Peach Bowl Draws 22.4 Million Viewers



Ohio State's 42-41 loss to Georgia in the Peach Bowl attracted one of the best audiences for a College Football Playoff semifinal in several seasons, with 22.4 million viewers tuning in on New Year's Eve.

☐ The 2022 #CFBPlayoff Semifinals delivered 21.7 million viewers, becoming the most-viewed non-New Year's Day Semifinals of the CFP era pic.twitter.com/4yk073nY1a

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It was the first time in nine years of the College Football Playoff that both semifinal games finished within one score, and viewers responded by making the Peach Bowl the most-watched semifinal game since the first year of the College Football Playoff, and it's also one of the top 20 cable telecasts on record, according to ESPN.

It's the most-watched non-NFL broadcast since last year's national championship game – one that saw Georgia knock off Alabama – and the Peach Bowl also peaked at 24.3 million viewers shortly before halftime.

The other semifinal, which saw No. 3 TCU knock off No. 2 Michigan, 51-45, drew 21.7 million viewers, for an average of 22.1 million across both games. It was the third-most watched pair of semifinals games dating back to 2014, and the best over the last five season.