15:00	Possession	V34	15:00	*FIELD GOAL	4 - (9)	0:00

#3 Georgia	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of possession	09:06	10:17	07:51	06:29	19:23	14:20	33:43
3rd down conversions	2-4	4-7	2-4	0-3	6-11	2-7	8-19
Average field position	H22	H18	H27	H17	H20	H24	H22
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0



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UA		V36	13:38	Interception	H22	09:54	Missed FG	11 - 42	3:44
UGA		H22	09:54	Missed FG	H31	09:04	Punt	4 - 9	0:50
UA		V20	09:04	Punt	V26	06:54	Punt	3 - 6	2:10
UGA		H21	06:54	Punt	V24	14:14	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 55	7:40
UA	2nd	V25	14:14	Kickoff	V29	12:52	Punt	3 - 4	1:22
UGA		H20	12:52	Punt	V10	07:33	*FIELD GOAL	13 - 70	5:19
UA		V25	07:33	Kickoff	H44	05:14	Punt	4 - 31	2:19
UGA		H05	05:14	Punt	H28	02:14	Punt	6 - 23	3:00
UA		V25	02:14	Punt	V32	01:19	Punt	3 - 7	0:55
UGA		H31	01:19	Punt	V00	00:07	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 69	1:12
UA		V25	00:07	Kickoff	V24	00:00	End of half	1 - (1)	0:07
UA	3rd	V22	14:56	Kickoff	V29	13:03	Punt	3 - 7	1:53
UGA		H36	13:03	Punt	H29	10:51	Punt	3 - (7)	2:12
UA		V44	10:51	Punt	H00	08:52	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 56	1:59
UGA		H07	08:47	Kickoff	V00	06:52	*TOUCHDOWN	4 - 93	1:55
UA		V26	06:47	Kickoff	V26	06:32	Interception	2 - 0	0:15
UGA		V39	06:32	Interception	V39	06:21	Interception	1 - 0	0:11
UA		H40	06:21	Interception	H25	05:15	*FIELD GOAL	6 - 15	1:06
UGA		H25	05:15	Kickoff	V39	01:55	Punt	6 - 36	3:20
UA		V20	01:55	Punt	V44	00:08	Punt	4 - 24	1:47
UGA		H10	00:08	Punt	H38	11:39	Punt	7 - 28	3:29
UA	4th	V17	11:39	Punt	H12	09:24	*FIELD GOAL	8 - 71	2:15
UGA		H14	09:20	Kickoff	H23	07:10	Punt	3 - 9	2:10
UA		V34	07:10	Punt	H00	03:49	*TOUCHDOWN	8 - 66	3:21
UGA		H21	03:44	Kickoff	H28	02:55	Punt	3 - 7	0:49
UA		V35	02:55	Punt	H17	00:00	Missed FG	10 - 48	2:55
UGA		H20	00:00	Missed FG	H20	00:00	End of half	0 - 0	0:00
UGA	OT	V25	15:00	Possession	V34	15:00	*FIELD GOAL	4 - (9)	0:00
UA		H25	15:00	Possession	H00	15:00	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 25	0:00



Play-by-Play Summary (1st quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



UA wins toss, defers; UGA elects to rec; UA to kick, defend W goal

- 1-10 UA 35 UA ball on UA35.
Scott,JK kickoff 65 yards to the UGA0, touchback.
- 1-10 UGA 25 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Chubb,Nick for loss of 1 yard to the UGA24 (Fitzpatrick,M.).
- 2-11 UGA 24 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Godwin,Terry for 4 yards to the UGA28, out-of-bounds (Fitzpatrick,M.).
- 3-7 UGA 28 Fromm,Jake pass intercepted by Brown,Tony at the UA36, Brown,Tony return 0 yards to the UA36 (Wims,Javon).

3 plays, 3 yards, 1:22

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 13:38.

- 1-10 UA 36 Harris,Damien rush for 4 yards to the UA40, out-of-bounds (Baker,Deandre;Davis,Aaron).
- 2-6 UA 40 Hurts,Jalen pass complete to Foster,Robert for 8 yards to the UA48, 1ST DOWN UA. P1
- 1-10 UA 48 Hurts,Jalen pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 9 yards to the UGA43, out-of-bounds (Parrish,Malkom).
- 2-1 UGA 43 Hurts,Jalen rush for 12 yards to the UGA31, 1ST DOWN UA (Davis,Aaron). R2
- 1-10 UGA 31 Hurts,Jalen pass incomplete.
- 2-10 UGA 31 Harris,Damien rush for 2 yards to the UGA29 (Sanders,D.).
- 3-8 UGA 29 Hurts,Jalen rush for 10 yards to the UGA19, 1ST DOWN UA (Smith,Roquan;Carter,Lorenzo). R3
- 1-10 UGA 19 Jacobs,Josh rush for 2 yards to the UGA17 (Smith,Roquan).
- 2-8 UGA 17 Hurts,Jalen pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.
- 3-8 UGA 17 Hurts,Jalen pass incomplete.
- 4-8 UGA 17 [FG], PENALTY UA false start (Smith Jr, Irv) 5 yards to the UGA22, NO PLAY.
- 4-13 UGA 22 Pappanastos,A. field goal attempt from 40 MISSED - wide left, spot at UGA22, clock 09:54.

11 plays, 42 yards, 3:44

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 09:54.

- 1-10 UGA 22 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Godwin,Terry for 14 yards to the UGA36, 1ST DOWN UGA P1
(Evans,Rashaan).
- 1-10 UGA 36 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Wims,Javon.
- 2-10 UGA 36 PENALTY UGA false start (Wynn,Isaiah) 5 yards to the UGA31.
- 2-15 UGA 31 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Michel,Sony.
- 3-15 UGA 31 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Wims,Javon (Thompson,D.).
- 4-15 UGA 31 Nizialek,C. punt 49 yards to the UA20, fair catch by Diggs,Trevon.

4 plays, 9 yards, 0:50

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 09:04.

- 1-10 UA 20 Scarbrough,Bo rush for 3 yards to the UA23 (Clark,Tyler).
- 2-7 UA 23 Scarbrough,Bo rush for 4 yards to the UA27 (Clark,Tyler).
- 3-3 UA 27 Hurts,Jalen rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA26 (Ledbetter,J.;Clark,Tyler).
- 4-4 UA 26 Scott,JK punt 53 yards to the UGA21, downed.

3 plays, 6 yards, 2:10

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 06:54.

- 1-10 UGA 21 Chubb,Nick rush for 4 yards to the UGA25 (Wilson,Mack;Evans,Rashaan).
- 2-6 UGA 25 Chubb,Nick rush for 1 yard to the UGA26 (Lewis,Terrell).
- 3-5 UGA 26 Michel,Sony rush for 7 yards to the UGA33, 1ST DOWN UGA (Wilson,Mack). R2
- 1-10 UGA 33 Michel,Sony rush for 5 yards to the UGA38 (Fitzpatrick,M.;Wilson,Mack).
- 2-5 UGA 38 Chubb,Nick rush for 2 yards to the UGA40 (Payne,Da'Ron;Buggs,Isaiah).
- 3-3 UGA 40 PENALTY UA offside defense (Brown,Tony) 5 yards to the UGA45, 1ST DOWN UGA. X3
- 1-10 UGA 45 Michel,Sony rush for no gain to the UGA45 (Payne,Da'Ron).
- 2-10 UGA 45 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 13 yards to the UA42, 1ST DOWN UGA (Harrison,Ronnie;Wilson,Mack). P4
- 1-10 UA 42 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Wims,Javon (Averett,Anthony).
- 2-10 UA 42 Fromm,Jake sacked for loss of 10 yards to the UGA48 (Averett,Anthony).
- 3-20 UGA 48 Michel,Sony rush for 26 yards to the UA26, 1ST DOWN UGA, out-of-bounds (Thompson,D.). R5

Previous play ruled OOB at V26, reviewed; confirmed

- 1-10 UA 26 Fromm,Jake sacked for loss of 1 yard to the UA27 (Miller,C.).
- 2-11 UA 27 Swift,D'Andre rush for no gain to the UA27 (Buggs,Isaiah).

END OF 1st QUARTER: #3 Georgia 0, #4 Alabama 0

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#4 Alabama	0	05:54	2	1	0	3	1-3	0-0	8-36	2-5-0-17	2-10
#3 Georgia	0	09:06	2	2	1	5	0-2	0-0	10-34	4-9-1-30	1-5



Quickie Statistics (1st quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



	UA	UGA
Score	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	3	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	8-36	10-34
PASSING YDS (NET)	17	30
Passes Att-Comp-Int	5-2-0	9-4-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	13-53	19-64
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)	1-53.0	1-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-10	1-5
Possession Time	05:54	09:06
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 3	2 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Hurts,Jalen	3	22	1	21	0	12	7.0
Scarborough,Bo	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
Harris,Damien	2	6	0	6	0	4	3.0
Jacobs,Josh	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hurts,Jalen	2-5-0	17	0	9	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Calvin	1	9	0	9
Foster,Robert	1	8	0	8

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	1	53	53.0	53	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Wilson,Mack	1-3	4	0.0	0.0
Fitzpatrick,M.	2-1	3	0.0	1.0
Payne,Da'Ron	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Buggs,Isaiah	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	4	38	0	38	0	26	9.5
Chubb,Nick	3	7	0	7	0	4	2.3
Swift,D'Andre	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Fromm,Jake	2	0	11	-11	0	0	-5.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	4-9-1	30	0	14	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Godwin,Terry	2	18	0	14
Ridley,Riley	1	13	0	13
Chubb,Nick	1	-1	0	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	1	49	49.0	49	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Clark,Tyler	2-1	3	0.0	0.5
Smith,Roquan	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Davis,Aaron	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Sanders,D.	1-0	1	0.0	0.0



Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



3-11 UA 27 Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00.
 3-11 UA 27 Michel,Sony rush for 3 yards to the UA24 (Lewis,Terrell).
 4-8 UA 24 Blankenship,R. field goal attempt from 41 GOOD, clock 14:14.

#3 Georgia 3, #4 Alabama 0

14 plays, 55 yards, 7:40

Blankenship,R. kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 14:14.

1-10 UA 25 Harris,Damien rush for 3 yards to the UA28 (Rochester,J.).
 2-7 UA 28 Hurts,Jalen rush for 1 yard to the UA29 (Walker,D'Andre).
 3-6 UA 29 Hurts,Jalen pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.
 4-6 UA 29 Scott,JK punt 56 yards to the UGA15, Hardman,Mecole return 15 yards to the UGA30 (Anderson,Keaton), PENALTY UGA illegal block (Payne,Christian) 10 yards to the UGA20, 1st and 10, UGA ball on UGA20.

3 plays, 4 yards, 1:22

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 12:52.

1-10	UGA 20	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Swift,D'Andre for 15 yards to the UGA35, 1ST DOWN UGA (Wilson,Mack).	P6
1-10	UGA 35	[DS], Chubb,Nick rush for 5 yards to the UGA40 (Fitzpatrick,M.;Evans,Rashaan).	
2-5	UGA 40	Fromm,Jake rush for 5 yards to the UGA45, 1ST DOWN UGA (Evans,Rashaan).	R7
1-10	UGA 45	Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Payne,Christian.	
2-10	UGA 45	Michel,Sony rush for 2 yards to the UGA47 (Buggs,Isaiah;Davis,Raekwon).	
3-8	UGA 47	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 23 yards to the UA30, 1ST DOWN UGA, out-of-bounds.	P8
1-10	UA 30	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Hardman,Mecole for no gain to the UA30, out-of-bounds.	
2-10	UA 30	Swift,D'Andre rush for 4 yards to the UA26 (Davis,Raekwon).	
3-6	UA 26	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Wims,Javon for 16 yards to the UA10, 1ST DOWN UGA (Averett,Anthony).	P9

Previous play, ruled completion, reviewed; play stands

1-G UA 10 Chubb,Nick rush for no gain to the UA10 (Payne,Da'Ron;Lewis,Terrell).
 2-G UA 10 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Wims,Javon.
 3-G UA 10 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Michel,Sony.
 4-G UA 10 Blankenship,R. field goal attempt from 27 GOOD, clock 07:33.

#3 Georgia 6, #4 Alabama 0

13 plays, 70 yards, 5:19

Blankenship,R. kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 07:33.

1-10	UA 25	Hurts,Jalen rush for 31 yards to the UGA44, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds.	R4
1-10	UGA 44	Jacobs,Josh rush for 1 yard to the UGA43 (Bellamy,Davin).	
2-9	UGA 43	Hurts,Jalen sacked for loss of 6 yards to the UGA49 (Bellamy,Davin).	
3-15	UGA 49	Jacobs,Josh rush for 5 yards to the UGA44 (Smith,Roquan).	
4-10	UGA 44	Scott,JK punt 39 yards to the UGA5, out-of-bounds.	

4 plays, 31 yards, 2:19

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 05:14.

