



Ohio State Media Day Quotes

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Joey Bosa, Ohio State University Defensive Lineman

On how long it took to shift concentration from the big semifinal win to the championship:

Obviously, it's really exciting to accomplish something like that as a team, and it took all of about four hours to get over the win, because we're not on a mission to win the Sugar Bowl, we're on a mission to win the National Championship.

His first impressions on battling Oregon's game plan and ability to negate the pass rush:

It's a big problem and it's been a problem for every team they've faced. We just have to do a good job of getting lined up, running the ball, and not showing that we're tired, even if we are, just looking like we're ready to go.

On the team's preparation for facing Oregon's offensive attack:

We've just been preparing a little bit differently than other weeks; we've been running a lot more and hurrying in practice, so that's definitely helped us get in shape...These last four practices we've been having hurry up periods. It's definitely been tough, but it's been working.

On limiting Oregon's offensive options during the game:

We've just got to limit what Marcus Mariota can do; try to keep him in the pocket, they're obviously going to spread the ball out all game and they're going to try to hurry it up. We're just going to try and keep up with the pace and try to keep him in the pocket.

On the key to getting pressure on Mariota with his quick release:

With the quick release, you can't really affect much, but if we have good coverage he's going to hold on to the ball longer, and as long as we're in our rush lanes he'll stay in the pocket and we'll be able to get to him.

On the biggest challenge when facing Mariota:

He's such a dual threat with his legs and his arms. It's really not one more than the other, we'll have to limit both to beat them.

On what was learned from Oregon's victory over Florida State in the Rose Bowl:

[Florida State] was in the game all the way to halftime and in the third quarter they started falling out of it. They were exhausted. The D-line wasn't really playing hard at all, and that showed us that we really need to get in shape for this game and we need to hurry up and get to the ball and line up.



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On the way other teams approach him and if it creates opportunities for his teammates:

Teams have definitely been trying to limit what I do and keying on me. I don't mind it as long as it's freeing up my other teammates and they're all making plays and we're playing well as a unit. That's all I can ask for.

On whether getting the sacks record means a lot:

Definitely not as much as winning the National Championship. I could make no tackles, and as long as we win I'll be happy.

On Oregon's offensive line and whether they are peaking at the right time:

They're a really athletic group. They spread the ball out nice. They run really well and we're going to have to try and keep up with them and not let them reach us, or get outside of us. It's going to be tough... We're going to have to win first down; try to get them to second and long or third and longs. That's a really big goal for us, because if we slow them down on first down they really won't go to the hurry up and they'll take it slow and that's the whole goal.

On going deeper into the rotation to deal with Oregon's offensive style:

We're definitely going to be rotating a lot more. Our starters aren't going to be able to play 80 plays, full speed, obviously. So we're going to try and limit it, maybe to 50, 60 plays and get the other guys in as much as we can. Obviously, we can't really rotate in hurry up position, so we can get some rotation going.

On his team possibly suffering a letdown in this game after beating Alabama:

No. It's just on to the next step. This is our final goal. This is what we've been working for so, we're prepared.

On the youth of this Ohio State team and thoughts for the future:

I haven't really thought about the future. But yeah, it's great to see all these young guys stepping up and a lot of my class. It's awesome to see a lot of the guys I came in with playing well.

On the difference in the team's preparation from last week's game to this week:

This is much more of a business trip, this time around. Last week we went, we hung out and had some fun. This week it's all about business; no going out, no messing around. Come in, prepare, we're not walking around the city, we're in our rooms early, and we're getting sleep. We're just preparing.