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**Allstate Sugar Bowl  
CFP Playoff Semifinal  
Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

**Ohio State Defensive Tackle Haskell Garrett**

**On being named an All-American:** “I’m really honored. It’s not just me out there, it’s a whole group of guys. It’s not just only my honor but it’s theirs [teammates] too. My success is their success, and we share all success. Those guys are my success, and I’m really honored but I’m more focused on this [Sugar Bowl] game and winning this game.”

**On what stands out about Clemson’s RB Travis Etienne and why he’s so difficult to stop:** “It’s just his vision. His ability to see an open gap and hit it. His ability to run downhill, he’s a very hard runner, and he’s fast. We’ve got a great challenge in front of us, and it’s going to be a good game.”

**On return from injury and personal performance appreciation:** “I can appreciate it. But, like I said, I’m trying to stay in the moment. I can celebrate all the accolades and everything that I’ve accomplished myself after the season, but I’m more worried about this [Clemson] team we’ve got coming and this game we’ve got coming up on Friday.”

**On the shortened lead-up to the College Football Playoff after this year’s Big 10**

**Championship:** “It’s definitely a lot shorter of a time and a quicker turnaround going into a bowl game. But I think it’ll help us [Ohio State]. We’re more focused on this game, and it’s not a long period of waiting for the buildup, waiting, and constantly practicing and practicing. We’re just getting on it and going now. Instead of usually having a whole month of preparation, it’s just now. It’s like something you’d handle in the regular season. I like it, to be honest.”

**On his future at Ohio State:** “I haven’t made a decision yet. I’m still debating, and it’s something that I have to go over with myself and with my family about after the season. I’m just trying to stay in the moment and just stay focused so I can contribute as much as I can to the team.”

**On containing Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence’s running ability:** “We just have to play our game. Offseason, we really focused on stopping the run and we’ve prided ourselves on it. I feel that if we [Ohio State] play our game and play to our abilities and make sure we all do our jobs, stuff like that won’t happen.

“It’s going to be a big challenge. He’s a dynamic quarterback. Usually, guys who are that tall and that big don’t really run but like we know, the game [football] is changing. Quarterbacks are becoming dual threats. He [Lawrence] can do it in the air and do it on the ground. Just being cautious of where he’s at on the field and what he’s doing. He’s a great player and we’re going to need to be aware that he can extend plays. If a play is broken down and there is good coverage, he’s going to want to do it on his feet. So, we [Ohio State] just have to be aware of where he’s at, at all times.”

**On what it would mean to play for a National Championship:** “It would mean a lot. I feel like every kid growing up itches to play in a National Title game, let alone go to college at a D-1 school. I think for me, it will be a blessing and an honor. Everything that I have dreamed about as a kid and worked for leading up to this point, it would mean the world to me.”