



## 2023 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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#### **MICHIGAN HEAD COACH JIM HARBAUGH**

*You've won three straight B1G Championships, how does it feel?*

"Makes me feel super great. No coach could have it better than to have these coaches, these coaches and this staff."

#### **MICHIGAN MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER MIKE SAINRISTIL**

*You guys were dominate defensively, you pitched a shutout tonight and you had your hand in two forced turnovers. Tell us about the dominate performance by you and your group.*

"This MVP trophy is not for me. It's for the whole team. The work we put in (during the) off season, the work we consistently put in every single day. Coach Minter talked about it yesterday, that we got to go out there and be the best defensive team, give (our) offense the ball and keep them out there."



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#### **MICHIGAN TIGHT END JALEN HOFFMAN**

*On Michigan's chances of being No. 1 in college football:*

"We've been here for three years now. The feeling is kind of different, but we've been here before, so let's finish it. Let's get the job done. Knowing the feeling of losing helps a lot, too. We've been preparing and focusing, so we're ready for what's next. All we did was stick together as a team, we did this for Coach Harbaugh. We blocked out all the noise from all year long. We didn't have our coach for six games this year and were still sitting on business. When we come together, that's when we do our best."

*On adjusting to a new coach:*

"The way this program is built, it wasn't much of a challenge. The first week felt slightly off, but we had to stick together and keep that family mindset. Just us against them."

*On Jim Harbaugh's pregame speech*

"He said that we have the opportunity to make history. We did this for him and had great team efforts."

*On Mike Samer tonight:*

"He keeps showing up every single week. He's a tone-setter and a captain. He puts in the work day in and day out."

#### **MICHIGAN WIDE RECEIVER SEMAJ MORGAN**

*On nerves:*

"I didn't have nerves, I just didn't want to mess up. I was more just thinking about making the right and best decision. I know I'm young, so I just have to build trust. When my time comes, I just make the best (of) opportunities I can, which happened on the received punt today. A couple of weeks back, the coach told me he liked how I practiced, so I wanted to show them they were right."

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*On Coach Harbaugh:*

"We're a team that goes through adversity daily in practice—overcoming things like this wasn't a big surprise for us. Most people would have folded under these circumstances, so it's great that we were so successful."

#### **MICHIGAN OFFENSIVE LINEMAN LADARIUS HENDERSON**

*On Zak Zinter:*

"His presence here is just enough. We've all been emotional this week about it but just talking to him definitely fuels the fire for us."

**MICHIGAN DEFENSIVE LINEMAN KRIS JENKINS**

*On Coach Harbaugh celebrating on the sidelines:*

“Oh, it's an amazing feeling, man. He's put so much work into us, into this team, all year round. From spring ball to training camp, you know, etc. So, him actually being able to come back with us, you know, after the suspension, being able to cheer with us and being able to enjoy that moment, like he should be able to. It's a great feeling.”

*On Coach Harbaugh being back on the sidelines:*

“There just that vibe that coach brings, you know. It's hard to explain, but whenever Coach Harbaugh walks into a room, you know it. He has that vibe about him, he's always going to get us hype. Coach Sherrone Moore also does a great job of that too. But, Coach Harbaugh, something about when he's speaking up to you, you know, it gets your blood bubbling a little bit.”