1-10	UGA 05	Chubb,Nick rush for 1 yard to the UGA6 (Payne,Da'Ron).	
2-9	UGA 06	Chubb,Nick rush for 2 yards to the UGA8 (Williams,Q.;Davis,Raekwon).	
3-7	UGA 08	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 16 yards to the UGA24, 1ST DOWN UGA (Wallace,Levi).	P10
1-10	UGA 24	Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Payne,Christian.	
2-10	UGA 24	Michel,Sony rush for 4 yards to the UGA28.	
3-6	UGA 28	Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Hardman,Mecole.	
4-6	UGA 28	Nizialek,C. punt 39 yards to the UA33, Diggs,Trevon return 2 yards to the UA35 (Smith,Roquan), PENALTY UA illegal block (Kief,Derek) 10 yards to the UA25, 1st and 10, UA ball on UA25.	

6 plays, 23 yards, 3:00

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 02:14.

1-10 UA 25 Hurts,Jalen pass complete to Harris,Damien for 4 yards to the UA29, out-of-bounds (Parrish,Malkom).
 2-6 UA 29 Clock 01:54, Harris,Damien rush for 3 yards to the UA32 (Atkins,John).
 3-3 UA 32 Clock 01:34, Hurts,Jalen pass incomplete.
 4-3 UA 32 Clock 01:26, Scott,JK punt 37 yards to the UGA31, fair catch by Hardman,Mecole.

3 plays, 7 yards, 0:55

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 01:19.

1-10	UGA 31	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 10 yards to the UGA41, 1ST DOWN UGA.	P11
1-10	UGA 41	Clock 01:04, Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Godwin,Terry.	
2-10	UGA 41	Clock 01:00, Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Godwin,Terry.	
3-10	UGA 41	Clock 00:55, Michel,Sony rush for 14 yards to the UA45, 1ST DOWN UGA (Thompson,D.).	R12
1-10	UA 45	PENALTY UA substitution infraction 5 yards to the UA40.	
1-5	UA 40	Swift,D'Andre rush for 7 yards to the UA33, 1ST DOWN UGA, out-of-bounds (Wilson,Mack).	R13
1-10	UA 33	Clock 00:35, Fromm,Jake rush for 14 yards to the UA19, 1ST DOWN UGA	R14



Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)

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(Wilson,Mack;Harrison,Ronnie).
 1-10 UA 19 Timeout #3 Georgia, clock 00:28.
 1-10 UA 19 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Godwin,Terry for 16 yards to the UA3, 1ST DOWN UGA P15
 (Averett,Anthony).
 1-G UA 03 Clock 00:20, Chubb,Nick rush for 1 yard to the UA2 (Thompson,D.).
 2-G UA 02 Timeout #3 Georgia, clock 00:15.
 2-G UA 02 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Wims,Javon, PENALTY UA personal foul (Thompson,D.) 1 yards X16
 to the UA1, 1ST DOWN UGA, NO PLAY.
 1-G UA 01 Clock 00:12, [DS], Hardman,Mecole rush for 1 yard to the UA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:07.
 1-G UA 03 Blankenship,R. kick attempt good.

#3 Georgia 13, #4 Alabama 0

9 plays, 69 yards, 1:12

Blankenship,R. kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, touchback.

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 00:07.

1-10 UA 25 TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA24.
 End of half, clock 00:00.

1 play, minus 1 yard, 0:07

END OF 2nd QUARTER: #3 Georgia 13, #4 Alabama 0

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#4 Alabama	0	04:43	1	0	0	1	0-3	0-0	8-37	1-3-0-4	3-16
#3 Georgia	13	10:17	4	6	1	11	4-7	0-0	14-63	7-14-0-96	1-10



Quickie Statistics (Halftime)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



	UA	UGA
Score	0	13
FIRST DOWNS	4	16
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	16-73	24-97
PASSING YDS (NET)	21	126
Passes Att-Comp-Int	8-3-0	23-11-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	24-94	47-223
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-2	1-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-46.2	2-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-26	2-15
Possession Time	10:37	19:23
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 6	6 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Hurts,Jalen	6	54	7	47	0	31	7.8
Harris,Damien	4	12	0	12	0	4	3.0
Jacobs,Josh	3	8	0	8	0	5	2.7
Scarborough,Bo	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Hurts,Jalen	3-8-0	21	0	9	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Calvin	1	9	0	9
Foster,Robert	1	8	0	8
Harris,Damien	1	4	0	4

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	4	185	46.2	56	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Diggs,Trevon	1	2	0	2

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Wilson,Mack	3-4	7	0.0	0.0
Payne,Da'Ron	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Evans,Rashaan	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Fitzpatrick,M.	2-2	4	0.0	1.0

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	8	61	0	61	0	26	7.6
Chubb,Nick	8	16	0	16	0	5	2.0
Swift,D'Andre	3	11	0	11	0	7	3.7
Fromm,Jake	4	19	11	8	0	14	2.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	11-23-1	126	0	23	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Riley	4	62	0	23
Godwin,Terry	3	34	0	16
Wims,Javon	1	16	0	16
Swift,D'Andre	1	15	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	2	88	44.0	49	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	1	15	0	15

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Smith,Roquan	3-1	4	0.0	0.0
Clark,Tyler	2-1	3	0.0	0.5
Bellamy,Davin	2-0	2	1.0	1.0
Parrish,Malkom	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	14:14	UGA - Blankenship,R. 41 yd field goal, 14-55 7:40	0 - 3
	07:33	UGA - Blankenship,R. 27 yd field goal, 13-70 5:19	0 - 6
	00:07	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 1 yd run (Blankenship,R. kick), 9-69 1:12	0 - 13



Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00, UGA ball on UGA35.

Blankenship,R. kickoff 65 yards to the UA0, Jacobs,Josh return 22 yards to the UA22 (Brown,Keyon).

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 14:56.

1-10 UA 22 Tagovailoa,Tua at QB for #4 Alabama.
 1-10 UA 22 Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 4 yards to the UA26 (Parrish,Malkom).
 2-6 UA 26 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Hentges,Hale for 2 yards to the UA28 (Carter,Reggie).
 3-4 UA 28 Tagovailoa,Tua sacked for loss of 4 yards to the UA24 (Smith,Roquan).
 4-8 UA 24 [PUNT], PENALTY UGA offside defense (Simmons,Tyler) 5 yards to the UA29, NO PLAY.
 4-3 UA 29 Scott,JK punt 54 yards to the UGA17, Hardman,Mecole return 19 yards to the UGA36 (Sims,Cam).

3 plays, 7 yards, 1:53

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 13:03.

1-10 UGA 36 Chubb,Nick rush for loss of 3 yards to the UGA33 (Harrison,Ronnie).
 2-13 UGA 33 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Swift,D'Andre for loss of 8 yards to the UGA25 (Buggs,Isaiah).
 3-21 UGA 25 Swift,D'Andre rush for 4 yards to the UGA29 (Evans,Rashaan;Fitzpatrick,M.).
 4-17 UGA 29 Nizialek,C. punt 41 yards to the UA30, Diggs,Trevon return 14 yards to the UA44, out-of-bounds (Carter,Lorenzo).

3 plays, minus 7 yards, 2:12

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 10:51.

1-10 UA 44 Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.
 2-10 UA 44 Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 3 yards to the UA47 (Clark,Tyler).
 3-7 UA 47 Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 9 yards to the UGA44, 1ST DOWN UA (Walker,D'Andre). R5
 1-10 UGA 44 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Foster,Robert for 15 yards to the UGA29, 1ST DOWN UA P6
 (Baker,Deandre).
 1-10 UGA 29 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ruggs III,Henry for 9 yards to the UGA20, out-of-bounds (Smith,Roquan).
 2-1 UGA 20 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ruggs III,Henry for 14 yards to the UGA6, 1ST DOWN UA. P7
 1-G UGA 06 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ruggs III,Henry for 6 yards to the UGA0, TOUCHDOWN, clock 08:52.
 1-G UGA 03 Pappanastos,A. kick attempt good.

#3 Georgia 13, #4 Alabama 7

7 plays, 56 yards, 2:04

Scott,JK kickoff 65 yards to the UGA0, Hardman,Mecole return 7 yards to the UGA7 (Lewis,Terrell).

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 08:47.

1-10 UGA 07 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Godwin,Terry for 14 yards to the UGA21, 1ST DOWN UGA P17
 (Averett,Anthony).
 1-10 UGA 21 Chubb,Nick rush for loss of 8 yards to the UGA13 (Averett,Anthony).
 2-18 UGA 13 Chubb,Nick rush for 7 yards to the UGA20 (Payne,Da'Ron).
 3-11 UGA 20 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Hardman,Mecole for 80 yards to the UA0, 1ST DOWN UGA, P18
 TOUCHDOWN, clock 06:52.

Dead ball foul after TD on UGA; enforced on KO

Previous play, ruled TD, reviewed; play stands

1-G UA 03 Blankenship,R. kick attempt good.

#3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 7

1-G UGA 35 PENALTY UGA sideline interference 15 yards to the UGA20.

4 plays, 93 yards, 2:00

Blankenship,R. kickoff 74 yards to the UA6, Jacobs,Josh return 20 yards to the UA26 (Payne,Christian).

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 06:47.

1-10 UA 26 Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Smith,DeVonta.
 2-10 UA 26 Tagovailoa,Tua pass intercepted by Baker,Deandre at the UA39, Baker,Deandre return 0 yards to the UA39.

2 plays, 0 yards, 0:15

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 06:32.

1-10 UA 39 Fromm,Jake pass intercepted by Davis,Raekwon at the UA41, Davis,Raekwon return 19 yards to the UGA40 (Fromm,Jake) (Hand,Da'Shawn).

1 play, 0 yards, 0:11

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 06:21.

1-10 UGA 40 Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 9 yards to the UGA31 (Smith,Roquan;Marshall,David).
 2-1 UGA 31 Harris,Damien rush for 6 yards to the UGA25, 1ST DOWN UA (Carter,Reggie). R8
 1-10 UGA 25 Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Sims,Cam.
 2-10 UGA 25 Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.
 3-10 UGA 25 Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Ruggs III,Henry.
 4-10 UGA 25 Pappanastos,A. field goal attempt from 43 GOOD, clock 05:15.

#3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 10

6 plays, 15 yards, 1:06

Scott,JK kickoff 65 yards to the UGA0, touchback.



Play-by-Play Summary (3rd quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



#3 GEORGIA drive start at 05:15.

1-10 UGA 25 PENALTY UA unsportsmanlike conduct (Brown,Mekhi) 15 yards to the UGA40, 1ST DOWN UGA. X19
UC penalty on V48 is 1st UC infraction of game

1-10 UGA 40 Chubb,Nick rush for 5 yards to the UGA45 (Frazier,Joshua).
 2-5 UGA 45 Chubb,Nick rush for loss of 1 yard to the UGA44 (Evans,Rashaan).
 3-6 UGA 44 Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 13 yards to the UA43, 1ST DOWN UGA, P20
 out-of-bounds.

1-10 UA 43 Michel,Sony rush for 5 yards to the UA38 (Wilson,Mack).
 2-5 UA 38 Fromm,Jake rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA39 (Wilson,Mack).
 3-6 UA 39 Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Riley (Wallace,Levi).
 4-6 UA 39 Ramsey,Brice punt 19 yards to the UA20, fair catch by Diggs,Trevon.
6 plays, 36 yards, 3:20

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 01:55.

1-10 UA 20 Scarbrough,Bo rush for 16 yards to the UA36, 1ST DOWN UA (Reed,J.R.). R9
 1-10 UA 36 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 7 yards to the UA43 (Reed,J.R.).
 2-3 UA 43 Scarbrough,Bo rush for no gain to the UA43 (Marshall,David).
 3-3 UA 43 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Scarbrough,Bo for 1 yard to the UA44 (Smith,Roquan).
 4-2 UA 44 Scott,JK punt 46 yards to the UGA10, fair catch by Godwin,Terry.
4 plays, 24 yards, 1:47

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 00:08.

1-10 UGA 10 Michel,Sony rush for 3 yards to the UGA13 (Wilson,Mack).

