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CLEMSON VS LSU FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Clemson will travel to New Orleans to take on LSU for the National Championship. These two took different paths to get here. LSU had a fairly easy semifinal game vs Oklahoma, beating the Sooners 63-28. Clemson, on the other hand had to win a very physical game vs Ohio State 29-23.

LSU's Joe Burrow basically came out of nowhere when the season began to set all sorts of passing records to win the Heisman Trophy. Clemson's Trevor Lawrence, on the other hand, has been considered a blue chip quarterback since he was 15 years old. Some people believe that Lawrence is a once-in-a-generation quarterback prospect.

This game looks like a classic in the making. In our opinion this game will be decided by which team can allow their quarterback to be comfortable in the pocket to make key completions on 3rd down. Obviously, the ability to run the ball will help the passing game. Travis Etienne for Clemson and LSU's duo of Chris Curry and Clyde Edwards Helaire must be able to get tough yards. Another aspect in this game will be the times that Burrow and Lawrence take off and run for first downs.

LSU and Clemson have met just 3 times. LSU leads the all-time series 2-1. LSU beat Clemson in the Sugar Bowl (1/1/59), 7-0. LSU beat Clemson in the Peach Bowl (12/28/96), 10-7 and Clemson beat LSU in the Chick-fil-A Bowl (12/31/2012), 25-24.

LSU (14-0)

Aug 31	vs	GA SOUTHERN	55-33
Sept 7	@	TEXAS	45-38
Sept 14	vs	N'WESTERN ST	65-14
Sept 21	@	VANDERBILT	66-38
Oct 5	vs	UTAH ST	42-6
Oct 12	vs	FLORIDA	42-28
Oct 19	@	MISS STATE	36-13
Oct 26	vs	AUBURN	23-20
Nov 9	@	ALABAMA	46-41
Nov 16	@	OLE MISS	58-37
Nov 23	vs	ARKANSAS	56-20
Nov 30	vs	TEXAS A&M	50-7
Dec 7	vs	GEORGIA	37-10
Dec 28	vs	OKLAHOMA	63-28

CLEMSON (14-0)

Aug 29	vs	GA TECH	52-14
Sept 7	vs	TEXAS A&M	24-10
Sept 14	@	SYRACUSE	41-6
Sept 21	vs	CHARLOTTE	52-10
Sept 28	@	NORTH CARO	21-20
Oct 12	vs	FLORIDA ST	45-14
Oct 19	@	LOUISVILLE	45-10
Oct 26	vs	BOSTON COLL	59-7
Nov 2	vs	WOFFORD	59-14
Nov 9	@	NC STATE	55-10
Nov 16	vs	WAKE FOREST	52-3
Nov 30	@	SOUTH CARO	38-3
Dec 7	vs	VIRGINIA	62-17
Dec 28	vs	OHIO STATE	29-23

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME PREDICTION: LSU 30, CLEMSON 27

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TIDBITS

Joe Burrow received 1,846 more points than runner-up Jalen Hurts. That's the largest margin of victory in Heisman history. Burrow also received 90.7% of first place votes, breaking the record held by Troy Smith (86.7%) in 2006.

Joe Burrow set the SEC single-season record for most passing TD's and passing yards. He is the 1st player in SEC history to throw at least 5,000 yards and 50 TD's in a season. Burrow joins Billy Cannon (1959) as the only players in LSU history to win the Heisman Trophy.

Iowa's 49 points are its most in a bowl game since defeating Texas 55-17 in the 1984 Freedom Bowl. Iowa's Kirk Ferentz recorded his 9th bowl game victory, matching Barry Alvarez for the 2nd-most by a Big Ten coach in conference history. Only Joe Paterno (10) has more.

The Trojans' 25-point loss to Iowa is its largest in a bowl game since the 1948 Rose Bowl when they were shutout by Michigan, 49-0.

Chuba Hubbard of Oklahoma State set a Big 12 single-season record with his 12th 100-yard rushing game in the Texas Bowl vs Texas A&M. With 78 rush yards at the half, Chuba Hubbard now has 2,014 rush yards on the season. Including bowl games, Hubbard is now the 3rd player in Big 12 history with 2,000 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in a season, joining 1998 Ricky Williams and 1996 Troy Davis Jr.

Iowa's Ihmir Smith-Marsette is just the 3rd player in the last 15 seasons to record a rushing TD, receiving TD, and kickoff return for a TD in the 1st half of a game. With his 98 yard kickoff return for a TD vs USC, Smith-Marsette also becomes the 3rd player in program history with 2 kickoff return TD's in a single season. He joins Carlos Henderson in 2016 and Jason Chery in 2008.

Brian Lewerke led the way with 320 pass yards in Michigan State's 27-21 Pinstripe Bowl victory. That's the 4th-most pass yards by a Spartans QB in a bowl game in school history. Lewerke trails only Jeff Smoker (376) in 2001, Tony Banks (348) in 1995, and Connor Cook (332) in 2014.

Chris Petersen's final game as Washington's head coach was vs the school that gave him his 1st FBS head-coaching job, Boise State. Petersen went 92-12 (.885 winning pct) during his time with the Broncos, the best by a head coach at a single school since 1937.

If Clemson beats LSU in the College Football Playoff Championship Game, Dabo Swinney can become the 4th head coach in the AP Poll Era (since 1936) to win 3 titles in a 4-season span. With a win in the 2020 CFP National Title Game, Swinney can join Nick Saban (2009, 2011, 2012), Tom Osborne (1994, 1995, 1997), and Frank Leahy (1946, 1947, 1949).

