



2023 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
Lucas Oil Stadium • Indianapolis, Ind.



POSTGAME QUICK QUOTES

IOWA QUARTERBACK DEACON HILL

On what happened:

"We lost. We made some mistakes and (Michigan) made less. The game didn't turn out the way we wanted it to."

On playing against the Michigan defense :

"They were a good defense. We had our game plan, we knew what kind of coverages that we were going to get going into the game. They were a good team."

Reflecting on the past month:

"It's been a wild ride. I was not expecting this when I first got (to Iowa), but it is what it is. We go to this point as a team, not just because of me. Our team is the reason we are here. Those guys are hell of a ball players."

On the relationships he built with the players

"I think the reason I got so emotional is just because each guy on the team I feel pretty close with, I love all of them to death. Guys like Cade (McNamara) and Erick (All) who wish 100 percent they were playing this game, I wish we had gotten the win for them. I mean all the seniors like Joe (Evans), Nick (DeJong), Jay (Higgins), all those guys, I'm pretty close with all of them wishing we could have got that for them."

IOWA DEFENSIVE BACK SEBASTIAN CASTRO

On the season overall:

"This was a fun season. We had a dog fight every game, but we all liked it that way. It was fun. It was just football, just grinding it out every week."

On executing in an environment like Lucas Oil Stadium:

"There's bright lights and a lot of distractions, but we had a good group of guys that were not distracted from all of the lights. We have coaches reminding us that it's just another game of football. "

On his growth after a difficult season:

"You saw out there every Saturday that we were fighting and we got used to it. We got used to being in close games and got comfortable in those tight situations. This season was really fun in that sense because you knew that every game you had to bring your best or else you would probably lose. "

On managing frustrations when things are not going right:

"You have to take it like a grain of salt because there are so many things that can happen in football during the game. You just can't get hung up on things. We want turnovers and they help us win, but at the end of the day you just have to keep on playing until the next play. You just try to keep on playing. I feel like we did a good job of that today."

IOWA DEFENSIVE LINEMAN LOGAN LEE:

On his thoughts on the loss even with a great defensive performance:

"It hurts, it's hard I don't know, it's tough, proud of the guys, still a good team effort, it's never easy. A lot of adversity throughout the year things are going to change, I look forward to getting this taste out of my mouth in a few weeks."

On holding Michigan's offense back:

"They still scored too many points, shouldn't have let them drive down the field to get the field goals. Strong performance either way but we still need to be better as a defense, as a team. Just need to continue to grow and rally together."

On their defense being able to hang with a team going to the CFP:

"The history of Iowa, nothing's changed, it's always been a team that's been willing to fight, willing to put in the work, and willing to sacrifice for another. And that's the whole team that's not just the defense."