END OF 3rd QUARTER: #3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 10

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#4 Alabama	10	07:05	3	2	0	5	1-4	0-0	8-43	7-13-1-54	1-15
#3 Georgia	7	07:51	0	3	1	4	2-4	0-0	9-11	4-6-1-99	2-20



Quickie Statistics (3rd quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



	UA	UGA
Score	10	20
FIRST DOWNS	9	20
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	24-116	33-108
PASSING YDS (NET)	75	225
Passes Att-Comp-Int	21-10-1	29-15-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	45-191	62-333
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-16	2-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-42	1-7
Interception Returns-Yards	2-19	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-47.5	4-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	4-35
Possession Time	17:42	27:14
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 10	8 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0

#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Hurts,Jalen	6	54	7	47	0	31	7.8
Scarborough,Bo	4	23	0	23	0	16	5.8
Tagovailoa,Tua	5	25	4	21	0	9	4.2
Harris,Damien	5	18	0	18	0	6	3.6

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tagovailoa,Tua	7-13-1	54	1	15	1
Hurts,Jalen	3-8-0	21	0	9	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ruggs III,Henry	3	29	1	14
Foster,Robert	2	23	0	15
Ridley,Calvin	2	16	0	9
Harris,Damien	1	4	0	4

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	6	285	47.5	56	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Diggs,Trevon	2	16	0	14

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jacobs,Josh	2	42	0	22

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Wilson,Mack	6-4	10	0.0	1.0
Evans,Rashaan	3-3	6	0.0	1.0
Averett,Anthony	5-0	5	1.0	2.0
Payne,Da'Ron	3-2	5	0.0	0.0

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	10	69	0	69	0	26	6.9
Chubb,Nick	13	28	12	16	0	7	1.2
Swift,D'Andre	4	15	0	15	0	7	3.8
Fromm,Jake	5	19	12	7	0	14	1.4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	15-29-2	225	1	80	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Riley	5	75	0	23
Godwin,Terry	4	48	0	16
Hardman,Mecole	2	80	1	80
Swift,D'Andre	2	7	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	3	129	43.0	49	0	0
Ramsey,Brice	1	19	19.0	19	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	2	34	0	19

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	1	7	0	7

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Smith,Roquan	6-2	8	1.0	1.0
Clark,Tyler	3-1	4	0.0	0.5
Parrish,Malkom	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Carter,Reggie	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	14:14	UGA - Blankenship,R. 41 yd field goal, 14-55 7:40	0 - 3
	07:33	UGA - Blankenship,R. 27 yd field goal, 13-70 5:19	0 - 6
	00:07	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 1 yd run (Blankenship,R. kick), 9-69 1:12	0 - 13
3rd	08:52	UA - Ruggs III,Henry 6 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 7-56 2:04	7 - 13
	06:52	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 80 yd pass from Fromm,Jake (Blankenship,R. kick), 4-93 2:00	7 - 20
	05:15	UA - Pappanastos,A. 43 yd field goal, 6-15 1:06	10 - 20



Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



2-7	UGA 13	Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00.	
2-7	UGA 13	Michel,Sony rush for 10 yards to the UGA23, 1ST DOWN UGA (Davis,Raekwon;Averett,Anthony).	R21
1-10	UGA 23	Michel,Sony rush for 5 yards to the UGA28 (Lewis,Terrell).	
2-5	UGA 28	Michel,Sony rush for 13 yards to the UGA41, 1ST DOWN UGA (Harrison,Ronnie).	R22
1-10	UGA 41	Chubb,Nick rush for 7 yards to the UGA48 (Evans,Rashaan).	
2-3	UGA 48	Chubb,Nick rush for loss of 1 yard to the UGA47 (Wilson,Mack).	
3-4	UGA 47	Fromm,Jake sacked for loss of 9 yards to the UGA38 (Davis,Raekwon).	
4-13	UGA 38	Nizialek,C. punt 45 yards to the UA17, Diggs,Trevon return 0 yards to the UA17 (Hardman,Mecole).	

7 plays, 28 yards, 3:29

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 11:39.

1-10	UA 17	Harris,Najee rush for 16 yards to the UA33, 1ST DOWN UA (Smith,Roquan;Reed,J.R.).	R10
1-10	UA 33	Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Sims,Cam for 13 yards to the UA46, 1ST DOWN UA (Thompson,T.).	P11
1-10	UA 46	Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Foster,Robert for 5 yards to the UGA49, out-of-bounds (Carter,Reggie).	
2-5	UGA 49	Harris,Najee rush for 35 yards to the UGA14, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Smith,Roquan).	R12
1-10	UGA 14	Harris,Najee rush for 2 yards to the UGA12 (Atkins,John).	
2-8	UGA 12	Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Jeudy,Jerry.	
3-8	UGA 12	Timeout #3 Georgia, clock 09:34.	
3-8	UGA 12	Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Jeudy,Jerry.	

Previous play, ruled INC, reviewed; confirmed

4-8 UGA 12 Pappanastos,A. field goal attempt from 30 GOOD, clock 09:24.

#3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 13

8 plays, 71 yards, 2:19

Scott,JK kickoff 64 yards to the UGA1, Hardman,Mecole return 13 yards to the UGA14 (Brown,Mekhi).

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 09:20.

1-10	UGA 14	[DS], Chubb,Nick rush for loss of 1 yard to the UGA13 (Evans,Rashaan;Williams,Q.).	
2-11	UGA 13	Hardman,Mecole rush for 9 yards to the UGA22, out-of-bounds.	
3-2	UGA 22	[DS], Michel,Sony rush for 1 yard to the UGA23 (Payne,Da'Ron;Buggs,Isaiah).	

Previous play, handoff out of direct snap

4-1 UGA 23 Nizialek,C. punt 51 yards to the UA26, Diggs,Trevon return 8 yards to the UA34 (Hardman,Mecole;Frix,Trent).

3 plays, 9 yards, 2:10

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 07:10.

1-10	UA 34	Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Harris,Damien for 17 yards to the UGA49, 1ST DOWN UA (Smith,Roquan).	P13
1-10	UGA 49	Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 1 yard to the UGA48 (Thompson,T.).	
2-9	UGA 48	Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete.	
3-9	UGA 48	Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Smith,DeVonta, PENALTY UGA pass interference (Parrish,Malkom) 15 yards to the UGA33, 1ST DOWN UA, NO PLAY.	X14
1-10	UGA 33	Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Jeudy,Jerry for 20 yards to the UGA13, 1ST DOWN UA, out-of-bounds (Parrish,Malkom).	P15
1-10	UGA 13	Tagovailoa,Tua pass incomplete to Ridley,Calvin.	
2-10	UGA 13	Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 7 yards to the UGA6 (Marshall,David;Carter,Lorenzo).	
3-3	UGA 06	Harris,Damien rush for loss of 1 yard to the UGA7 (Thompson,T.;Smith,Roquan).	
4-4	UGA 07	Timeout #4 Alabama, clock 03:56.	
4-4	UGA 07	Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 7 yards to the UGA0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:49.	P16
1-G	UGA 03	Pappanastos,A. kick attempt good.	

#3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 20

8 plays, 66 yards, 3:26

Scott,JK kickoff 64 yards to the UGA1, Hardman,Mecole return 20 yards to the UGA21 (Lewis,Terrell).

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 03:44.

1-10	UGA 21	Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Ridley,Riley.	
2-10	UGA 21	Fromm,Jake pass complete to Ridley,Riley for 7 yards to the UGA28 (Wallace,Levi).	
3-3	UGA 28	Fromm,Jake pass incomplete to Swift,D'Andre.	
4-3	UGA 28	Nizialek,C. punt 51 yards to the UA21, Diggs,Trevon return 14 yards to the UA35 (Hardman,Mecole).	

3 plays, 7 yards, 0:49

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 02:55.

1-10	UA 35	Harris,Najee rush for loss of 1 yard to the UA34 (Smith,Roquan).	
2-11	UA 34	Clock 02:10, Harris,Najee rush for 11 yards to the UA45, 1ST DOWN UA.	R17
1-10	UA 45	Clock 01:50, Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Ridley,Calvin for 9 yards to the UGA46, out-of-bounds (Parrish,Malkom), PENALTY UGA face mask (Parrish,Malkom) 15 yards to the UGA31, 1ST DOWN UA.	X18
1-10	UGA 31	1st and 10.	



Play-by-Play Summary (4th quarter)

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1-10 UGA 31	Clock 01:43, Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 6 yards to the UGA25 (Carter,Lorenzo).	
2-4 UGA 25	Clock 01:07, Harris,Najee rush for 1 yard to the UGA24, out-of-bounds (Walker,D'Andre;Ledbetter,J.).	
3-3 UGA 24	Clock 01:02, Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 4 yards to the UGA20, 1ST DOWN UA (Sanders,D.;Carter,Reggie).	R19
1-10 UGA 20	Timeout #3 Georgia, clock 00:56.	
1-10 UGA 20	Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 1 yard to the UGA19 (Sanders,D.;Clark,Tyler).	
2-9 UGA 19	Timeout #3 Georgia, clock 00:49.	
2-9 UGA 19	Tagovailoa,Tua rush for 3 yards to the UGA16 (Baker,Deandre;Carter,Reggie).	
3-6 UGA 16	Timeout #4 Alabama, clock 00:06.	
3-6 UGA 16	Hurts,Jalen at QB for #4 Alabama.	
3-6 UGA 16	TEAM rush for loss of 1 yard to the UGA17.	
4-7 UGA 17	Timeout #4 Alabama, clock 00:03.	
4-7 UGA 17	Pappanastos,A. field goal attempt from 36 MISSED - wide left, spot at UGA20, clock 00:00.	
	<i>10 plays, 48 yards, 2:55</i>	
	End of game, clock 00:00.	

END OF 4th QUARTER: #3 Georgia 20, #4 Alabama 20

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#4 Alabama	10	05:45	4	4	2	10	1-4	1-1	14-84	6-10-0-71	0-0
#3 Georgia	0	06:20	2	0	0	2	0-3	0-0	9-34	1-3-0-7	2-30



Quickie Statistics (4th quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



	UA	UGA
Score	20	20
FIRST DOWNS	19	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	38-200	42-142
PASSING YDS (NET)	146	232
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-16-1	32-16-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	69-346	74-374
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-38	2-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-42	3-40
Interception Returns-Yards	2-19	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-47.5	7-42.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	6-65
Possession Time	23:27	33:34
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	8 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0

#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	6	65	1	64	0	35	10.7
Hurts,Jalen	6	54	7	47	0	31	7.8
Tagovailoa,Tua	11	47	4	43	0	9	3.9
Scarborough,Bo	4	23	0	23	0	16	5.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tagovailoa,Tua	13-23-1	125	2	20	1
Hurts,Jalen	3-8-0	21	0	9	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Calvin	4	32	1	9
Ruggs III,Henry	3	29	1	14
Foster,Robert	3	28	0	15
Harris,Damien	2	21	0	17

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	6	285	47.5	56	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Diggs,Trevon	5	38	0	14

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jacobs,Josh	2	42	0	22

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Wilson,Mack	7-4	11	0.0	2.0
Evans,Rashaan	4-4	8	0.0	1.5
Lewis,Terrell	5-1	6	0.0	0.0
Averett,Anthony	5-1	6	1.0	2.0

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	14	98	0	98	0	26	7.0
Chubb,Nick	16	35	14	21	0	7	1.3
Swift,D'Andre	4	15	0	15	0	7	3.8
Hardman,Mecole	2	10	0	10	1	9	5.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	16-32-2	232	1	80	3

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Riley	6	82	0	23
Godwin,Terry	4	48	0	16
Hardman,Mecole	2	80	1	80
Swift,D'Andre	2	7	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	6	276	46.0	51	1	0
Ramsey,Brice	1	19	19.0	19	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	2	34	0	19

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	3	40	0	20

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Smith,Roquan	9-4	13	1.0	2.5
Parrish,Malkom	5-0	5	0.0	0.0
Clark,Tyler	3-2	5	0.0	0.5
Carter,Reggie	3-2	5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	14:14	UGA - Blankenship,R. 41 yd field goal, 14-55 7:40	0 - 3
	07:33	UGA - Blankenship,R. 27 yd field goal, 13-70 5:19	0 - 6
	00:07	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 1 yd run (Blankenship,R. kick), 9-69 1:12	0 - 13
3rd	08:52	UA - Ruggs III,Henry 6 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 7-56 2:04	7 - 13
	06:52	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 80 yd pass from Fromm,Jake (Blankenship,R. kick), 4-93 2:00	7 - 20
4th	05:15	UA - Pappanastos,A. 43 yd field goal, 6-15 1:06	10 - 20
	09:24	UA - Pappanastos,A. 30 yd field goal, 8-71 2:19	13 - 20
	03:49	UA - Ridley,Calvin 7 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 8-66 3:26	20 - 20



Play-by-Play Summary (OT quarter)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



UA wins toss, elects to defend; UGA chooses to play on west end

Start of OT quarter, clock 15:00.

1-10 UGA 20 Change of possession, UGA ball on UA25, 1st and 10.

#3 GEORGIA drive start at 15:00.

1-10 UA 25 Chubb,Nick rush for 3 yards to the UA22 (Wilson,Mack;Hand,Da'Shawn).

2-7 UA 22 Chubb,Nick rush for 1 yard to the UA21 (Wallace,Levi).

3-6 UA 21 Fromm,Jake sacked for loss of 13 yards to the UA34 (Lewis,Terrell).

4-19 UA 34 Blankenship,R. field goal attempt from 51 GOOD, clock 15:00.

#3 Georgia 23, #4 Alabama 20

1-G UGA 35 Change of possession, UA ball on UGA25, 1st and 10.

4 plays, minus 9 yards, 0:00

#4 ALABAMA drive start at 15:00.

1-10 UGA 25 Tagovailoa,Tua sacked for loss of 16 yards to the UGA41 (Ledbetter,J.;Bellamy,Davin).