At the 2020 CFP National Title Game, LSU will look to become just the 4th team in FBS history to snap multiple 25-game winning streaks, joining Notre Dame (3), Princeton (2), and Oregon State (2). LSU ended UCF's 25-game winning streak at the 2019 Fiesta Bowl.

LSU became the 5th team in FBS history to have a 5,000-yard passer (Joe Burrow), 1,000-yard rusher (Clyde Edwards-Helaire) and two 1,000-yard receivers (Ja'Marr Chase & Justin Jefferson) in the same season. LSU joined 2015 WKU, 2010 Hawaii, 2008 Houston, and 2007 Tulsa.

Clemson trailed by 16 points and came back to win the Fiesta Bowl. That is the 2nd-largest comeback win in a CFP Semifinal or Final (Georgia overcame a 17-point deficit in the 2017 playoffs vs Oklahoma). Clemson has

now tied Florida State for the longest winning streak (29) in ACC history.

J.K. Dobbins became the 8th different player in Big Ten history to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season. He's the first player in Ohio State history to accomplish this feat.

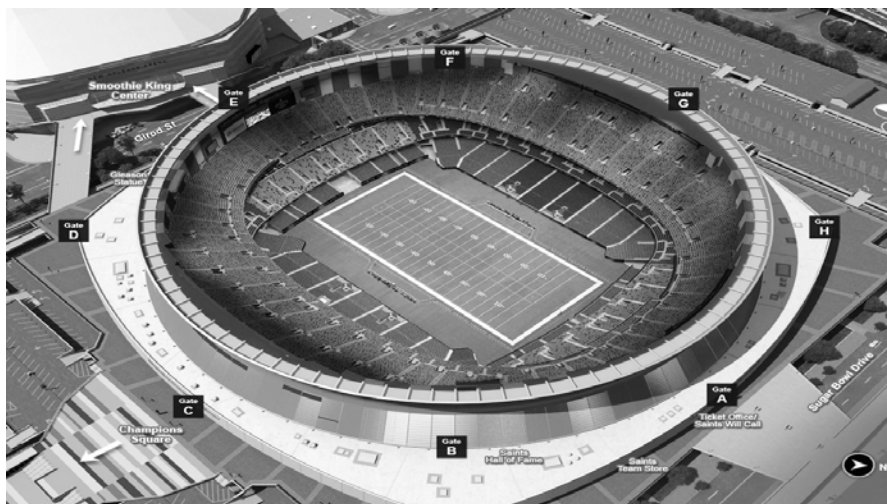
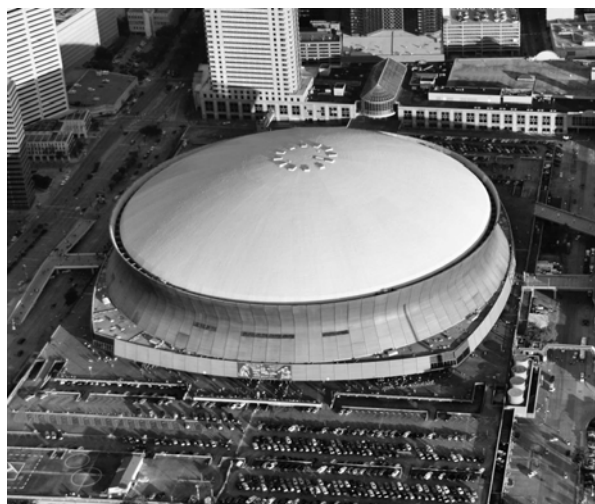
LSU set multiple records in its victory over Oklahoma. Joe Burrow became the 1st player in FBS history to be responsible for 8 TD's in bowl game. Justin Jefferson's 4 receiving TD's are tied for the most in a FBS bowl game. LSU's 63 points are tied for the most in a bowl game in SEC history. LSU set a new bowl game record with 693 offensive yards. Joe Burrow finished the first half completing 21-27 passes for 403 pass yards and 7 passing TD's. Burrow ties the record for most passing TD's in a half in FBS history.

Penn State beat Memphis 53-39 in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic. Journey Brown ran for 202 yards, the most in a bowl game in Penn State history. He's the sixth player in Cotton Bowl history to reach 200 rushing yards and first since Johnny Manziel in 2013.

This is the first time Penn State has scored at least 50 points against a ranked opponent since Oct. 29, 1994 (63-14 win over #21 Ohio State). It's the third time it's happened in school history; the other time was in the 1989 Holiday Bowl (50-39 over #19 BYU).

The Fighting Irish posted their largest bowl victory since 2008, and Ian Book became the fifth player in program history to pass for 3,000+ yards in a season. Tony Jones had an 84-yard rushing touchdown was: - The longest rush ever by a Notre Dame player in a bowl game. - The longest rush in Camping World Bowl history.

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LSU VS



THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET



#1 Seed LSU (13-0)

DEC 28, 2019: 4:00 ET SEMIFINAL AT THE PEACH BOWL

#1 Seed LSU 63-28

#4 Seed OKLAHOMA (12-1)

JAN 13, 2020: 8:00 ET CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME IN NEW ORLEANS, LA

NATIONAL CHAMPION



#2 Seed OHIO STATE (13-0)

DEC 28, 2019: 8:00 ET SEMIFINAL AT THE FIESTA BOWL

#3 Seed CLEMSON 29-23

#3 Seed CLEMSON (13-0)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (FUTURE SCHEDULES)

2020-2021

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/30/2020 COTTON BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2021 PEACH BOWL
- 1/ 2 /2021 ORANGE BOWL
- 1/ 2 /2021 FIESTA BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 1/ 1 /2021 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2021 SUGAR BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/11/2021 MIAMI

