



**PLAYOFF  
SEMIFINAL**



**Allstate Sugar Bowl  
Monday, December 28, 2020  
CFP Playoff Semifinal**

### **Ohio State Quarterback Justin Fields**

**On past scoring struggles against Clemson's defense:** "It just comes down to executing. From the [offensive] line, to the receivers, to me, and to the running back. If everybody executes on our side of the ball, then we'll be fine and put the ball in the endzone."

**On his personal play:** "To be honest, I feel like everything happens for a reason. But, what happened in those [Northwestern and Indiana] games and me not playing as well as I wanted to, maybe God was sending me a message that I need to do more and work harder. So, that is kind of how I am looking at it. I am looking at it as a challenge. For this game [Sugar Bowl], I have been preparing my butt off. I have not prepared like this the whole season so maybe I played the way I did because God was just trying to tell me, for this game, that I need to lock in and prepare for this game. I am not necessarily mad [about past struggles] but I was mad after the [Northwestern and/or Indiana game]. But, now I am just motivated."

**On playing to the highest level coming into the Sugar Bowl:** "I think it is very important, of course. It is the [College Football] Playoff. Every team in the country wants to be in the spot that we [Ohio State] are in right now. We have to take advantage of this opportunity that we have now and make the most out of it. I know all of my teammates are motivated, and I know all of my teammates are ready to go."

**On wide receiver Chris Olave available after missing games:** "I just missed Chris [Olave] being out on the field. He is a great leader for the receivers and of course a great player. I think having him back will make our offense better as a whole. I think me and him have a great chemistry on the field. Just having him back out there on the field will definitely help our offense a lot."

**On what he learned from the two teams' last meeting in the 2019 Fiesta Bowl:** "The biggest thing that I have learned just playing on the big stage is that one play can change the whole game. Whatever that play may be. Last year was the targeting call on Shaun Wade, and from that point on, the momentum just changed. So, it is really just playing your hardest on each and every play. Again, one play can change the whole outlook of the game."

**On motivation to beat Clemson after last year's Fiesta Bowl loss:** "It is pretty self-explanatory that that game hurt us a lot last year. So, that has kind of been our whole motivation this offseason. Just getting a chance to play those guys [Clemson] again is a great opportunity. Of course, we know that Clemson is a great team. They have a great coaching staff, great players. So, we are just excited to be on the same stage as them and get another chance to play those guys."