2-26 UGA 41 Tagovailoa,Tua pass complete to Smith,DeVonta for 41 yards to the UGA0, 1ST DOWN UA, TOUCHDOWN, clock 15:00. P20

#4 Alabama 26, #3 Georgia 23

2 plays, 25 yards, 0:00

#4 Alabama 26, #3 Georgia 23

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
#4 Alabama	6	00:00	10	7	2	19	3-14	1-1	38-200	16-31-1-146	6-41
#3 Georgia	3	00:00	8	11	3	22	8-18	0-0	42-142	16-32-2-232	6-65



Quickie Statistics (Final)

#4 Alabama vs #3 Georgia (01/08/18 at Atlanta, Georgia)



	UA	UGA
Score	26	23
FIRST DOWNS	20	22
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	39-184	45-133
PASSING YDS (NET)	187	232
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-17-1	32-16-2
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	71-371	77-365
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	5-38	2-34
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-42	3-40
Interception Returns-Yards	2-19	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-47.5	7-42.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	6-65
Possession Time	26:17	33:43
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	8 of 19
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	2-2

#4 Alabama

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Harris,Najee	6	65	1	64	0	35	10.7
Hurts,Jalen	6	54	7	47	0	31	7.8
Tagovailoa,Tua	12	47	20	27	0	9	2.2
Scarborough,Bo	4	23	0	23	0	16	5.8

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tagovailoa,Tua	14-24-1	166	3	41	2
Hurts,Jalen	3-8-0	21	0	9	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Calvin	4	32	1	9
Ruggs III,Henry	3	29	1	14
Foster,Robert	3	28	0	15
Harris,Damien	2	21	0	17

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Scott,JK	6	285	47.5	56	2	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Diggs,Trevon	5	38	0	14

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Jacobs,Josh	2	42	0	22

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Wilson,Mack	7-5	12	0.0	2.0
Evans,Rashaan	4-4	8	0.0	1.5
Lewis,Terrell	6-1	7	1.0	1.0
Averett,Anthony	5-1	6	1.0	2.0

#3 Georgia

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Michel,Sony	14	98	0	98	0	26	7.0
Chubb,Nick	18	39	14	25	0	7	1.4
Swift,D'Andre	4	15	0	15	0	7	3.8
Hardman,Mecole	2	10	0	10	1	9	5.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Fromm,Jake	16-32-2	232	1	80	4

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Ridley,Riley	6	82	0	23
Godwin,Terry	4	48	0	16
Hardman,Mecole	2	80	1	80
Swift,D'Andre	2	7	0	15

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Nizialek,C.	6	276	46.0	51	1	0
Ramsey,Brice	1	19	19.0	19	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	2	34	0	19

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Hardman,Mecole	3	40	0	20

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Smith,Roquan	9-4	13	1.0	2.5
Parrish,Malkom	5-0	5	0.0	0.0
Clark,Tyler	3-2	5	0.0	0.5
Carter,Reggie	3-2	5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	14:14	UGA - Blankenship,R. 41 yd field goal, 14-55 7:40	0 - 3
	07:33	UGA - Blankenship,R. 27 yd field goal, 13-70 5:19	0 - 6
	00:07	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 1 yd run (Blankenship,R. kick), 9-69 1:12	0 - 13
3rd	08:52	UA - Ruggs III,Henry 6 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 7-56 1:59	7 - 13
	06:52	UGA - Hardman,Mecole 80 yd pass from Fromm,Jake (Blankenship,R. kick), 4-93 1:55	7 - 20
	05:15	UA - Pappanastos,A. 43 yd field goal, 6-15 1:06	10 - 20
4th	09:24	UA - Pappanastos,A. 30 yd field goal, 8-71 2:15	13 - 20
	03:49	UA - Ridley,Calvin 7 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua (Pappanastos,A. kick), 8-66 3:21	20 - 20
OT	15:00	UGA - Blankenship,R. 51 yd field goal, 4--9 0:00	20 - 23
	15:00	UA - Smith,DeVonta 41 yd pass from Tagovailoa,Tua, 2-25 0:00	26 - 23



2018 CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME / POSTGAME NOTES

Alabama Crimson Tide 26, Georgia Bulldogs 23 (OT)

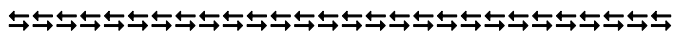
Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga. (January 8, 2018)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



	GEORGIA	ALABAMA
FINAL SCORE	23	26
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 19:35</i>)	40:25	0:00
Total Plays-Yards.....	77-365	71-371
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards.....	23-46	37-195
First Half.....	16-51	10-26
Second Half	7-(-5)	27-169
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	6 of 13	8 of 15
*First Down Plays/Yards.....	34-121	33-195
Average on First Down.....	4.6	5.9
First Half.....	4.1 (22-91)	5.6 (10-56)
Second Half	2.5 (12-30)	6.0 (23-139)
Rushes/Average.....	19/2.8	17/6.0
Passes/Average (<i>includes sacks</i>)..	15/4.5	16/5.8
Times Gained: 20+/10+/5+	0/6/13	2/7/15
Times Gained: 2-/0/Neg.....	18/10/5	13/5/3
Second Down Efficiency	4-24	7-23
First Half.....	2-14	2-7
Second Half	2-10	5-16
Yards Gained	63	147
Third Down Efficiency	8-19	3-14
Rushing	3-6	3-7
*Passing	5-13	0-7
Average Yards To Go (All).....	8.6	6.2
Average To Go (Conversions).....	8.1	6.0
Yards Gained	181	22
3rd & 5 or less.....	1-4	1-6
3rd & 6 or more	7-15	2-8
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards).....	0-0 (0)	1-1 (7)
Total Possessions/Average FP	14/G28	15/A33
First Half.....	6/G21	6/A26
Second Half	8/G33	9/A37
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20....	5 (4/1)	3 (1/2)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	2 (3 pts)	2 (9 pts)
Three Plays & Out.....	1	3
Opponent Turnovers (Pts)	1 (0)	2 (3)
Red Zone (pts)	2-2 (10)	3-5 (17)
Plays-Yards.....	6-18	15-40
Third Down Efficiency	0-1	0-4
Fourth Down Efficiency.....	0-0	1-1
Yards by Quarter: 1st.....	64	53
2nd.....	159	41
3rd.....	110	97
4th.....	41	155
Overtime	- 9	25

*—sacks deducted from pass plays to present accurate picture.



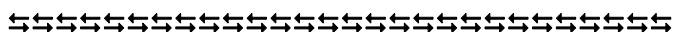
CFP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Offensive: #13 Tua Tagovailoa, Fr., QB, Alabama

24-14-1, 166 yards, 3 TD; 12-27, 0 TD, 2 FDE (rushing); 193 TO

Defensive: #94 Da'Ron Payne, Sr., DL, Alabama

(6 tackles— 3 UT/3 AT; 1 third down stop)



ATTENDANCE Tonight's attendance of 77,430 brought the final count to 1,620,253 for the 2017-18 bowl season (40,506 average for 40 games. This is a little below of last year's average was 41,718 for 41 games (Poinsettia is now defunct).

ONE-LINER QUICKIES

The only previous overtime game in a championship game was in the 2002 BCS title contest, when Ohio State beat Miami-Fla., 31-24 in two overtimes, in Tempe, Ariz.;

- Of the 12 CPF playoff games, this is the second OT affair; the first was last Monday in the Rose Bowl (Georgia won that in double OT)
- The attendance of **77,430** was the second-most this bowl season, trailing the Rose Bowl/CPF Semifinal (92,844);
- In AP No. 3 vs. No. 4 games, it's all tied up: **12-12-1**;
- Alabama won the opening coin toss (chose to defer); the winner of the toss is now **2-2** in CFP title games (Alabama also won the OT coin toss);
- Home state teams are now **9-5** playing for the national championship;
- Alabama is now **99-12** this decade (remains the top mark), Georgia is **77-31** (15th);
- Georgia's **Sony Michel** had eight runs of 10+ yards in the two playoff games (20, 75, 38 and 27 last week against Oklahoma; 26, 14, 10 and 13 tonight). Those totaled **223** yards;
- The two plays that decided the overtime games in the CPF this year covered **68** yards (Michel's 27-yard TD run last week, the 41-yard pass tonight. Both were on second down plays that followed a loss on first down.;
- This was the lowest scoring of the four CPF title games (**49** points); the first three, in order, saw 62, 85 and 66 points racked up. The winner had averaged 40.7 per.

COMEBACK

Alabama's rally from **13** points down (0-13, 7-20) was the fourth largest in the CFP. The eventual champion, **all the lower seed in the game**, all trailed in the title game at some point. It was the fifth-largest comeback this bowl season, and the second-biggest to overcome in the second half to South Carolina's 16-point comeback (winning 26-19 after trailing 19-3) over Michigan in the Outback Bowl (*extensive notes on both on page 6 of the pregame notes*).

- The winning team has now been seeded 4, 2, 2 and 4.
- Assuming Alabama and Georgia will finish **1-2** in the Associated Press poll, it will mark the third time the SEC has finished 1-2 this millennium: in 2011, it was Alabama-LSU, and in 2007, it was LSU-Georgia. Otherwise, no other conference has had the top two spots since 1971, when the old Big 8 had three (Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado).

HALFTIME TELLTALE

In the 28 games since the 1968 season, when the *Associated Press* poll was taken after the bowls, the team that has led at halftime in a game where the winner would be crowned the national champion is now **20-4** (five games were tied). Alabama joined Florida State (1993 and 2013) and Clemson (last year) in rallying from a halftime deficit.

- The teams committing more turnovers in these game are now just **4-22** (three even).
- The teams leading after three quarters are now **21-7** (one was tied).

LAST BACKUP QUARTERBACK

Quick research appears to be the last backup quarterback to enter a game with championship implications and lead his team to the title came in the 1991 Orange Bowl (Colorado 10, Notre Dame 9). CU starter Darian Hagan tore his ACL just prior to halftime in a defensive struggle, leaving backup Charles Johnson to start the second half and lead CU to the win, enabling the Buffaloes to hold on to their No. 1 ranking and be named the consensus national champion. Johnson was the game's offensive MVP, completing 5-of-6 passes for 80 yards and directing the only TD drive of the second half.

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CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS

(includes only significant ones from the three games to date)

INDIVIDUAL

PASSING

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED—2, Jake Fromm, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018.

SCORING

MOST POINTS BY KICKING—11, Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/18 (2 PAT, 3 FG)

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE—3, Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/18 (41, 27, 51)

RETURNS

MOST PUNT RETURNS—5 (for 38 yards) Trevon Diggs, Alabama vs. Georgia at Alabama, 1/08/2018

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS—38 (5 returns), Trevon Diggs, Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

DEFENSIVE

MOST TACKLES—13, Roquan Smith, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018 (9 unassisted);

LONGEST PLAYS

OVERALL (Scrimmage)

80, Jake Fromm to Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018 (pass; TD)

LONGEST PASS—80, Jake Fromm to Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018 (pass; TD)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL—51, Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

LONGEST PUNT RETURN—19, Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN—19, Raekwon Davis, Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

TEAM

PASSING

MOST INTERCEPTIONS THROWN—2, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

SCORING

MOST POINTS, SECOND QUARTER—13, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

SMALLEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL—3, Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

SCORING DRIVES & POSSESSION

LONGEST FG DRIVE—70, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018 (13 plays)

MOST TIME CONSUMED (FG DRIVE)—7:40, Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/18/2018 (14 plays, 55 yards)

PUNT / PUNT RETURNS

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE (minimum 4 punts)—47.5 (6 punts), Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

MOST PUNT RETURNS—5 (for 38 yards), Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS—38 (5 returns), Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE (minimum 2 returns)—17.0 (2-34), Georgia vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

DEFENSIVE

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS—12 (for 57 yards), Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

MOST INTERCEPTIONS—2, Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS—19, Alabama vs. Georgia at Atlanta, 1/08/2018

OTHER TIDBITS

● The victory gave **Alabama** its fifth national championship in the last nine seasons ... the fastest stretch to win five titles in FBS history. The previous best was five titles in 16 seasons, which Alabama accomplished from 1964-1979.

● The win gives Alabama head coach **Nick Saban** his sixth National Championship. He ties Alabama's Bear Bryant for the most national titles by a head coach in the Poll Era (since 1936).

● Alabama becomes the second team to win the CFP National Championship Game after losing it the year before (Clemson lost in 2016 before winning last year). The 1999 Florida State team was the only other school to accomplish that feat in the BCS/CFP era (since 1998).

● Georgia sophomore **WR Mecole Hardman** became the first player with a rushing and a receiving touchdown in a CFP Championship Game.

● There was just **one** rushing touchdown in tonight's game ... there were **14** in the first three CFP championship games.

SECOND HALF TURNAROUND

In the first half, Georgia ran 16 plays for 51 yards in plus territory, while Alabama ran 10 for 26 yards. But in the second half, the Tide was much more productive, with 27 plays for 169 yards, while UGA ran just seven, and for minus-5 yards (corrected from page 1 of notes, where it was 7-for-4).