2022-2023

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/30/2022 ORANGE BOWL
- 1/ 2 /2023 COTTON BOWL
- 1/ 2 /2023 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 2 /2023 SUGAR BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 12/31/2022 PEACH BOWL
- 12/31/2022 FIESTA BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/ 9 /2023 LOS ANGELES

2024-2025

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/28/2024 PEACH BOWL
- 12/30/2024 FIESTA BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2025 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2025 SUGAR BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 12/28/2024 ORANGE BOWL
- 12/28/2024 COTTON BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/ 6 /2025 TBA

2021-2022

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/30/2021 PEACH BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2022 FIESTA BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2022 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2022 SUGAR BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 12/31/2021 ORANGE BOWL
- 12/31/2021 COTTON BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/10/2022 INDIANAPOLIS

2023-2024

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/29/2023 PEACH BOWL
- 12/30/2023 ORANGE BOWL
- 12/30/2023 FIESTA BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2024 COTTON BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 1/ 1 /2024 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2024 SUGAR BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/ 8 /2024 HOUSTON

2025-2026

NON-BRACKETED BOWLS

- 12/27/2025 COTTON BOWL
- 12/30/2025 ORANGE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2026 ROSE BOWL
- 1/ 1 /2026 SUGAR BOWL

SEMIFINAL BOWLS

- 12/27/2025 PEACH BOWL
- 12/27/2025 FIESTA BOWL

CFP CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1/ 5 /2026 TBA

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

36 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (246 yards, 4 TD)
 36 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (158 yards, 3 TD)
 21 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (43 yards, 1 TD)
 21 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (38 yards, 1 TD)
 20 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (73 yards, 0 TD)

MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

148 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio St vs Oregon, Arlington, Jan. 12, 2015 (25 attempts, second half)
 128 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 attempts, first half)
 98 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, Arlington, Jan. 12, 2015 (11 attempts, first half)
 76 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (12 attempts, first half)
 64 Najee Harris, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6 attempts, second half)

MOST RUSHING YARDS BY A QUARTERBACK, CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

73 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 attempts)
 63 Jalen Hurts, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (10 attempts)
 47 Jalen Hurts, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6 attempts)
 43 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (21 attempts)
 39 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 attempts)

MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

246 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (36 attempts, 4 TD)
 158 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (36 attempts, 3 TD)
 98 Sony Michel, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (14 attempts, 0 TD)
 93 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (16 attempts, 2 TD)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

56 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-56-0, 420 yards, 3 TD)
 47 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards, 4 TD)
 37 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 333 yards, 2 TD)

MOST PASSING YARDS IN A HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

291 Jake Coker, Alabama vs Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (7-12-0, 2 TD, second half)
 279 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (23-33-0, 3 TD, second half)
 243 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (18-29-0, 2 TD, second half)
 197 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (12-21-0, 1 TD, first half)
 193 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (18-23-0, 1 TD, first half)

MOST COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

36 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-56-0, 420 yards, 3 TD)
 30 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards, 4 TD)
 25 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 335 yards, 2 TD)
 24 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 333 yards, 2 TD)

MOST CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

7 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 6 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 9, 2019
 6 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 6 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 5 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 5 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

420 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-56-0, 3 TD)
 405 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 4 TD)
 347 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (20-32-0, 3 TD)
 335 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 2 TD)
 333 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-37-1, 2 TD)

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2 Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
 2 Jake Fromm, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
 1 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 1 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 1 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST RECEPTIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

10 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (92 yards, 2 TD)
 8 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (169 yards, 1 TD)
 8 Mike Williams, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (94 yards, 1 TD)
 7 Jordan Leggett, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (95 yards, 0 TD)
 7 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (88 yards, 2 TD)

MOST YARDS RECEIVING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

208 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5 receptions, 2 TD)
 169 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (8 receptions, 1 TD)
 153 Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (6 receptions, 1 TD)
 139 Jerry Jeudy, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (5 receptions, 1 TD)
 106 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (4 receptions, 1 TD)

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

183 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 receptions, second half)
 129 Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (4 receptions, second half)
 106 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (4 receptions, second half)
 93 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 receptions, second half)
 91 Jerry Jeudy, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (4 receptions, first half)

MOST PLAYS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

77 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (21 rushing, 56 passing)
 67 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (20 rushing, 47 passing)
 47 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 rushing, 37 passing)
 44 Cardale Jones, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (21 rushing, 23 passing)

MOST TOTAL YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

478 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (73 yards rushing, 405 yards passing)
 463 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (43 yards rushing, 420 yards passing)
 374 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (27 yards rushing, 347 yards passing)
 372 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (39 yards rushing, 333 yards passing)
 315 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (-20 yards rushing, 335 yards passing)

MOST TANDEM PLAYS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

37 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (36 rush, 1 reception)
 21 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (18 rush, 3 receptions)
 19 Nick Chubb, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (18 rush, 1 reception)
 18 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (16 rush, 2 receptions)
 17 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (14 rush, 3 receptions)

MOST TANDEM YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

245 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (246 rush, -1 receiving)
 106 Wayne Gallman, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (45 rush, 61 receiving)
 100 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (93 rush, 7 receiving)
 91 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (86 rush, 5 receiving)
 90 Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (10 rush, 80 receiving)

MOST POINTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)
 18 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2 rush TD, 1 rec. TD)

MOST POINTS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 TD)
 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 TD)
 12 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2 TD)
 12 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (2 TD)

MOST POINTS RECEIVING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

12 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 TD)
 12 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (2 TD)
 12 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 TD)

MOST POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

24 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (3 pass, 1 rush)
 24 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass TD)
 24 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
 18 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (3 pass TD)
 18 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2018 (2 rush TD, 1 rec. TD)
 18 Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (3 pass TD)
 18 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
 3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)
 3 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2 rush TD, 1 rec. TD)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 2 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 2 Hunter Renfrow, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

