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"I think nobody has gone through more scrutiny than probably the team here," Egbuka said. "Five weeks ago, you know, people on the scene getting death threats, our head coach getting cussed out, people saying he should never come to Ohio again, all that type of stuff, and I'm sure by the end of (tonight), when you scroll Twitter, Instagram, everyone's going to be singing our praises. We just know what to say true to in our building."

Facing the tournament's No. 1 seed in the Granddaddy of Them All, the Buckeyes scored on six of their first seven drives — with four scoring plays longer than 40 yards — to take a 34-0 lead late in the second quarter on the nation's only remaining unbeaten team.

Henderson's second TD run late in the third essentially put it away for Ohio State, which is headed to the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 10 to face



Ohio State's Kenyatta Jackson, left, and safety Lathan Ransom sack Oregon quarterback Dillon Gabriel during the Rose Bowl and the College Football Playoff quarterfinals on Wednesday.

No. 4 Texas for a berth in the national title game. The Longhorns barely advanced earlier Wednesday, holding off Arizona State 39-31 in a double-overtime Peach Bowl.

"I'm proud of the resilience of these guys," Day said. "Still got a lot of football ahead of us."

Smith, the Buckeyes' standout freshman playmaker, had a remarkable bowl debut with seven receptions for a season-high 187 yards — including five catches for 161 yards in the first half alone, hauling in scoring passes of 45 and 43 yards. Egbuka compared

Smith favorably to Jaxon Smith-Njigba, who had a record 347-yard, three-touchdown Rose Bowl performance three years ago.

"I would say legendary," Egbuka said. "I was able to witness Jaxon's game in the Rose Bowl and the pure dominant performance that that was, but even though (Smith's) stats might not reflect the exact same thing that Jaxon has, I don't think it was too far off in terms of dominance. He's a very special talent, and I'm so excited to keep watching him grow."

Dillon Gabriel passed for 299 yards and hit Traeshon Holden for two touchdowns for the Ducks (13-1, CFP No. 1 seed), whose dreams of their first national title were flattened on the famed Rose Bowl turf. Oregon's 14-game winning streak also ended.

"We really didn't have the ability to stop them, and we didn't have the ability to get something going for us on offense," Oregon coach Dan Lanning said. "We haven't faced a lot of moments like this all year. (Ohio State) is an unbelievable team."

Eleven days after routing Tennessee to open the Playoff, Ohio State dominated the Ducks.

Along with the Buckeyes' offensive fireworks, the Ohio State defense that couldn't sack Gabriel in the teams' first meeting dropped the Heisman Trophy finalist eight times in the rematch.

The Big Ten champion Ducks failed to create any of the big plays that carried them to victory last time. Oregon also played without receiver Evan Stewart, who caught seven passes for 149 yards in the first meeting, but was ruled out of the Rose Bowl with a back injury.

"They brought the fight, and we got hit in the mouth," Oregon receiver Tez Johnson said. "They won the game from the first snap."

Following the usual pregame pageantry in Arroyo Seco's 70-degree sunshine, Ohio State needed just three plays and 49 seconds to strike first. Howard threw a short play-action screen pass to Smith, who motored through Oregon's secondary for a 45-yard score.

On the Buckeyes' third drive, Howard feathered an exceptional long pass over three Ducks to the sprinting Egbuka for a 42-yard TD. Howard finished the first quarter with a career-best 212 yards passing, surpassing his 160 yards against

Tennessee.

Early in the second quarter, Smith got so open near the Ducks' goal line that he had two seconds to settle under Howard's long throw like an outfielder with a fly ball, scoring a 42-yard TD untouched.

When Henderson broke a 66-yard TD run down the Oregon sideline for a 31-0 lead, both sides of the Rose Bowl stands rippled with disbelief.

Oregon finally got moving on its final drive before halftime. Gabriel found Holden for a 5-yard TD pass at the gun to salvage something from its horrific half.

Takeaways

Ohio State: It was the Buckeyes' biggest margin of victory over a No. 1 team in school history. No doubt about it, they look like the best team still playing.

Oregon: Having 3 1/2 weeks off with their first-round bye proved to be dangerous. This disconcerting flop doesn't completely ruin a breakthrough Big Ten debut, but the season will always loom as a missed opportunity in Oregon history — and a good argument for changing the CFP rules to introduce reseeding between rounds.