RUSHING ANALYSIS An in-depth look at how the top rushers for each team this season fared in tonight's game (includes sacks):

Player, Team	Att	Yds	Avg.	Long	TD	FD	20+ 10+	5+	0	Neg.	
Michel, UGA	14	98	7.0	26	0	5	1	4	8	1	0
Chubb, UGA	18	25	1.4	7	0	0	0	0	4	1	4
Swift, UGA	4	15	3.8	7	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
N. Harris, ALA	6	64	10.7	35	0	3	1	3	3	0	1
Hurts, ALA	6	47	7.8	31	0	3	1	3	3	0	2
Tagovailoa, ALA	12	27	2.3	9	0	2	0	0	4	0	2
Scarborough, ALA	4	23	5.8	16	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
D. Harris, ALA	6	17	2.8	6	0	1	0	0	1	0	1

Player, Team	Left Hash	Middle	Right Hash
Michel, UGA	4-23	6-37	4-38
Chubb, UGA	8-(-1)	9-25	1- 1
Swift, UGA	1- 7	2- 4	1- 4
N.Harris, ALA	3-52	0- 0	3-12
Hurts, ALA	0- 0	4-37	2-10
Tagovailoa, ALA	5-35	2-(-20)	5-12
Scarborough, ALA	1-16	2- 3	1- 4
D.Harris, ALA	1- 4	4-14	1-(-1)

PASSING ANALYSIS An analysis of where each starting quarterback threw the ball and the result:

Player, Team	OUTSIDE LEFT HASH			CENTER			OUTSIDE RIGHT HASH		
	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD	A-C-I	Yds	TD
Fromm, UGA	11-5-1	51	0	6-3-1	44	0	15-8-0	137	1
Hurts, ALA	0-0-0	0	0	0-0-0	0	0	8-3-0	21	0
Tagovailoa, ALA	6-3-1	49	2	5-2-0	22	1	13-9-0	95	0

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TOP 10 POSTSEASON PERFORMANCES (2017)

No players in tonight's game cracked the top 10 in the below categories, thus the final leaders for the 2017-18 bowl season:

RUSHING LEADERS (35 total 100-yard games)

Player, School	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Rashaad Penny, San Diego State	14	221	15.8	1	81t
Rodney Anderson, Oklahoma	26	201	7.7	2	45
Sony Michel, Georgia	11	181	16.5	3	75t
Ahmad Bradshaw, Army (QB)	32	180	5.6	2	27t
Alex Delton, Kansas State (QB)	20	158	7.9	3	68t
Lamar Jackson, Louisville (QB)	24	158	6.6	1	75
A.J. Dillon, Boston College	32	157	4.9	1	66
Justin Jackson, Northwestern	32	157	4.9	2	18
Dorian Brown, Ohio	12	152	12.7	4	74t
Zack Moss, Utah	20	150	7.5	1	58t

PASSING LEADERS (22 total 300-yard games)

Player, School	Att-Com-Int	Yards	Pct.	Avg.	TD	Rating
Nick Starkel, Texas A&M	63-42-1	499	66.7	7.9	4	151.0
Nic Shimonek, Texas Tech	59-32-2	416	54.2	7.1	3	123.5
John Wolford, Wake Forest	49-32-0	400	65.3	8.2	4	160.8
Elijah Sindelar, Purdue	53-33-1	396	62.3	7.5	4	146.2
Brett Rypien, Boise State	38-21-2	362	55.3	9.5	2	142.1
Sam Darnold, USC	45-26-1	356	57.8	7.9	0	119.8
Manny Wilkins, Arizona State	40-25-3	352	62.5	8.8	3	146.2
Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State	32-21-0	351	65.6	11.0	2	178.4
Mike White, Western Kentucky	39-26-1	351	66.7	9.0	2	154.1
Trace McSorley, Penn State	41-32-2	342	78.0	8.3	2	154.5
Marcus McMaryion, Fresno State	48-33-1	342	68.8	7.3	0	124.4

RECEIVING LEADERS (41 total 100-yard games)

Player, School	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Cedric Wilson, Boise State	10	221	22.1	1	65
Steven Dunbar, Houston	10	197	19.7	0	50
Christian Kirk, Texas A&M	13	189	14.5	3	52t
Keke Coutee, Texas Tech	11	187	17.0	1	37
Jalen Reagor, TCU	5	169	33.8	1	93t
Tyre Brady, Marshall	6	165	27.5	1	76t
Gregory Phillips, Purdue	*14	149	10.6	2	42t
Dillon Mitchell, Oregon	9	143	15.9	0	67
N'Keal Harry, Arizona State	9	142	15.8	1	37
Allen Lazard, Iowa State	10	142	14.2	1	22

POSTSEASON TIDBITS

- Georgia's **Rodrigo Blankenship** made the only two field goals of 50 yards or longer this postseason: **55** last week against Oklahoma and **51** tonight in overtime against Alabama.
- Of the 40 postseason games this season—**19**—were decided by one score (8 points or less); the winning score occurred in the fourth quarter 11 times with three other decided in overtime (seven of these were decided by three points or less)
- In 160 bowl quarters this year, both teams scored in 88 of those.

FIRST QUARTER NOTES

- Alabama & Georgia played not only the first scoreless quarter in the four CFP Championship games, it was the first scoreless quarter period (all 12 previously had at least one touchdown and both teams had scored in nine of the 12). It was just the ninth scoreless quarter this bowl season, and then a 10th when UGA held UA scoreless in the second (out of 158 through halftime tonight), the fourth scoreless initial stanza.
- Alabama came in with a hefty **145-23** scoring edge in the first quarter, but this was the first time the Crimson Tide failed to put up

any points in the opening 15 minutes; Georgia came in allowing just 50 first quarter points in 13 games.

FIRST HALF NOTES

- The first half was the quickest in CPF playoff history, taking just **1 hour, 32 minutes** to play.
- This was just the seventh time in 29 post-bowl national championship games (1968-on) that one team was shutout in the first half (last: Notre Dame trailed Alabama, 28-0 in the 2012 BCS title game; list on page 8 of pregame notes); A reminder that Alabama has scored in **226** straight games.
- Georgia gained **223** first half yards; Alabama allows 252.4 per game; entering the game as the NCAA total defense leader; the Tide allowed over 300 just five times all year.
- Georgia held the ball for **19:23** of possession time; the bulk of that came in the last 21:54 of the half, when it possessed the ball for **17:11**.
- Georgia limited Alabama to just six plays of five or more yards (out of 24); Hurts accounted for 53 of 'Bama's 94 yards on three rushes of 12, 10 and 31.

WHO HELD SERVE? Alabama (**252.4**) and Georgia (**289.5**) entered tonight among the leaders in total defense; while both surrendered more than their season averages (UA outgained UGA, 371-365), it was the first CFP title game where neither team reached 400 yards of offense. The last title game this occurred in was the 2011 BCS game, when Alabama outgained LSU, 384-92.

FINAL CONFERENCE RECORDS

League ('17 bowl teams)	W	L	Pct.	Pts	Opp	vs. P5
Independents (2)	2	0	1.000	63	52	1-0
Big Ten (8)	7	1	.875	243	180	7-1
Sun Belt (5)	4	1	.800	167	102	0-0
Big 12 (8)	5	3	.625	254	233	4-2
American Athletic (7)	4	3	.571	206	176	3-1
Mountain West (6)	3	3	.500	191	168	1-0
SEC (9)	5	6	.455	319	316	5-5
Conference USA (9)	4	5	.444	236	259	0-1
Atlantic Coast (10)	4	6	.400	290	305	2-6
Mid-American (5)	1	4	.200	72	163	0-1
Pac-12 (9)	1	8	.111	230	317	1-7
Totals (80)	40	40	.500	2271	2271	...

LOOKING AHEAD For the 2018 season, the **Cotton** and **Orange** bowls will serve for the second time as the semifinal games, which will be played on Saturday, December 29. The championship game, to be hosted by **Santa Clara, Calif.** (Levi's Stadium), will be on Monday, January 7 ... Both participants tonight open the 2018 season on Saturday, September 1: **Georgia** will host Austin Peay, while **Alabama** will square off against Louisville in Orlando.



POSTGAME NOTES – 4/4/4 ALABAMA VS. 3/3/3 GEORGIA MONDAY, JAN. 8, 2018 • MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM • ATLANTA, GA.

NOTES

GAME CAPTAINS: Alabama's captains for tonight's game with Georgia were center Bradley Bozeman, linebacker Rashaan Evans, defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick and linebacker Shaun Dion Hamilton.

ALABAMA IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF: Alabama has now appeared in seven College Football Playoff games and three national championship games in four trips to the CFP since its inception in 2014, all of which are CFP records. The Tide's five wins are the most by one school all-time in the playoff. Dating back to the BCS era, the Tide has now appeared in six national championship games in the last nine seasons – 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 – and won five national titles (2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017) under head coach Nick Saban.

SECOND-HALF COMEBACK TIDE BIGGEST SINCE 2010: Alabama outscored Georgia 19-3 over the final 23:08 of regulation and the overtime period to win its 17th national title. The comeback was its largest when trailing in the second half since it found itself behind 20-7 in the third quarter to Arkansas on Sept. 25, 2010.

EVANS, SCOTT MAKE SEVENTH CFP APPEARANCES FOR THE TIDE: Alabama senior linebacker Rashaan Evans and senior punter JK Scott both appeared in the seventh College Football Playoff game of their careers tonight. The pair are the only Alabama players to participate in every one of the Tide's CFP games since the inception of the playoff in 2014 and the only four-year players from any school in the history of the playoff.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS: Alabama's two interceptions tonight gives the Tide at least one forced turnover in 42 of its last 44 games dating to the start of the 2015 season. During the current run, the Crimson Tide has forced 74 turnovers (51 interceptions, 23 fumbles) and returned 17 of those miscues for touchdowns.

CAREER HIGH IN TACKLES FOR WILSON: Sophomore linebacker Mack Wilson's team-leading 12 tackles tonight is a new career high. Wilson's previous career best was six against Clemson in the Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

FIRST CAREER INTERCEPTION FOR DAVIS: Defensive tackle Raekwon Davis' 19-yard interception return in the third quarter tonight was the first pick of the sophomore's career. Davis also contributed five tackles, including one sack, to the Tide defensive effort this evening.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

TAGOVAILOA HAS CAREER GAME: Freshman quarterback Tua Tagovailoa set career highs in completions (14), attempts (24) and yards (166), leading Alabama on offense to its come-from-behind victory. He also tied his career best touchdowns with three, which he had earlier in the season against Mercer.

SCORING STREAK CONTINUES: Alabama's school record consecutive games scoring streak was extended to 227 games against Georgia tonight with Tua Tagovailoa's third quarter six-yard touchdown pass to Henry Ruggs III. The Crimson Tide was last held off the scoreboard in a 9-0 loss to Auburn on Nov. 18, 2000.

CAREER HIGH IN RECEPTIONS FOR RUGGS III: Freshman Henry Ruggs III set a new career high in receptions with three catches tonight, one of which went for a touchdown. His previous high was two against Clemson in the Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

RIDLEY NOW TIED FOR SECOND ON UA CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION LIST: Calvin Ridley's 12-yard first-quarter touchdown catch tonight was his fourth of the season and 18th of his career. The catch moved Ridley

into a tie with Dennis Homan (1965-67) for second place on the Alabama career touchdown receptions list. Amari Cooper (2012-14) is the UA career leader with 31 scoring catches.

RIDLEY THIRD ON NCAA ACTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION LIST: With his 10-yard first quarter reception tonight, junior Calvin Ridley now has at least one reception in all 44 games of his Alabama career and ranks No. 3 in consecutive games with a reception among active players in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

SCOTT ALABAMA'S CAREER PUNTING LEADER: Senior punter JK Scott's six punts tonight gives him a UA record 243 attempts for his career. P.J. Fitzgerald (2006-09) held the previous record with 238. Scott ends his career as Alabama's career leader in punt attempts (243), punting yards (11,074) and punting average (45.6).

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#3 Georgia Postgame Notes vs. #4 Alabama: 2018 College Football National Championship Game

***Memorable Season Ends in Overtime:** Georgia fell 26-23 in overtime to Alabama in the National Championship Game to end the season with a 13-2 mark. Georgia's highlights include winning the SEC Championship and the Rose Bowl Game in a CFP semifinal. The 13 wins ties the school record for most wins in a season (2002 SEC Championship team went 13-1). For the second straight game, Georgia went to overtime. With tonight's loss, Georgia is now 8-6 in overtime including 3-3 in neutral sites. Last Monday, the Bulldogs defeated #2 Oklahoma 54-48 in double overtime to win the Rose Bowl Game in a CFP semifinal. Georgia's senior class now finishes with a 41-13 mark.

***Fromm's Final Line:** True freshman **Jake Fromm** finished 16-for-32 for 232 yards with 1 TD and 2 INTs. He had a career-long 80-yard TD pass to **Mecole Hardman** (career-high reception) with 6:52 left in the third quarter to make it 20-7. It was part of a four play, season-high 93-yard drive in 1:56. The 80-yard TD pass was the longest by the Bulldogs since a record 98-yarder in 2013 by Aaron Murray to Reggie Davis against North Texas.

In the first half, he completed 11-of-23 passes for 126 yards, directing the offense that finished the first half with 223 yards on 47 plays with Georgia leading 13-0. Georgia tallied 97 rushing yards on 24 attempts. Georgia opened the game with seven straight passes on its first two drives, going 3-for-7 for 17 yards. His third attempt was picked off, ending a streak of 79 straight passes without an INT that dated back to the UK game. Sophomore **Riley Ridley** was the leading receiver with a career-high six catches for 82 yards. Fromm directed a 9-play, 69-yard drive in 1:12 to put Georgia in front 13-0 with seven seconds left in the first half.