4 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 3 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
 3 Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
 3 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RESPONSIBLE FOR, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 4 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (3 pass TD and 1 rush TD)
- 4 Deshaun Watson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass TD)
- 4 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 rush TD)
- 3 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (3 pass TD)
- 3 Travis Etienne, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2 rush TD, 1 rec. TD)
- 3 Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (3 pass TD)
- 3 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3 rush TD)

MOST POINTS BY KICKER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 11 Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2 PAT, 3 FG)
- 10 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 PAT, 2 FG)
- 9 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (6 PAT, 1 FG)
- 8 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (5 PAT, 1 FG)
- 8 Andy Pappanastos, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2 PAT, 2 FG)
- 8 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (2 PAT, 2 FG)

MOST FIELD GOALS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 3 Rodrigo Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (41 yards, 27 yards, 51 yards)
- 2 Andy Pappanastos, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (43 yards, 30 yards)
- 2 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (37 yards, 31 yards)
- 2 Aidan Schneider, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (26 yards, 23 yards)

MOST PAT, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 6 Adam Griffith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 6 Sean Nuernberger, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 5 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 5 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 5 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST PUNT RETURNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 5 Trevon Diggs, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (38 yards)
- 3 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (32 yards)
- 2 Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (34 yards)
- 2 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (22 yards)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDAGE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 38 Trevon Diggs, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (5 attempts)
- 34 Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2 attempts)
- 32 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (3 attempts)
- 22 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
- 12 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (1 attempt)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 5 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (196 yards)
- 4 Charles Nelson, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (52 yards)

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 196 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5 attempts)
- 77 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (3 attempts)
- 59 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
- 53 C.J. Fuller, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (3 attempts)
- 52 Charles Nelson, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4 attempts)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (95 yards)

LONG PLAYS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 80 Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (Rec. TD)
- 74 Justyn Ross, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (Rec. TD)
- 70 Byron Marshall, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (Rec. TD)
- 68 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (Rec. TD)
- 63 O.J. Howard, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (Rec.)

LONGEST RUSHING TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 50 Derrick Henry, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 37 Bo Scarbrough, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 33 Ezekiel Elliott, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

LONGEST PASS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 80 Jake Fromm, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (TD)
- 74 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (TD)
- 70 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (TD)
- 68 Jalen Hurts, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (TD)
- 63 Jake Coker, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

LONGEST PASSING TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 80 Jake Fromm, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 74 Trevor Lawrence, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 70 Marcus Mariota, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 68 Jalen Hurts, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 62 Tua Tagovailoa, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019

LONGEST FIELD GOAL, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 51 Roberto Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 43 Andy Pappanastos, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 41 Roberto Blankenship, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 37 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 36 Greg Huegel, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019

LONGEST PUNT, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 57 Andy Teasdall, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 57 J.K. Scott, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 56 J.K. Scott, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 55 Mike Bernier, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 52 J.K. Scott, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 52 Ian Wheeler, Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

LONGEST PUNT RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 19 Mecole Hardman, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 17 Jalin Marshall, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
- 14 Trevon Diggs, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 13 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 12 Cyrus Jones, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 95 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (TD)
- 43 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 34 Artavis Scott, Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 30 Josh Jacobs, Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 30 ArDarius Stewart, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 95 Kenyan Drake, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (TD)

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 46 Trayvon Mullen, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 44 A.J. Terrell, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (TD)
- 19 Raekwon Davis, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 8 Eli Apple, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 44 A.J. Terrell, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019

LONGEST MISCELLANEOUS RETURN, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 46 Trayvon Mullen, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (interception return)
- 44 A.J. Terrell, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (interception return-TD)
- 19 Raekwon Davis, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (interception return)
- 12 Ryan Anderson, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (fumble recovery)
- 8 Eli Apple, Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (interception return)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 61 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (296 yards)
- 46 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (138 yards)
- 45 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (133 yards)
- 42 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (91 yards)
- 39 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (184 yards)

MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 296 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (61 attempts)
- 221 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (34 attempts)
- 184 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (39 attempts)
- 148 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (37 attempts)
- 145 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (38 attempts)

MOST YARDS PER RUSH, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 6.5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (34-221 yards)
- 4.9 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (61-296 yards)
- 4.7 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (39-184 yards)
- 4.4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (31-135 yards)
- 4.0 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (37-148 yards)
- 4.0 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (33-132 yards)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 57 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-57-0, 420 yards)
- 47 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)
- 38 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)

MOST COMPLETIONS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 36 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (35-57-0, 420 yards)
- 30 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)
- 24 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)

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MOST NET YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

420 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-57-0)
405 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1)
347 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (20-32-0)
335 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0)
333 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

.695 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1)
.640 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0)
.638 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1)
.631 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (36-57-0)
.631 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1)

MOST YARDS PER ATTEMPT, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

13.4 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (16-25-0, 335 yards)
10.8 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (20-32-0, 347 yards)
10.5 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (16-23-1, 242 yards)
8.8 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (24-38-1, 333 yards)
8.6 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (30-47-1, 405 yards)

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
2 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
1 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
1 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
1 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST PLAYS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

99 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
85 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
84 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
77 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
73 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019

MOST TOTAL YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

550 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (145 rush, 405 pass)
538 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (296 rush, 242 pass)
511 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (91 rush, 420 pass)
482 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (135 rush, 347 pass)
473 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (138 rush, 335 pass)

MOST YARDS PER PLAY, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

7.7 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (63-482 yards)
6.7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (71-473 yards)
6.5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (85-550 yards)
6.5 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (71-465 yards)
6.4 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (84-538 yards)

