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Hawkeyes – Wolverines Prognostications



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Michigan Big Ten Championship Game on Saturday — it’s unanimous this week for Game 13 of the 2023 Season — just not in the way Hawkeyes Fans would prefer.

***The Game:** #18 Iowa (10-2, 7-2) faces off against #2 Michigan (12-0, 9-0) for the Big Ten Football Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis on Saturday, December 2 - kickoff at 7:15 CT on FO | Hawkeye Radio Network. The Hawkeyes clinched the B1G West with their win over Illinois on 11/18 — the Wolverines clinched the East with their win last Saturday over Ohio State. Iowa averages 18.0 points per game and surrenders 12.2 — Michigan averages 37.6 points per game and gives up 10.3 and are favored in this contest by 23.5 (more or less). Iowa trails the all-time series 44-15-4 — Michigan has won three straight in the series and defeated the Hawkeyes in the 2021 B1G Championship Game 42-3.*

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Scott Dochterman – Michigan 27-16:

Maybe I’m squinting too hard to find a positive possibility, but I think Iowa at least takes a whack or two at big, bad Michigan.

[TheAthletic.com](https://www.theathletic.com)

[@ScottDochterman](#) on Twitter/X

John Bohnenkamp – Michigan 14-10:

Will be closer than everyone thinks.

IowaCollegeHoops.com - AP - HawkeyeNation.com
[@JohnBohnenkamp](https://twitter.com/JohnBohnenkamp) on Twitter/X

Marc Morehouse – Michigan 25-9:

The iron boats go as all mariners know with the gales of November remembered. OK, December, but “Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” either way

[Marc Morehouse Substack](http://MarcMorehouseSubstack.com)
[@marcmorehouse](https://twitter.com/marcmorehouse) on Twitter/X

Brendan Stiles – Michigan 35-6:

I have a feeling this could get eerily similar to what happened at Penn State, if not end up being uglier. 10-2 for this team though is an accomplishment and the reward will be a showdown with Ole Miss on New Year's Day in Orlando.

[@TheBStiles](https://twitter.com/TheBStiles) on Twitter/X

John Patchett – Michigan 23-13:

Iowa's Defense and Tory Taylor's punting should prevent Iowa from being humiliated in the Big Ten Championship Game — that's not a lot, but it is something. If there is any chance whatsoever for the Hawkeyes to defeat Michigan turnovers (a lack thereof for Iowa and maybe two for the Wolverines) is the only realistic way I can see that happening. Plus maybe a long scoring play or two - and whichever place-kicker lines up for field goals, those are a must-make.

Iowa's Offense has been horrible and there's no realistic way to think that's going to change in this game against one of the best defenses in college football. You would hope it can at least sustain some drives, eat some clock, and give the defense a chance to rest up on the sidelines. Even that may very well be too much to expect from this offense. Maybe if the Hawkeyes had a healthy Cade McNamara and Erick All (not to mention Cooper DeJean) - and a more competent play-caller - the sliver of hope would be a bit wider. But, alas, none of those things is true for this game. (If wishes were horses, beggars could ride...)

Winning this game is not impossible — but it is certainly improbable. But going for respectability (not a blowout), heading into whatever bowl game, should be a goal and an expectation.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Michigan 23-10:

I see Iowa getting a cheap score on a turnover or a big run play amounting to a scoring chance. I'm picking this much closer than many, but with Iowa's defense, Kirk Ferentz's emotion, and the way Iowa just finds a way to win games lately, I just can't say they'll get blown. Michigan is still the better team and will win this game, but I think it's closer than people think.

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[@TylerTjelmeland](#) on **Twitter/X**

Jack Brandsgard – Michigan 35-3:

Iowa and its fans should feel no shame if/when the Hawkeyes lose this game by a lot. This team has absolutely maximized its potential this season in the face of gambling suspensions, coaching uncertainty and injuries to arguably its four best players. The Hawkeyes have defied the odds all season, and they will face their toughest task yet on Saturday. Iowa fans should drink Indianapolis out of beer (again) and understand that this is all gravy.

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(Team Stats Comparisons on the Following Pages)

IOWA - MICHIGAN SEASON STATS

BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

12/02/23

THE NITTY GRITTY

IOWA (10-2, 7-2)

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
Points/Game	18.0	12.2
First Downs	163	192
Rushing/Game	122.9	105.6
Passing/Game	123.4	174.3
Total Offense/Game	246.3	279.9
Fumbles-Lost	19-7	16-5
Pen./Yds. per game	39/28.8	79/56.1
Time of Poss.	28:57	31:03

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
L. Williams	155	779	5.0	1	64.9
K. Johnson	104	415	4.0	3	51.9

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
D. Hill	97-201-6	48.3	976	5	88.7
C. McNamara	46-90-3	51.1	505	4	101.0

RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
N. Ragaini	26	227	8.7	0	18.9
A. Ostrenga	22	128	5.8	2	12.8

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB
J. Higgins	60-81-141	4.0	1.0	1	4
N. Jackson	37-54-91	8.0	4.0	0	2

MICHIGAN (12-0, 9-0)

TEAM STATISTICS	MICH	OPP
Points/Game	37.6	10.3
First Downs	254	158
Rushing/Game	169.8	91.4
Passing/Game	224.8	155.3
Total Offense/Game	394.5	246.8
Fumbles-Lost	9-2	12-5
Pen./Yds. per game	35/26.4	61/42.8
Time of Poss.	32:30	27:30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
B. Corum	202	976	4.8	22	81.3
D. Edwards	105	354	3.4	3	29.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
J. McCarthy	191-257-4	74.3	2,483	19	206.9
J. Tuttle	15-17-0	88.2	130	1	21.7

RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
R. Wilson	40	648	16.2	11	54.0
C. Loveland	37	550	14.9	4	45.8

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB
J. Colson	31-40-71	2.0	0	1	0
M. Barrett	26-19-45	2.5	2	0	2

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	IOWA	MICH
Total Offense	130	57
Rushing Offense	102	52
Passing Offense	127	63
Team Passing Eff.	129	3
Scoring Offense	121	13
Total Defense	7	2
Rushing Defense	16	6
Passing Yards Allowed	9	4
Team Passing Eff. Def.	4	6
Scoring Defense	3	1
Turnover Margin	73	3
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	120	8
4th Down Conversion Pct.	10	5
3rd Down Conversion Pct. Def.	23	17
4th Down Conversion Pct. Def.	69	11
Red Zone Offense	79	43
Red Zone Defense	16	6
Net Punting	1	10
Punt Returns	42	78
Kickoff Returns	23	126
First Downs Offense	129	51
First Downs Defense	10	2
Fewest Penalties Per Game	3	1
Time of Possession	91	14

IOWA AND MICHIGAN UPDATED SEASON STATS - FOLLOWING PAGES



Team Statistics

	IOWA	OPP
Scoring	203	136
Points per game	18.5	12.4
Points Off Turnovers	40	17
First Downs	149	182
Rushing	66	74
Passing	61	95
Penalty	22	13
Rushing Yardage	1312	1192
Yards gained rushing	1620	1412
Yards lost rushing	308	220
Rushing attempts	386	380
Average per rush	3.4	3.1
Average per game	119.3	108.4
TDs Rushing	10	2
Passing Yardage	1387	1903
Comp-Att-Int	132-263-8	216-394-9
Average per pass	5.3	4.8
Average per catch	10.5	8.8
Average per game	126.1	173.0
TDs Passing	9	9
Total offense	2699	3095
Total plays	649	774
Average per play	4.2	4.0
Average per game	245.4	281.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	15-342	7-109
Punt returns: #-Yards	25-260	21-130
Int returns: #-Yards	9-116	8-31
Kick return average	22.8	15.6
Punt return average	10.4	6.2
Int return average	12.9	3.9
Fumbles-Lost	17-7	12-3
Penalties-Yards	37-336	74-633
Average per game	30.5	57.5
Punts-Yards	73-3506	74-3082
Average per punt	48.0	41.6
Net punt average	44.4	36.0
Kickoffs-Yards	49-3131	41-2553
Average per kick	63.9	62.3
Net kick average	41.0	38.6
Time of possession / game	28:42	31:18
3rd-down conversion	48/156	57/183
3rd-down pct	31%	31%
4rd-down conversion	4/6	11/21



2023-24 Iowa Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	IOWA	OPP
4rd-down pct	67%	52%
Sacks by-Yards	20-105	23-181
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	21	12
Field goals - attempts	17-23	17-23
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(25-29) 86%	(17-24) 71%
Red-zone touchdowns	(13-29) 45%	(9-24) 38%
PAT-attempts	(18-19) 95%	(11-11) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	484750	286535
Games / Avg per game	7/69250	4/71634
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Iowa	32	65	36	70	0	203
Opponents	19	36	36	45	0	136



2023-24 Michigan Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	MICH	OPP
Scoring	451	123
Points per game	37.6	10.3
Points Off Turnovers	85	9
First Downs	254	158
Rushing	103	65
Passing	134	83
Penalty	17	10
Rushing Yardage	2037	1097
Yards gained rushing	2205	1404
Yards lost rushing	168	307
Rushing attempts	459	363
Average per rush	4.4	3.0
Average per game	169.8	91.4
TDs Rushing	33	7
Passing Yardage	2697	1864
Comp-Att-Int	211-285-5	168-309-16
Average per pass	9.5	6.0
Average per catch	12.8	11.1
Average per game	224.8	155.3
TDs Passing	21	7
Total offense	4734	2961
Total plays	744	672
Average per play	6.4	4.4
Average per game	394.5	246.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	15-224	14-213
Punt returns: #-Yards	26-202	7-39
Int returns: #-Yards	16-338	5-51
Kick return average	14.9	15.2
Punt return average	7.8	5.6
Int return average	21.1	10.2
Fumbles-Lost	9-2	12-5
Penalties-Yards	35-317	61-514
Average per game	26.4	42.8
Punts-Yards	36-1621	61-2659
Average per punt	45.0	43.6
Net punt average	42.6	39.1
Kickoffs-Yards	82-5206	33-1965
Average per kick	63.5	59.5
Net kick average	40.4	39.1
Time of possession / game	32:30	27:30
3rd-down conversion	68/137	48/154
3rd-down pct	50%	31%
4rd-down conversion	14/18	9/25



2023-24 Michigan Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	MICH	OPP
4rd-down pct	78%	36%
Sacks by-Yards	29-219	14-109
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	59	14
Field goals - attempts	12-14	9-14
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-3
Red-zone scores	(48-55) 87%	(15-21) 71%
Red-zone touchdowns	(40-55) 73%	(9-21) 43%
PAT-attempts	(57-58) 98%	(12-12) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-2) 0%
Attendance	769797	373921
Games / Avg per game	7/109971	5/74784
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Michigan	106	138	133	74	0	451
Opponents	26	39	21	37	0	123