***Defense:** The Bulldogs came in ranked 5th nationally in Scoring Defense, allowing only 15.7 points a game while Alabama ranked 12th nationally in Scoring Offense, averaging 37.9 points a game. For the fourth time this season, Georgia blanked a team in the first half as Alabama joined Florida, Tennessee and App. State without points. Also for the ninth time this season, Georgia's opponent failed to score in the first quarter. In the first half, UA was held to 94 total yards on 24 plays. Bulldog junior **WLB Roquan Smith** tied his career-high with 13 tackles tonight and ends the season with a team-best 137 tackles. For the game, the Bulldogs registered two sacks, coming from senior OLB **Davin Bellamy** and Roquan Smith. Junior DB **Deandre Baker** snagged an interception at the UA 39. It was his third this year and fifth of his career.

***Blankenship Booms A Few:** Redshirt sophomore **Rodrigo Blankenship** went 3-for-3 in field goals, hitting a 41-yarder to give Georgia a 3-0 lead with 14:14 left in the first half. It capped a 14-play, 55-yard drive that lasted 7:40. He added a 27-yarder to cap a 13-play, 70-yard drive in 5:19. It made it 6-0 with 7:33 left in the first half. He nailed a 51-yarder in overtime for a 23-20 edge. For the year, he is 20-for-23 in field goal attempts. He had five kickoffs with three touchbacks.

***Points to Ponder:** The Bulldogs came in today averaging 36.3 points a game including ranking 4th in the nation in Red Zone Offense, going 51-for-53 with 38 touchdowns. Georgia went 2-for-2 in the Red Zone with one TD and one Field Goal. Alabama led the nation in Scoring Defense, allowing just 11.1 points per game. Neither team scored in the first quarter, and it marked only the second time Georgia did not score in the first quarter this season. The other time came in the SEC Championship Game against #2 Auburn as the Tigers led 7-0. It was the ninth time that Georgia held a team scoreless in the first quarter.

***Rushing Recap:** Georgia tallied 133 rushing yards on 45 attempts. Senior **Sony Michel** had a team-leading 98 yards on 14 carries. Meanwhile senior **Nick Chubb** finished with 25 yards on 18 carries. Also of note, sophomore **Mecole Hardman** scored his second career rushing TD on a one-yard run, the first coming against Missouri this year. Alabama features the nation's top-rated rushing defense, allowing just 91.8 yards per game. Michel had a 26-yard scamper to convert a 3rd-and-20 to give Georgia a first down at the UA 26.

Chubb and Michel already rank No. 2 and 3 in school history for rushing yards and have the most combined yards of any duo in NCAA FBS history. Chubb came in already second in SEC history in rushing yards, trailing only Bulldog legend Herschel Walker (5,259). Chubb finished his career with 4,769 yards while Michel had 3,638.

***Points Off Turnovers:** Georgia's first drive ended with an interception and UA failed to convert it into points, missing a 40-yard field goal. Bulldog junior **Deandre Baker** notched an interception at the UA 39 and Georgia threw an interception on the next play. For the season, Georgia is +4 in Turnover Margin for the year, scoring 84 points off 20 turnovers. Opponents have forced 16 turnovers and turned them into 51 points.

***For Starters:** Senior strong safety **Dominick Sanders** made his school record-tying 53rd career start, the most-ever for a non-kicker and ties him with PK Blair Walsh, who started 53 games from 2008-11. On offense, two seniors made their 40th career start today in **Nick Chubb** (TB) and **Isaiah Wynn** (LT).

***Captains:** Today's captains were seniors **Sony Michel**, **Nick Chubb**, **Isaiah Wynn** and junior **Roquan Smith**. Georgia's Honorary Captain was **Herschel Walker** (1980-82, Heisman Trophy winner in 1982).

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Nick Saban

Tua Tagovailoa

Da'Ron Payne

Alabama Crimson Tide

NICK SABAN: Obviously, this is a fantastic win, a fantastic night for the University of Alabama. I couldn't be prouder of a group of players, especially the resiliency they showed in the game, getting behind, not playing very well in the first half, kept clawing back in the second half, and even after we missed the field goal to win it in regulation, still showed resiliency to overcome hard and made some great plays.

We needed a spark on offense. Tua certainly gave us that and did a really good job. Defense stepped up when they had to. We didn't do very well on third down in the first half, which really hurt us, but this is a great win, it's a great team win. Someone tried to give me a game ball. I don't think you give anybody a game ball. It has to be a team ball, and that's exactly what we'll do with it.

When we lost last year on the last play of the game, we said don't waste a failing. That's the lesson we all wanted to learn. I think the resiliency this team has shown all year long certainly proves that they sort of learned something from that. Couldn't be prouder of a bunch of coaches and a bunch of players and the people in our organization who contribute to the success of the University of Alabama.

Q. Could you just go through the decision to change quarterbacks at halftime. Was there any reticence to do so?

NICK SABAN: No. I felt like that we've had this in our mind that, if we were struggling offensively, that we would give Tua an opportunity, even in the last game. No disrespect to Jalen, but the real thought was, you know, they came into the game thinking we were going to run the ball and be able to run quarterback runs, which we made a couple of explosive plays on. But with the absence of a passing game and being able to make explosive plays and being able to convert on third down, I just didn't feel we could run the ball well enough, and I thought Tua would give us a better chance and a spark, which he certainly did.



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I couldn't be prouder of him taking advantage of the opportunity. We have total confidence in him. We played him a lot in a lot of games this year, and he did very well. He certainly did a great job tonight.

Q. Nick, after Tua threw that pick, he came over on the sideline, put his arm around you, and it looked like he said, Coach, it's okay. I'll get it back. I wonder if you could walk us through that. And were you surprised at his moxie?

NICK SABAN: Well, the issue was we missed a signal. In other words, everybody was running a running play, and he thought it was a passing play. So it causes a problem when all the receivers are blocking instead of running a pass route, and then it sort of quadruples the problem when the quarterback throws it to him anyway.

But we learn from those things, right?

TUA TAGOVAILOA: Yes, sir.

NICK SABAN: And he was just reassuring me that he would learn from it.

Q. First, when it's like a game like this, first half not playing so well, the field goal missed at the end of regulation, is it -- it looks like it's hard. What did that feel like in the moment?

NICK SABAN: Well, it is hard. We knew it would be a hard game. Georgia's got a great team. They did a great job. They had a good plan against our defense. Their quarterback did a really good job of checking some plays and hitting some passes, but it was split safeties in the middle of the field. So we were struggling a little bit in the first half defensively, but if you can't overcome hard, you're never going to have any great victories in our life.

So that's what our players know. We try to teach them to play the next play and show resiliency and make the next play. So that's exactly what we did. We got them stopped to a field goal in overtime and took advantage of the opportunity even though Tua probably couldn't have thrown that pass if I could have got a hold of him after he took the sack, but I couldn't get out there fast enough. (Laughter).

Q. You partially answered my second question, but I guess you really have nothing left to prove. I

mean, however many championships it is at this point. What keeps you coming back through hard games, obviously some of them end well, but what keeps you coming back here year after year?

NICK SABAN: It's not just about winning a championship. You want to do the best job you can, and every team wants to be successful. As a coach, you want to see your team reach their full potential. But as a college coach and the thing I like about college coaching is you have an opportunity to affect people. You have an opportunity to help players be more successful in life because they're involved in the program, whether it's personal development, academic support, graduating from school, learning lessons. The message to the team tonight after this game was I hope you take something from this game and the resiliency that you showed in this game and it helps you be more successful in life.

So it's not just about winning the championship. I mean, I know that's what you all write about and what you talk about and all that. We like winning, and we hate losing. But there's more to it than that.

Q. Coach, I noticed after the game you had a moment with Anfernee Jennings. He was up on the stage as well. I was wondering if you could walk through that moment and what it was like getting him up on stage to enjoy it as well.

NICK SABAN: Anfernee's been a great leader on our team, had a fabulous game against Clemson, had as many production points as any player had all year. Got hurt late in the game with two minutes to go in the game and the guy is such a great competitor and was such a big part of the team. It was really important to our players that he got here today because he'd been in the hospital for quite some time. It was just great to see him. He was so happy for everyone. I think he's happy with the success that he had this year, and he knows in a couple months he'll be able to come back and contribute to the team again.

Q. Alex Leatherwood, DeVonta Smith, Henry Ruggs, they also joined Tua in having great performances tonight. What is it about this freshman class that's allowed them to excel and set them apart?

NICK SABAN: Najee Harris played really well. Jerry Judy made a nice catch at the end. So this was, I think, one of our best recruiting classes, this freshman class from last year, especially with offensive talent. So that's something we have to build on in this year's recruiting and continue to build on because we're going to lose a lot of good players who are seniors, probably have several players go out for the draft. So our team turns over a little quicker, so it creates a lot of opportunity for younger players to get a chance to play,

and those guys play a lot this year and contribute a lot to our success.

Q. Nick and Tua, I guess this question is for both. Nick, you said you couldn't get out there quick enough for the sack, but what was your vantage point and impressed with the execution Tua made on the game-winning touchdown? Same with you, Tua. Could you walk us through the touchdown pass a little bit and what you saw.

TUA TAGOVAILOA: We called four verticals on that play. After the sack, we just got up and took it to the next play. And throughout that process, we got the ball. It looked like they were running two trap. The corner trap on that single receiver side, and I held the safety in the middle as the over was coming. I looked back out, and he was wide open, Smitty was wide open so I hit him, and here we are now, thank God.

Q. Nick, can you speak to the improbability of leaning on this many freshmen this late in the season with this much at stake. I mean, you've been doing this a long time. I don't remember you winning a game quite like this.

NICK SABAN: No, I don't think we ever have, but a lot of those guys were in spring practice last year. A lot of those guys are really mature for their age. And they were ready to make contribution and they certainly did a fantastic job for us this year. There's no doubt about that.

I think one of the things that makes me most proud of this team is -- and I'm surprised nobody asked it -- we've never had this many games missed by starters in a season ever, and to be able to overcome that with the next guy up, whoever it was, to go out there and play the way they played together as a group and trusted and believed in each other, and I think that respect and trust is something that's really important to have in a good team. That's something this team had.

Q. This is for Tua. Tua, you've played in games before, but most of the time it's been when the games were already in hand. What was that like to come in with Alabama trailing? And at what point did you feel like I've got this?

TUA TAGOVAILOA: We practice throughout the year. We go in with the ones sometimes. Us freshmen, we go in with the ones sometimes. We trade reps with the ones. We go in with the twos. And I think preparation leading up to this point has been the key thing with our offensive coaches helping us throughout the process. And just building the trust within each other, from the O-line to the receivers creating a bond with each other. I think that's helped us build confidence coming into this game to where, if you've got to go in, if your number's called, then you've got to do what you've got

to do to give the team the best placement -- or how should I say this? To give the team the best opportunity to win the game.

Q. Coach Saban, two seasons ago we saw you make a fantastic decision to do an onside kick, and it worked for you. Today we see the change in quarterback, and it worked. Is this just part of the excellence that you were speaking about earlier this week?

NICK SABAN: I don't know. I can't answer that. I think that, to a large degree, I trust players, players that do things the right way, players who prepare the right way, practice the right way, they're dependable. We try to create a culture of accountability for our players so that they can be successful personally, academically, and athletically. When players respond to that and do it, I have total faith, trust, and confidence to put them out there.

So I have that, and Tua and I certainly had it, and Da'Ron, he played when he was a freshman too. He's the most articulate nose guard in the country if you guys would ask him a question.

Q. This question is for Tua again. Hawaii to Alabama is a long way distance-wise, culturally. What's that experience been like for you this first year? Have you ever been homesick at any point? Just kind of sum it up.

TUA TAGOVAILLOA: I do get homesick at times. I miss my family back home. My parents are here. I'm talking about my dad's siblings. I don't know how Coach Saban found me all the way in Hawaii from Alabama. Thank God he found me and we're here right now.

I don't know, the biggest difference from Hawaii and Alabama would probably be there's no beaches, but other than that, the people are very nice. The people are very religious. There's football too. So how much better could it get?

Q. Where does your poise come from to allow you to come into a situation like this tonight and perform the way you did?

TUA TAGOVAILLOA: I would say my poise comes from my faith, just being able to come onto the sideline every time after I go into a drive. I just pray for peace. I just pray, asking God, let your will be done in me, and the rest will follow. That's the best way I could explain it. Before I go into a drive, I pray a little bit, say my prayers, and we do it. When we come off the field, say a little prayer just to keep me calm, and we go from there.

Q. Tua, a couple years ago, Marcus became the superstar of college football and really put Hawaii

on the map in terms of skill players. I know you were hailed as the next Marcus. Did you hear from him today? And I see you up there with your Hawaii lei? What does it mean for your state and for Polynesian people?

TUA TAGOVAILLOA: This is very big for our state. For kids back home, making our state proud is the biggest thing, and to be able to do this on a national level, on a big stage is just a great opportunity. It's just great exposure for us as well, you know, our people. I mean, I just thank God that I'm here.

Q. Did you hear from Marcus at all?

TUA TAGOVAILLOA: I heard nothing from Marcus before this. I don't want to check my phone right now. I just want to see my family and just enjoy this win with my team.