MOST POINTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

45 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
44 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
42 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
40 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
35 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017

MOST POINTS, WINNING TEAM, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

45 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
44 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
42 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
35 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
26 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018

LARGEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

28 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
22 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
3 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018

SMALLEST POINT DIFFERENTIAL, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

3 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST TOUCHDOWNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

6 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (3 pass, 2 rush, 1 interception return)
6 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 pass, 3 rush, 1 kickoff return)
6 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (1 pass, 5 rush)
5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (3 pass, 2 rush)
5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4 pass, 1 rush)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

5 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
3 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
3 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST TOUCHDOWNS PASSING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
3 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
3 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
3 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

31 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
16 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
14 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
14 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

31 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
28 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
26 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (including overtime)
26 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
21 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE HALF, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

31 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (1st half)
31 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2nd half)
28 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (2nd half)
26 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2nd half and overtime)
26 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2nd half)

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FIRST QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
14 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
13 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
7 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST POINTS SCORED IN SECOND QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

17 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
13 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
7 3 others. Last: Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST POINTS SCORED IN THIRD QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

13 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
10 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
10 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
10 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
10 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST POINTS SCORED IN FOURTH QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

24 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
21 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
16 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
14 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ANY QUARTER, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

24 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4th quarter)
21 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (4th quarter)
17 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2nd quarter)
16 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (4th quarter)
14 3 others. Last: Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (1st quarter)

MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

97 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 plays)
93 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (4 plays)
89 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (12 plays)
88 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6 plays)
87 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (7 plays)

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

12 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (89 yards)
12 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (75 yards)
11 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (75 yards)
10 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (75 yards)
10 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (97 yards)

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LONGEST SCORING DRIVE (TOUCHDOWN), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

6:39 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays, 75 yards)
 5:21 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (12 plays, 89 yards)
 4:13 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (9 plays, 76 yards)
 4:12 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (10 plays, 75 yards)
 3:38 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (9 plays, 60 yards)

MOST YARDS SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

71 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (8 plays)
 70 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (13 plays)
 66 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays, 75 yards)
 64 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (8 plays)

MOST PLAYS IN SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

14 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (55 yards)
 13 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (70 yards)
 12 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (66 yards)
 11 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (45 yards)
 9 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (55 yards)

LONGEST SCORING DRIVE (FIELD GOAL), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

7:40 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (14 plays, 55 yards)
 6:07 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (11 plays, 45 yards)
 5:19 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (13 plays, 70 yards)
 4:01 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (12 plays, 66 yards)
 2:43 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (9 plays, 55 yards)

QUICKEST SCORING DRIVES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2:55 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (75 yards, 3 plays, 62-yard TD pass)
 3:39 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (75 yards, 11 plays, 7-yard TD pass)
 5:37 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (59 yards, 3 plays, 25-yard TD run)
 7:05 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (59 yards, 3 plays, 50-yard TD run)

MOST FIRST DOWNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

31 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 31 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 28 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST FIRST DOWNS RUSHING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

18 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 12 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
 10 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
 10 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 9 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST FIRST DOWNS PASSING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

20 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 19 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 13 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST FIRST DOWNS BY PENALTY, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

4 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 3 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
 2 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 2 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

MOST PUNTS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

11 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (11-483, 43.9 average)
 9 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (9-345, 38.3 average)
 7 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (7-295, 42.1 average)
 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (7-297, 42.4 average)

HIGHEST PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. 2 PUNTS), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

50.0 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (2-100 yards)
 47.5 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6-285 yards)
 44.3 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (3-133 yards)
 44.2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (6-265 yards)
 43.9 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (11-483 yards)

MOST PUNT RETURNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

5 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (5-38 yards)
 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (3-32 yards)
 2 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2-34 yards)
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2-22 yards)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

38 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (5 attempts)
 34 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2 attempts)
 32 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (3 attempts)
 22 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2 attempts)
 12 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (1 attempt)

HIGHEST PUNT RETURN AVERAGE (MIN 2 ATTEMPTS), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

17.0 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (2-34 yards)
 11.0 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (2-22 yards)
 10.7 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (3-32 yards)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

6 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6-130 yards)
 5 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196 yards)
 4 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4-52 yards)

MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

196 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196, 39.2 average)
 130 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6-130, 21.7 average)
 68 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3-68, 22.7 average)
 52 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (4-52, 13.0 average)

HIGHEST KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE (MIN 2 RETURNS), NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

39.2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (5-196 yards)
 22.7 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (3-68 yards)
 21.7 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6-130 yards)

MOST FUMBLES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

3 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

MOST FUMBLES LOST, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015
 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017

MOST PENALTIES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

10 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10-76 yards)
 9 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (9-82 yards)
 6 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (6-60 yards)
 6 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6-41 yards)
 6 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6-65 yards)

MOST PENALTY YARDS, CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

82 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (9 penalties)
 76 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (10 penalties)
 65 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6 penalties)
 60 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (6 penalties)
 41 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (6 penalties)

TOTAL TACKLES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

13 Roquan Smith, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (9 solo, 4 assist)
 12 Wilson Mack, Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (7 solo, 5 assist)
 12 Reuben Foster, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6 solo, 6 assist)
 11 2 others. Last: Rashaan Evans, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (6 solo, 5 assist)

SOLO TACKLES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

11 Geno Matias-Smith, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (11 total)
 10 B.J. Goodson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (10 total)
 9 Roquan Smith, Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (13 total)
 8 Alohi Gilman, Notre Dame vs. Clemson, Cotton, Dec. 29, 2018 (18 total)
 8 Reuben Foster, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (9 total)