Ohio State's Jack Sawyer celebrates blocking a pass against Oregon during the Rose Bowl on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
	W	LT	Pct	PF PA
Buffalo	13	30	.813	509 345
Miami	8	80	.500	325 332
N.Y. Jets	4	120	.250	306 384
New England	3	130	.188	266 401
NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
	W	LT	Pct	PF PA
Houston	9	70	.563	349 358
Indianapolis	7	90	.438	351 404

e-Jacksonville	4	120	.250	297 409
e-Tennessee	3	130	.188	297 437
North				
Baltimore	11	50	.688	483 351
Pittsburgh	10	60	.625	363 328
Cincinnati	8	80	.500	453 417
Cleveland	3	130	.188	248 400
West				
Kansas City	15	10	.938	385 288
L.A. Chargers	10	60	.625	368 281
Denver	9	70	.563	387 311
Las Vegas	4	120	.250	289 400

x-Washington	11	5	0	.688	462	372
Dallas	7	9	0	.438	331	445
N.Y. Giants	3	13	0	.188	260	395
South						
Tampa Bay	9	7	0	.563	475	366
Atlanta	8	8	0	.500	351	379
New Orleans	5	11	0	.313	319	371
Carolina	4	12	0	.250	297	496
North						
Detroit	14	2	0	.875	533	333
Minnesota	14	2	0	.875	423	301
Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	438	314
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	286	348
West						
L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	342	356
Seattle	9	7	0	.563	345	343
Arizona	7	9	0	.438	353	355
San Francisco	6	10	0	.375	365	389

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-clinched home-field advantage						
Saturday's Games						
Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m.						
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.						
Sunday's Games						
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.						
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.						
Chicago at Green Bay, 1 p.m.						
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.						
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.						
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.						
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.						
Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.						
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.						
L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 4:25 p.m.						
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:25 p.m.						
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.						
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.						
Minnesota at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.						

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
6 p.m.	Akron at Bowling Green..... CBS
7 p.m.	Wichita St. at Temple..... ESPN2
7 p.m.	Iowa at Wisconsin..... FS1
8 p.m.	Xavier at Georgetown..... CBS
8 p.m.	Michigan St. at Ohio St..... FOX
9 p.m.	Saint Joseph's at Saint Louis..... ESPN2
9 p.m.	Craigton at Marquette..... FS1
11 p.m.	FS1 — Nevada at New Mexico
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
4 p.m.	The SERVPRO First Responder Bowl: North Texas vs. Texas St., Dallas..... ESPN
7:30 p.m.	The Duke's Mayo Bowl: Minnesota vs. Virginia Tech, Charlotte, N.C. (Command Center)..... ACCN
7:30 p.m.	The Duke's Mayo Bowl: Minnesota vs. Virginia Tech, Charlotte, N.C..... ESPN
MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY	
5 p.m.	Michigan vs. Ohio St., Chicago..... BTN
6 p.m.	Denver at Maine..... ESPN
8:30 p.m.	Penn St. vs. Notre Dame, Chicago..... BTN
NBA	
8 p.m.	New York at Oklahoma City..... NBATV
10:30 p.m.	Atlanta at L.A. Lakers..... NBATV
NHL	
7 p.m.	Pittsburgh at Florida..... NHLN
TENNIS	
6 p.m.	United Cup: Semifinals; Brisbane-ATP/WTA, Hong Kong-ATP, Auckland-WTA Semifinals..... TENNIS

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00413
KINGS RIGHT, LLC,
 PLAINTIFF,
 vs. **ADVERTISEMENT**

TIFFANY JOBE;
CASEY LEE JOBE;
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 625 MUNCY STREET;
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY;
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY;
RTL-KY LLC,
 DEFENDANTS,

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on November 20, 2024, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, January 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:
 Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety for a bidder's bond**, a a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.
 Address/Short Description of Property: 625 Muncy Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 783, Page 532, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
 Map/Parcel ID Numbers: 039-08-00-003.02
NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams Jr.
 KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
 BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
 MASTER COMMISSIONER

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00664
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION,
 PLAINTIFF,
 vs. **ADVERTISEMENT**

TERESA MCCOMAS;
CODY MCCOMAS;
CHRISTIAN MCCOMAS,
 DEFENDANTS,

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on December 10, 2024, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, January 24, 2025, at 11:10 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:
 Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety for a bidder's bond**, a a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **6.75% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.
 Address/Short Description of Property: 3234 Oakland Avenue, Catlettsburg (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 845, Page 139, Boyd County Clerk's Office)
 Map/Parcel ID Numbers: 040-02-03-008.00
NOTE - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams Jr.
 KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.
 BOYD CIRCUIT COURT
 MASTER COMMISSIONER