Q. This is for Da'Ron and Tua. Da'Ron, you had two MVP performances. Why do you think you played so well two successive games? And for Tua, did you have a special relationship with DeVonta? You had that pirouette move against Vanderbilt and now the winning touchdown to win the National Championship?

DA'RON PAYNE: I just wanted to go out there and just give it my all and just leave it all on the field. No matter what happened in the outcome of the game, I just knew I gave everything. I think I did that both games, and it just came -- my dream came true.

TUA TAGOVAILLOA: For me, I would say I have a good relationship with DeVonta. I think that goes for all our skills. Throughout practices, we get the opportunity to throw it to everybody. When things aren't going right in practice, we come and talk about it on the sideline while the ones are in, just try to change things up sometimes. I think that's the best way to explain it, you know, creating our bonds, just being able to come on the sideline and talk to each other about what we could have done better on that play, and we go from there.

Q. Da'Ron, Coach Saban mentioned that the changeover on defense and Anfernee Jennings injured -- we could go through the injuries. But tell me about the process of adapting on the defensive side of the football this year.

DA'RON PAYNE: I think we just tried to do a good job of everybody just knowing what to do. All the young guys buying in and focusing on the playbook, and when their name is called, not being nervous or anything, just being able to play ball and just execute the game plan.

Q. Da'Ron, what were you thinking at halftime? Maybe what did your coach have to say to get you guys going again?

DA'RON PAYNE: I definitely thought we weren't executing as a team. I think we went in, and Coach Saban told us that and told us we needed to tighten things up. I guess the team heard Coach, and we came out and tried to play our best ball, and everybody gave it their all until the last minute.

Q. This question is for Da'Ron and Nick. Every year, almost every year you guys have replaced defensive coordinators. How have you kept the program or the defense at a high level? Has it gotten increasingly difficult over the last couple years?

NICK SABAN: We've been very fortunate all the time we've been at Alabama and the time we've been at LSU, we've always played the same system on defense, but we've always been able to hire somebody who knew the system, who had been in the system before. Kirby had been in it before. Will Muschamp learned it. Jeremy Pruitt had been in it before. So it was an easy transition for them to continue to implement the same thing for the players.

We'll have to look at what we want to do to try to get the best coaches in there to help our players, develop our players with this next group, but we have some good coaches on our staff.

Q. Nick, as a coach, how do you balance fostering competition in the same position group with making sure everybody's working toward the same kind of broader team goals? I'm talking obviously about quarterback.

NICK SABAN: Well, I think we spend a lot of time talking to guys about what are your goals? What are your aspirations? What do you want to accomplish? And what do you want to do? I obviously like it when one of these guys tell me they want to play in the NFL someday, and they want to graduate from college. So every time they don't do what they're supposed to do, when they're not accountable, whether it's in school, as a person, or as a player, I just can ask, how is this behavior going to help you get where you want to go?

So it is about the individual. It is about the individual and their goals and aspirations for what they want to accomplish. But it's also having respect for the principles and values of the team and trusting in and respecting those as well as their teammates and not putting those goals and aspirations ahead of what's best for the team so that they buy in to doing their job.

I just never want one of our players to ever give any reason to use the word "but" after they describe them. There's one word -- the two most compelling words in the Draft in my years in the NFL, in a Draft report on a player was always and and but. Because when you

rate a good player, and he said and he was a good person, he went to a good school, he was loved by his teammates, he was captain of the team. If they rate the same player, and they said but -- he's got a domestic violence charge against him, he's got five positive marijuana tests -- which guy do you want to put on your team? So why would anybody give anybody a reason to say "but" about what they do, and that's what we try to get our players to do so that they create value for themselves and their future.

Q. Coach Saban, you mentioned the importance of third-down conversions in your opening statement. This is for you and Da'Ron. Tell me a little bit about what was difficult about stopping Georgia in the first half and then how you were able to shut them down on their drives and forcing them to punt closer toward the fourth quarter.

NICK SABAN: I think Georgia did a really good job because there were three occasions where they played split safety coverage, which denies the ball deep in longer yardage situations -- third-and-20, third-and-11, and I think third-and-9 maybe -- and they ran draw plays. And Sony Michel made people miss and made a first down.

So then we started playing more man to man and middle of the field coverage, and Jake Fromm, that guy, he knows where to go with the ball, and they were running what we call chop routes, was inside fade to the slot receiver. That's what they hit for an 80-yard touchdown to Hardman.

So we just kept trying to adapt and adjust. And then when they got ahead in the game, we started playing a little more man to man, and they actually were running the ball a little bit more, which we got off the field on several third downs because we were playing pretty good coverage.

DA'RON PAYNE: My thing was just, like I said earlier, the way we executed. Coach Saban and Coach Pruitt always talk about just farm your own land and do your job, and I think we were just out there trying to make plays instead of focusing on what we had to do as a defense to be successful. But I think we settled down and just got back at playing good 'Bama defense.

Q. Is there a time, or can you think of a particular time, whether it was during spring practice or even during the season, that you kind of looked Tua and he did something, and you thought, he's as good as advertised or maybe even better?

NICK SABAN: No, I think all year long we had lots of confidence in Tua, and we played him so that, if this situation occurred, that he would be ready to play. I know that he was never in a situation where he was

behind and had to come back in a game, but the game experience, the confidence, managing the team -- he does a really good job in practice. Jalen was sick a couple days before the Clemson game, and the players really respond well to him. He's a good leader. He's very well liked by his teammates, and he's got a very positive, upbeat attitude that affects other people around him in a very positive way.

So I think all those things are really positive attributes for a quarterback, and I have total confidence in him. But I also think I should say that we would not be here in this Championship Game if it wasn't for some of the very good plays that Jalen Hurts made throughout the course of the year. We have two guys that we have really good confidence in, and they have really tremendous respect for each other, and they help each other. So that's something that's pretty unique on our team.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you very much and congratulations.

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Kirby Smart Sony Michel Nick Chubb Georgia Bulldogs

KIRBY SMART: This was an incredible opportunity for the University of Georgia. It's our privilege to represent the institution, our fans and players, in what I think is one of the greatest events in all of sports, the College Football Playoff system.

We thank the committee for the treatment they gave us here in Atlanta and also out in Pasadena. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank President Morehead and Greg McGarity, showing support in our team and our program, investing in us. We told our team that this game wouldn't be decided by past traditions or anything else. It was going to be decided by performances that happened on the field. Our guys performed on the field, competed.

I can't say enough about the remarkable senior class. These two young men sitting next to me, they meant more to Georgia than yards. A lot of heart and soul. A lot of fire. Sony Michel came over and talked to the group several times during the game, inspired those guys. But in overtime we didn't finish when we had to and Alabama did. Give them credit, but I think everybody can see that Georgia's going to be a force to be reckoned with.

I'm very proud of this team and this university, and we're not going anywhere.

Q. Looking back now, your first experience in a Playoff or a National Championship Game as a head coach, how was it different than when you were a coordinator, and were there any surprises in this position?

KIRBY SMART: Not really any surprises. It obviously helped a lot having done that from a coordinator's position. So we saw how to manage the turnaround, the quick turnaround, recovery for the team, how much to practice, where to travel, where to practice. There's a lot of things that go into the decision-making process that I thought really helped having done that before.

Obviously, the first time managing games from a head



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coaching position is making decisions on going for it, punting the ball, those are different. But not a whole lot different, to be honest with you, being head coach from being defensive coordinator.

Q. They go to Tua in the second half. Was that something you expected to see in this game?

KIRBY SMART: Yes, absolutely. We talked long about it and talked about the ways we play him. We played enough snaps. We'd seen him on tape. We told everybody at halftime there was no question they were going to him because they were struggling and they needed some momentum. He provided them some juice, got them some momentum, got the momentum swung back their way.

He's a good player. He's got confidence in his arm. He scrambles and makes plays, throws the ball down the field. He's a really talented freshman, reminds you of Jake with a lot of things he did. He's got poise in the pocket, and he made the plays when he had to.

Q. Obviously, with Jake tonight, he hit a bunch of third downs, hits the 80-yard touchdown pass. Just talk about his performance in this spot as a freshman.

KIRBY SMART: You know, Jake's a special kid. He's a gamer. He understands the game of football. He sees spacing on the field. He sees guys open, very accurate passer. I mean, I think, if you want to find out about Jake Fromm, go ask those guys on the other side of the ball, and they'll tell you because that's a really good defense he just went against.

These guys over here pounded the rock, had some hard, tough earned yards. It's as physical and big as a defense there is, and Jake Fromm really did some nice things in the game.

He continues to grow. He had some freshman mistakes. You can't take a sack in that situation, and Rodrigo bailed him out. And then throwing the ball into the helmet and getting an interception was tough, but he certainly kept us in the game with his decision making.

Q. What was the mindset going into overtime? Obviously, you guys were in this position just a week ago, having it go into overtime.

KIRBY SMART: Mindset in overtime is pretty much common across college football. You want to play defense. We lost pretty much every coin toss we've had. We lost the one before the game in Pasadena and we lost the one in overtime in Pasadena. We lost the one before this game, and we lost the one in overtime. We've got to get some new guys to call the coin toss or something.

But you want to play defense first and find out what the other team's got. Fortunately, we've got a good field goal kicker who drilled it, had ice in his veins and made a huge kick that I'll never forget to put us in a situation to have a chance to win, and then we couldn't close it out defensively.

Q. Coach, kind of expanding on a couple of things you mentioned here about Jake and his growth and the fact that Georgia's not going anywhere. Obviously, it hurts for the seniors, but what do you feel like you learned from it, from a game like this for your underclassmen to be able to come back stronger with that? Or is that something that you don't even think about for a couple days yet?

KIRBY SMART: Yeah, I don't really know. I do know this, and I want to say this. The standard's been set by these young men right here. I can't put into words what these seniors mean. We're running out of the tunnel tonight, and this guy over here next to me, 27 comes by me and says, I'll go anywhere with you, and I'll follow you anywhere, and I'll fight for you because I believe in you. And that meant more to me than anything.

The way he practices, the way he's in every meeting, the way he carries himself, the way Sony Michel affects players on our team, Isaiah Wynn, Roquan, all these guys have been incredible leaders. And if we have that kind of leadership, there's no doubt. The sky's the limit. Because these guys are hungry. I just hope the younger class doesn't take it for granted that it's just going to happen. You've got to make it happen, and they've got to believe that.

Q. Coach, before the season, I know externally, myself included, a lot of questions about the offensive line, and going against Alabama. I mean, you know it, most seasons they're the gold standard in the front seven. How pleased were you with the offensive line? The development through the season, but especially tonight going against that bunch.

KIRBY SMART: That's a big, big bunch, and our offensive line fought, Isaiah Wynn fought, Lamont Gaillard fought, Kendall Baker, they fought tooth and nail. They hammered. I'm just sick for these kids. They deserved to win. Sony Michel made some runs

tonight. I'm talking about just willed himself to five and six yards and we talked about that, that five and six-yard runs are really good against these guys, and the offense did an incredible job of doing that.

Q. Coach, you came out today seemingly passing the ball more. Was that out of respect for their defense and you just knew that you needed more passing yards if you were going to win this thing?

KIRBY SMART: Yeah, I think -- I don't know if they're first in rush defense in the country, I don't know. But they've got big guys up front. It's hard to run the ball against Alabama. It's really tough. That's what makes them great. They've got depth in the front. Nick does a tremendous job of recruiting defensive linemen and they make it really hard to run the ball. So we wanted to be able to throw it and loosen them up. I thought Jake did a good job, and in the end we were able to run the ball some. But when it mattered most and counted most, we couldn't close it out and run the ball for first downs and it probably hurt us.

Q. For both of you, this is the last time you all have those jerseys on. What does it mean for you all to play for this team, and how tough was this tonight?

SONY MICHEL: It means a lot. It's been a long journey. It's been an honor. University of Georgia just provided so much for us. Coach Smart as our head coach, he let the leaders lead. He let this be our team. Whatever we need, he provided.

So I can't really thank him so much. It's been a great journey.

NICK CHUBB: It's just a blessing to be able to play for the University of Georgia. So many great people we've met through the past four years and great teammates like Sony and great coaching staff and Coach Richt, Coach Smart, and those guys. It's great to play for good coaches and meet amazing new people. It's something I know we'll never forget.

Q. This is for both you guys. There were a lot of former players watching the game today. It's conceivable that both of you all could be back as former players watching Georgia in the National Championship Game in the future. How much pride do you take in the fact that maybe this is going to build into something big in the future and you all were a part of that, a part of the foundation building in Coach Smart's second year? How much pride do you all take in that?

SONY MICHEL: A lot. We try to set the standard high so the younger guys know where to take it from here. We fell short today, and I think guys that's coming back understand what it's going to take plus more to get back here.

NICK CHUBB: It's a special place at Georgia. You see guys coming back playing in the league, coming back to support us. I know we feel the same way. It's amazing here at Georgia. A lot of support around this area.

Q. For both of you, how tough was it to get yards in the second half? It seemed like you all had a fair amount but couldn't get the next down or field goal or touchdown.