ASSISTED TACKLES, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

6 Reuben Foster, Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (12 total)
 5 4 others. Last: Tre Lamar, Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019 (6 total)

QUARTERBACK SACKS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

3 Kevin Dodd, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 2 Rashaan Evans, Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
 2 Shaq Lawson, Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

TEAM QUARTERBACK SACKS, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016 (31 yards)
 4 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (33 yards)
 4 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (25 yards)
 3 Georgia vs. Alabama, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018 (26 yards)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF (CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORDS)

FUMBLES RECOVERED, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 3 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015 (0 yards)
- 2 Alabama vs. Clemson, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017 (14 yards)

FUMBLES FORCED, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 3 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 2 Oregon vs. Ohio State, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

INTERCEPTIONS MADE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 1 held by eight different players

INTERCEPTIONS MADE-TEAM, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 2 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 2 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 1 2 others. Last: Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016

INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDAGE, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 90 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 19 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 8 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

PASSES BROKEN UP, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

- 7 Alabama vs. Clemson, Arizona, Jan. 11, 2016
- 5 Clemson vs. Alabama, Tampa, Jan. 9, 2017
- 4 Alabama vs. Clemson, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 4 Alabama vs. Georgia, Atlanta, Jan. 8, 2018
- 3 Clemson vs. Alabama, Santa Clara, Jan. 7, 2019
- 3 Ohio State vs. Oregon, North Texas, Jan. 12, 2015

ATTENDANCE

- 85,689 NCG IOhio State 42, Oregon 20 January 12, 2015
- 77,430 NCG IVAlabama 26, Georgia 23 (OT) January 8, 2018
- 75,765 NCG IIAlabama 45, Clemson 40 January 11, 2016
- 74,814 NCG VClemson 44, Alabama 16 January 7, 2019
- 74,512 NCG IIIClemson 35, Alabama 31 January 9, 2017

GAME LENGTH

- 4:08 NCG IIIClemson vs. Alabama January 9, 2017
- 3:50 NCG IVAlabama vs. Georgia (OT) January 8, 2018
- 3:45 NCG IIAlabama vs. Clemson January 11, 2016
- 3:37 NCG IOhio State vs. Oregon January 12, 2015
- 3:27 NCG VClemson vs. Alabama January 7, 2019

ALL-TIME COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME W-L RECORDS

Team	W-L	Pct	Points For	Points Against
Ohio State	1-0	1.000	42	20
Clemson	2-1	.667	119	92
Alabama	2-2	.500	118	142
Georgia	0-1	.000	23	26
Oregon	0-1	.000	20	42



ESPN'S ALL-TIME TOP TEN GREATEST COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHES

1. Paul (Bear) Bryant, 323-85-17 career record Maryland (1945; 6-2-1 record), Kentucky (1946-53; 60-23-5), Texas A&M (1954-57; 25-14-2) and Alabama (1958-1982; 232-46-9)

Bryant won two national championships at Alabama in the 1960s playing one-platoon football. He won three more in the 1970s playing several platoons, waves of players on each side of the ball. He won throwing the ball. He won running the ball. As the Texas philosopher/football coach Bum Phillips, a one-time Bryant assistant at Texas A&M, said, "He could take his'n and beat your'n, and he could take your'n and beat his'n." He made players out of boys and head coaches out of assistants. As one of his favorite players, Crimson Tide lineman Jerry Duncan, said recently, "God, what a man."

2. Nick Saban, 242-65-1 Toledo (1990; 9-2), Michigan State (1995-1999; 34-24-1), LSU (2000-2004; 48-16) and Alabama (2007-2019; 151-23)

Saban didn't start out as the greatest coach in the past 50 years. He won at Toledo and Michigan State but not enough to win a conference title. He came to LSU with a reputation of not staying anywhere too long. In five seasons, he won the Tigers' first national title in 45 years. And then he left for the NFL. That lasted only two years, and when he returned to the college game, at LSU's SEC West rival Alabama, the clock began ticking until he would leave again. After 13 seasons, five national championships and the most successful run in the modern game, it's still ticking.

3. Knute Rockne, 105-12-5 Notre Dame (1918-1930)

Rockne created modern coaching. He was a brilliant tactician, to be sure, but he also created the coach as CEO. He marketed his small, Midwestern Catholic institution in America's biggest cities, taking his team to where the immigrant Catholics could root for them. He applied his motivational skills to business as a top executive for Studebaker cars -- while he coached. And Notre Dame kept winning. He had five unbeaten seasons and won four national titles (1919, 1924, 1929 and 1930). Rockne's winning percentage of .881 remains first among FBS coaches nearly a century after he died in a plane crash in 1931 at age 43.

4. Tom Osborne, 255-49-3 Nebraska (1973-1997)

Behind that dry, spare demeanor lived a sharp football mind with a sly wit and a fierce competitive streak. Osborne spent most of his career with the Huskers saddled with the honor of having gone for two and failing against Miami when an extra point surely would have given Nebraska the 1983 national title. Late in his career, he pivoted from his team's devotion to brute strength and put more speed on defense. In his last five seasons, Nebraska won three national championships, lost a fourth on the last play of the game and had a won-loss record of 60-3.

5. Eddie Robinson, 408-165-15 Grambling (1941-1942, 1945-1997)

Robinson did it all at Grambling. That's not an overworked cliché about an outstanding coach. That's the truth. He lined the field. He directed the band. He taped the ankles. And he sent hundreds of players to professional football, four of whom -- Paul "Tank" Younger, Junious "Buck" Buchanan, Gary Johnson and Doug Williams -- reached the College Football Hall of Fame. Robinson took over in 1941 at age 22. In his second season, the Tigers went 9-0 -- unbeaten, untied and unscored upon. Under Robinson, Grambling won nine black college national championships and 17 SWAC titles.

6. Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, 145-29-4 Oklahoma (1947-1963)

As a player on Minnesota's powerful teams in the mid-1930s, Wilkinson started at guard for two seasons, and then moved to quarterback. He excelled everywhere he played, a trait he passed on to the Sooners for more than a decade. After taking over Oklahoma at age 31, Wilkinson led the Sooners to a 31-game unbeaten streak from 1948-50. That paved the way for the modern FBS record streak by Oklahoma of 47 unbeaten games from 1953-57. Wilkinson retired at 47, spent and looking for a new challenge. He ran for the U.S. Senate and lost, and became a fixture in college football broadcasting for ABC Sports.

7. Joe Paterno, 409-136-3 Penn State (1966-2011)

After 16 seasons as a Nittany Lions assistant, Paterno ascended to the head coaching job. Penn State soon ascended, too -- to national prominence, to two national championships in the 1980s, and to the Big Ten, the first team to shift from independence to a conference in what would become the realignment era. Paterno called his plan the Grand Experiment, believing that Penn State could be a national power without sacrificing academics. He pulled it off, too, including five unbeaten seasons.

8. Bobby Bowden, 377-129-4 Howard College (1959-1962; 31-6), West Virginia (1970-1975; 42-26) and Florida State (1976-2009; 304-97-4)

When Bowden arrived at Florida State, it was a midsize independent, not above taking a paycheck game to keep the athletics department's doors open. When he left 43 years later, the Seminoles had established themselves as a national power. From 1987-2000, Bowden's Seminoles finished in the top five every season, including two national titles (1993, 1999). After joining the ACC in 1992, Florida State won 12 of the next 14 ACC titles. Bowden loved fireworks on offense and fast, physical play on defense. He developed two Heisman winners (Charlie Ward, Chris Weinke) and a generation of goodwill for Florida State.

9. Woody Hayes, 238-72-10 Denison (1946-1948; 19-6), Miami (Ohio) (1949-50; 14-5) and Ohio State (1951-1978; 205-61-10)

He is remembered for his excesses, such as his overreliance on a physical running game. Everyone knew Hayes' game plan. But the Buckeyes executed it so well (five national titles, 13 Big Ten titles) that it didn't matter; such as his overreaction on the sideline to anyone or anything that didn't go the Buckeyes' way; such as going overboard when he slugged Charlie Baumann after the Clemson linebacker made a game-clinching interception for the Tigers to defeat the Buckeyes in the 1978 Gator Bowl. He was fired the next day, and beloved anyway.

10. Frank Leahy, 107-13-9 Boston College (1939-1940; 20-2) and Notre Dame (1941-1943, 1946-1953; 87-11-9)

He spoke in courtly language, referring to his players as "lads," but no one mistook that gentlemanly demeanor as anything other than good manners. Leahy would do anything to win and rarely did anything but win. His postwar teams at Notre Dame were so good -- the freshmen who enrolled in 1946 never lost a game -- that backups enjoyed long NFL careers. The Irish won four national titles in seven years. Leahy drove his players no harder than he drove himself. The stress became so great that he nearly died during the 1953 season. He retired at age 45 and never coached again.

2018 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER AWARDS

HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY
JOE BURROW..... LSU
MAXWELL AWARD
JOE BURROW..... LSU
WALTER CAMP AWARD
JOE BURROW..... LSU
DOAK WALKER AWARD
JONATHAN TAYLOR..... WISCONSIN
DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD
JOE BURROW..... LSU
JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD
JOE BURROW..... LSU
FRED BILETNIKOFF AWARD
JA'MARR CHASE..... LSU
JOHN MACKAY AWARD
HARRISON BRYANT..... FLORIDA ATLANTIC
OUTLAND TROPHY
PENEI SEWELL..... OREGON
DISNEY SPIRIT AWARD
CASEY O'BRIEN..... MINNESOTA
RIMINGTON TROPHY
TYLER BIADASZ..... WISCONSIN

CHUCK BEDNARIK AWARD
CHASE YOUNG..... OHIO STATE
BRONKO NAGURSKI AWARD
CHASE YOUNG..... OHIO STATE
DICK BUTKUS AWARD
ISIAH SIMMONS..... CLEMSON
JIM THORPE AWARD
GRANT DELPIT..... LSU
LOU GROZA AWARD
RODRIGO BLANKENSHIP..... GEORGIA
RAY GUY AWARD
MAX DUFFY..... KENTUCKY
TED HENDRICKS AWARD
CHASE YOUNG..... OHIO STATE
AP PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD
JOE BURROW..... LSU
CAMPBELL AWARD
JUSTIN HERBERT..... OREGON
LOMBARDI AWARD
UGO AMADI..... OREGON
PAUL HORNUNG AWARD
LYNN BOWDEN JR..... KENTUCKY

2019 COACHING AWARDS

HOME DEPOT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
ED ORGERON..... LSU
ASSOCIATED PRESS COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
ED ORGERON..... LSU
BOBBY DODD COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
KYLE WHITTINGHAM..... UTAH
EDDIE ROBINSON COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
ED ORGERON..... LSU
THE SPORTING NEWS COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
MATT RHULE..... BAYLOR
WALTER CAMP COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
ED ORGERON..... LSU
HOME DEPOT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
ED ORGERON..... LSU
BROYLES ASSISTANT COACH-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD
JOE BRADY..... LSU