SONY MICHEL: It was just execution. We had times where we were executing well, and we had times where we wasn't. In the second half, we had a lot of times where we wasn't. I think that's what really hurt us.

NICK CHUBB: We didn't do a good job of finishing. We had some drives and were out of momentum, and we ended up punting the ball. That hurts us, the momentum. That was a great defense we went up against. A lot of respect for what they do. A lot of big bodies up front, makes it hard to run. But at the end of the day, it just comes down to us not executing well.

Q. Because you guys were in an overtime situation just a week ago out at the Rose Bowl, when Alabama tied it and got it to overtime, did you guys still feel confident you could win this game given that you did it just a week ago?

SONY MICHEL: Yes, we are very confident in one another. We're confident in our coaches. We're confident in our staff, and we're confident in our players. So there was no doubt in our mind that we were going to go out there and win that game.

NICK CHUBB: I know this team would have never stopped believing. Even when they went out to kick the field goal to win the game, we knew that something was going to happen in our favor, and they ended up missing it. And we had our chance to win the game, but we just didn't get it done. We never stopped believing.

**QUICKIE QUOTES FROM THE FIELD****Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban**

“The resiliency of our team to come back in the second half, Tua did a great job and gave us a little spark. The defense picked it up. To overcome the adversity of missing a field goal in regulation and then win the game in overtime, it was a great football game. You have to give Georgia a lot of credit. They really played well. But I’m so proud of our players for the way they came back.”

Alabama Quarterback Tua Tagovailoa

“Coach brought the quarterbacks together and said that I was going to start the second half. It was a team effort tonight. We couldn’t have done it without the defense getting us the ball back. Our offensive line was blocking and working their butts off. They were the guys who made me look good tonight. This moment means the world, but all glory goes to God. Who would’ve thought I would’ve ever been here right now in this moment, so I thank God for that and my teammates and Coach Saban for giving me the opportunity.”

Alabama Wide Receiver DeVonta Smith

“When they called the play I looked at Tua (Tagovailoa) and I said trust me. It was everybody making plays. No matter what receiver or what quarterback.”

Freshman RB Najee Harris

“We worked as a team and we never let go. I’m so proud of this team.”

Sophomore LB Mack Wilson (on the game-ending play)

“I was hoping that DeVonta (Smith) had caught it, but I had to lean out on the field to see it. Tua is a great quarterback and I thought he was a difference-maker tonight.”

Sophomore DL Raekwon Davis

On His Interception—“All I know is that it hit my hand and I caught it. It was crazy, but I did it. I didn’t know that I could run like that. (Overall) I did OK. I can’t say that I did an incredible job, but I did OK. We’re national champions!”

PLAYERS OF THE GAME**Offensive: #13 Tua Tagovailoa, Fr., QB, Alabama**

24-14-1, 166 yards, 3 TD; 12-27, 0 TD, 2 FDE (rushing); 193 TO

Defensive: #94 Da’Ron Payne, Sr., DL, Alabama



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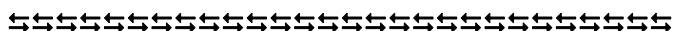
Georgia Bulldogs 13, Alabama Crimson Tide 0

Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Ga. (January 8, 2018)

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS



	GEORGIA	ALABAMA
HALFTIME SCORE	13	0
Time Spent in the Lead (<i>Tied 15:46</i>).....	14:14	0:00
Total Plays-Yards	47-223	24-94
Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	16-51	10-26
First Half	16-51	10-26
Drives With Plays in Plus Territory	2 of 6	3 of 6
*First Down Plays/Yards	22/91	10/56
Average on First Down	4.1	5.6
Rushes/Average.....	10/3.8	7/6.1
Passes/Average (<i>includes sacks</i>)	12/4.4	3/4.3
Second Down Efficiency	2-14	2-7
First Half	2-14	2-7
Yards Gained	67	24
Third Down Efficiency	6-11	1-6
Average Yards To Go (All)	9.5	7.2
Average Yards To Go (Conversions)	8.0	9.3
Yards Gained	105	14
3rd & 5 or less.....	1-1	0-2
3rd & 6 or more	5-10	1-4
Fourth Down Efficiency (Yards)	0-0 (0)	0-0 (0)
Total Possessions/Average FP.....	6/G21	6/A26
Drives Started Inside/At Own 20	2 (1/1)	1 (0/1)
Drives Started In Plus Territory	0 (0 pts)	0 (0 pts)
Three Plays & Out	1	3
Opponent Turnovers (Pts).....	0 (0)	1 (0)
Red Zone (pts).....	2-2 (0)	0-1 (0)
Plays-Yards.....	6-18	3-2
Third Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Yards by Quarter: 1st	64	53
2nd	159	41



FIRST QUARTER NOTES

- Alabama & Georgia played not only the first scoreless quarter in the four CFP Championship games, it was the first scoreless quarter period (all 12 previously had at least one touchdown and both teams had scored in nine of the 12). It was just the ninth scoreless quarter this bowl season (out of 158 through halftime tonight), the fourth scoreless initial stanza.
- Alabama came in with a hefty 145-23 scoring edge in the first quarter, but this was the first time the Crimson Tide failed to put up any points in the opening 15 minutes; Georgia came in allowing just 50 first quarter points in 13 games.

FIRST HALF NOTES

- The first half was the quickest in CPF playoff history, taking just **1 hour, 32 minutes** to play.
- This was just the seventh time in 29 post-bowl national championship games (1968-on) that one team was shutout in the first half (last: Notre Dame trailed Alabama, 28-0 in the 2012 BCS title game; list on page 8 of pregame notes); A reminder that Alabama has scored in **226** straight games.
- Georgia gained **223** first half yards; Alabama allows 252.4 per game; entering the game as the NCAA total defense leader; the Tide allowed over 300 just five times all year.
- Georgia held the ball for **19:23** of possession time; the bulk of that came in the last 21:54 of the half, when it possessed the ball for **17:11**.

- Georgia limited Alabama to just six plays of five or more yards (out of 24); Hurts accounted for 53 of 'Bama's 94 yards on three rushes of 12, 10 and 31.
- Georgia was 6-of-11 on the third downs, gaining 105 yards; it converted on 3rd-and: 5, 20, 8, 6, 7 and 10, gaining 7, 26, 23, 16, 16 and 14 yards on those conversions.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK The **Empire State Building** was illuminated this evening to acknowledge the CPF Championship Game for the third straight year. What was different this time around was that the building was first shrouded in black and gold, the official CFP colors, and at midnight (EST) would switch to red and white to honor the champions - the colors of which will represent either **Georgia** or **Alabama** (though 'Bama obviously is Crimson & White). The colors split the building, two sides lit in each color.

FWAA AWARDS If you missed the honors handed out this morning by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), Georgia had two players named to its Freshman All-America team: **QB Jake Fromm** and **OT Andrew Thomas** (both true freshmen). And former Georgia Tech SID and ACC assistant commissioner **Mike Finn** was honored with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

HALFTIME QUOTES FROM THE FIELD

From interviews with television and radio.

GEORGIA HEAD COACH KIRBY SMART

"I'm seeing some composure, a little physicality (from the offense). We're doing a good job of running the ball. They're really big and physical up front, so they're hard to move. But our backs are running hard and our quarterback is making some good decisions."

I think our defense is getting the ball back for the offense.

We've got to make better decisions on special teams. We keep hurting ourselves with penalties. Can't do that."

ALABAMA HEAD COACH NICK SABAN

"We have to do something. We just can't move the ball effectively. We haven't been able to throw it effectively at all, and I don't think it's just all the quarterback. I think it's the whole group. We have to get open and we have to protect better. Defensively we are making too many mistakes, especially on third down where we had a chance to get off the field. We've had plenty of chances to stay in the ballgame and get things fixed at halftime."

**HALFTIME NOTES – 4/4/4 ALABAMA VS. 3/3/3 GEORGIA
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GAME CAPTAINS: Alabama's captains for tonight's game with Georgia are center Bradley Bozeman, linebacker Rashaan Evans, defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick and linebacker Shaun Dion Hamilton.

EVANS, SCOTT MAKE SEVENTH CFP APPEARANCES FOR THE TIDE: Alabama senior linebacker Rashaan Evans and senior punter JK Scott both appeared in the seventh College Football Playoff game of their careers tonight. The pair are the only Alabama players to participate in every one of the Tide's CFP games since the inception of the playoff in 2014 and the only four-year players from any school in the history of the playoff.

TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS, TURNOVERS: Tony Brown's first quarter interception tonight gives Alabama at least one forced turnover in 42 of its last 44 games dating to the start of the 2015 season. During the current run, the Crimson Tide has forced 73 turnovers (50 interceptions, 23 fumbles) and returned 17 of those miscues for touchdowns.

RIDLEY THIRD ON NCAA ACTIVE GAMES WITH A RECEPTION LIST: With his 10-yard first quarter reception tonight, junior Calvin Ridley now has at least one reception in all 44 games of his Alabama career and ranks No. 3 in consecutive games with a reception among active players in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

SCOTT ALABAMA'S CAREER PUNTING LEADER: Senior punter JK Scott's four first half punts gives him a UA record 241 attempts for his career. P.J. Fitzgerald (2006-09) held the previous record with 238. Scott is also Alabama's career leader in punting yards and punting average.

#3 Georgia Halftime Notes vs. #4 Alabama:

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***Defense:** The Bulldogs came in ranked 5th nationally in Scoring Defense, allowing only 15.7 points a game while Alabama ranked 12th nationally in Scoring Offense, averaging 37.9 points a game. For the fourth time this season, Georgia blanked a team in the first half as Alabama joined Florida, Tennessee and App. State without points. Also for the ninth time this season, Georgia's opponent failed to score in the first quarter. In the first half, UA was held to 94 total yards on 24 plays.

Bulldog junior WLB **Roquan Smith**, who came in with a team-best 124 tackles on the year, had a team-high four tackles at the half. Also, the Bulldogs registered one sack, coming from senior **Davin Bellamy**.

***Fromm's First Half:** True freshman **Jake Fromm** completed 11-of-23 passes for 126 yards, directing the offense that finished the first half with 223 yards on 47 plays with Georgia leading 13-0. Georgia tallied 97 rushing yards on 24 attempts. Georgia opened the game with seven straight passes on its first two drives, going 3-for-7 for 17 yards. His third attempt was picked off, ending a streak of 79 straight passes without an INT that dated back to the UK game.

Sophomore **Riley Ridley** was the leading receiver with four catches for 62 yards. Fromm directed a 9-play, 69-yard drive in 1:12 to put Georgia in front 13-0 with seven seconds left in the half.

***A Look At Blankenship:** In the first half, redshirt sophomore PK **Rodrigo Blankenship** was 2-for-2 in field goals, hitting a 41-yarder to give Georgia a 3-0 lead with 14:14 left in the first half. It capped a 14-play, 55-yard drive that lasted 7:40. He added a 27-yarder to cap a 13-play, 70-yard drive in 5:19. It made it 6-0 with 7:33 left in the first half. For the year, he is 19-for-22 in field goal attempts. He had three kickoffs, all for touchbacks.

***Points to Ponder:** The Bulldogs came in today averaging 36.3 points a game including ranking 4th in the nation in Red Zone Offense, going 51-for-53 with 38 touchdowns. Georgia went 2-for-2 in the Red Zone with one TD and one Field Goal. Alabama leads the nation in Scoring Defense, allowing just 11.1 points per game.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, and it marked only the second time Georgia did not score in the first quarter this season. The other time came in the SEC Championship Game against #2 Auburn as the Tigers led 7-0. It was the ninth time that Georgia held a team scoreless in the first quarter.

***Rushing Into History:** Georgia tallied 97 rushing yards with senior **Sony Michel** going for a team-leading 61 yards on eight carries. Senior **Nick Chubb** had 16 yards on eight carries. Also of note, sophomore **Mecole Hardman** scored his second career rushing TD on a one-yard run, the first coming against Missouri this year. Alabama features the nation's top-rated rushing defense, allowing just 91.8 yards per game. Michel had a 26-yard scamper to convert a 3rd-and-20 to give Georgia a first down at the UA 26. Chubb and Michel already rank No. 2 and 3 in school history for rushing yards and have the most combined yards of any duo in NCAA FBS history. Chubb came in already second in SEC history in rushing yards, trailing only Bulldog legend Herschel Walker (5,259).

***No Points Off Turnovers:** Georgia's first drive ended with an interception and UA failed to convert it into points, missing a 40-yard field goal. After the first half, Georgia is +4 in Turnover Margin for the year, scoring 84 points off 19 turnovers. Opponents have forced 15 turnovers and turned them into 48 points.

***For Starters:** Senior strong safety **Dominick Sanders** made his school record-tying 53rd career start, the most-ever for a non-kicker and ties him with PK Blair Walsh, who started 53 games from 2008-11. On offense, two seniors made their 40th career start today in **Nick Chubb** (TB) and **Isaiah Wynn** (LT).

***Captains:** Today's captains were seniors **Sony Michel**, **Nick Chubb**, **Isaiah Wynn** and junior **Roquan Smith**. Georgia's Honorary Captain was **Herschel Walker** (1980-82, Heisman Trophy winner in '82).

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