2019 HEISMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY VOTING RESULTS

RK	PLAYER	SCHOOL	CLASS	POSITION	1ST	2ND	3RD	TOTAL
1.	JOE BURROW	LSU	SENIOR	QUARTERBACK	841	41	3	2,608
2.	JALEN HURTS	OKLAHOMA	SENIOR	QUARTERBACK	12	231	264	762
3.	JUSTIN FIELDS	OHIO STATE	SOPHOMORE	QUARTERBACK	6	271	187	747
4.	CHASE YOUNG	OHIO STATE	JUNIOR	DEFENSIVE END	20	205	173	643
5.	JONATHAN TAYLOR	WISCONSIN	JUNIOR	RUNNING BACK	6	44	83	189
6.	J.K. DOBBINS	OHIO STATE	JUNIOR	RUNNING BACK	2	36	36	114
7.	TREVOR LAWRENCE	CLEMSON	SOPHOMORE	QUARTERBACK	3	25	29	88
8.	CHUBA HUBBARD	OKLAHOMA STATE	SOPHOMORE	RUNNING BACK	0	11	46	68
9.	TRAVIS ETIENNE	CLEMSON	JUNIOR	RUNNING BACK	0	7	11	25
10.	TUA TAGOVAILOA	ALABAMA	JUNIOR	QUARTERBACK	1	4	13	24

GAMES THAT DECIDED THE NATIONAL CHAMPION 1998-2018

DATE	BOWL	WINNER (W-L)	CONF	SCORE	LOSER (W-L)	CONF	SCORE	ATTEND	TV
1998 SEASON									
1-4-1999	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	#1 Tennessee (12-0)	SEC	23	#2 Florida State (11-1)	ACC	16	80,470	ABC
1999 SEASON									
1-4-2000	Nokia Sugar Bowl	#1 Florida State (11-0)	ACC	46	#2 Virginia Tech (11-0)	Big East	29	79,280	ABC
2000 SEASON									
1-3-2001	FedEx Orange Bowl	#1 Oklahoma (12-0)	Big 12	13	#3 Florida State (11-1)	ACC	2	76,835	ABC
2001 SEASON									
1-3-2002	Rose Bowl Presented by AT&T	#1 Miami-FL (11-0)	Big East	37	#4 Nebraska (11-1)	Big 12	14	93,781	ABC
2002 SEASON									
1-3-2003	Tostitos Fiesta Bowl	#2 Ohio State (13-0)	Big Ten	31	#1 Miami-FL (12-0)	Big East	24	77,502	ABC
2003 SEASON									
1-1-2004	Rose Bowl Presented by Citi	#1 USC (11-1)	Pac-10	28	#4 Michigan (10-2)	Big Ten	14	93,849	ABC
1-4-2004	Nokia Sugar Bowl	#2 LSU (12-1)	SEC	21	#3 Oklahoma (12-1)	Big 12	14	79,342	ABC
2004 SEASON									
1-4-2005	FedEx Orange Bowl	#1 USC (12-0)	Pac-10	55	#2 Oklahoma (12-0)	Big 12	19	77,912	ABC
2005 SEASON									
1-4-2006	Rose Bowl Presented by Citi	#2 Texas (12-0)	Big 12	41	#1 USC (12-0)	Pac-10	38	93,986	ABC
2006 SEASON									
1-8-2007	Tostitos BCS Championship Game	#2 Florida (12-1)	SEC	41	#1 Ohio State (12-0)	Big Ten	14	74,628	FOX
2007 SEASON									
1-7-2008	Allstate BCS Championship Game	#2 LSU (11-2)	SEC	38	#1 Ohio State (11-1)	Big Ten	24	79,651	FOX
2008 SEASON									
1-8-2009	FedEx BCS Championship Game	#1 Florida (12-1)	SEC	24	#2 Oklahoma (12-1)	Big 12	14	78,468	FOX
2009 SEASON									
1-7-2010	Citi BCS Championship Game	#1 Alabama (13-0)	SEC	37	#2 Texas (13-0)	Big 12	21	94,906	ABC
2010 SEASON									
1-10-2011	Tostitos BCS Championship Game	#1 Auburn (13-0)	SEC	22	#2 Oregon (12-0)	Pac-10	19	78,603	ESPN
2011 SEASON									
1-9-2012	Allstate BCS Championship Game	#2 Alabama (11-1)	SEC	21	#1 LSU (13-0)	SEC	0	78,237	ESPN
2012 SEASON									
1-7-2013	Discover BCS Championship Game	#2 Alabama (12-1)	SEC	42	#1 Notre Dame (12-0)	Indep.	14	80,120	ESPN
2013 SEASON									
1-6-2014	VIZIO BCS Championship Game	#1 Florida State (13-0)	ACC	34	#2 Auburn (12-1)	SEC	31	94,208	ESPN
2014 SEASON									
1-12-2015	CFP Championship Game I	#5 Ohio State (13-1)	Big Ten	42	#3 Oregon (13-1)	Pac-12	20	85,689	ESPN
2015 SEASON									
1-11-2016	CFP Championship Game II	#2 Alabama (13-1)	SEC	45	#1 Clemson (14-0)	ACC	40	75,765	ESPN
2016 SEASON									
1-9-2017	CFP Championship Game III	#2 Clemson (13-1)	ACC	35	#1 Alabama (14-0)	SEC	31	74,512	ESPN
2017 SEASON									
1-8-2018	CFP Championship Game IV	#4 Alabama (12-1)	SEC	26	#3 Georgia (13-1)	SEC	23	77,430	ESPN
2018 SEASON									
1-11-2019	CFP Championship Game V	#2 Clemson (14-0)	ACC	44	#1 Alabama (14-0)	SEC	16	74,814	ESPN