

2023 BIG TEN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 Lucas Oil Stadium • Indianapolis, Ind. FINAL SCORE: Michigan 26, Iowa 0



MICHIGAN NOTES

• Captured its third-straight Big Ten Championship. The last time Michigan won three consecutive conference titles was from 1988-92.

• Michigan's league-leading 45th Big Ten Title also marks its first time in program history with three consecutive outright Big Ten Championships.

• Michigan has achieved its second consecutive 13-0 season and second season ever with 13 wins.

• The Wolverines have been victorious in 25 straight Big Ten games dating to 2021, the longest streak in program history and the third longest in Big Ten history.

• The Big Ten Conference does not recognize the 2021, 2022, or 2023 Big Ten championship games as conference matchups, so U-M is at 22 straight Big Ten wins by the league's record book. That figure surpassed the previous record, a mark held by Gary Moeller's 1990-92 teams (19).

IOWA NOTES

• Appeared in their second Big Ten Championship Game in three years.

• This was Iowa's third-straight year playing a No. 2 ranked opponent (Ohio State, 2022; Michigan, 2021).

It was also the program's seventh game against a top 10 team since 2021 (2-5 record).

• Punter Tory Taylor had seven punts for 353 yards, including four over 50 yards and a season-long 67-yarder in the second quarter.

• Iowa's defense has allowed fewer than 400 yards in 27 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the nation.

- DB Sebastian Castro had a career-high nine tackles.
- Gave up two rushing touchdowns, matching its season total in that category.

• Held Michigan to its lowest first-half points total (10) of the season.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

• Michigan DB Mike Sainristil was named the Grange-Griffin Most Valuable Player of the Big Ten Football Championship Game. He becomes just the second defensive player to earn the award in the game's 13-year history. Michigan had the other defensive winner as well (Aidan Hutchinson, 2021).

• Michigan's Jim Harbaugh tied Ohio State's Urban Meyer for most Big Ten Championship Game victories (3).

• Semaj Morgan's 87-yard punt return in the first quarter was the longest in Big Ten Championship Game history.

• Michigan's James Turner converted four field goals, the second-most in championship history. He also kicked the longest field goal in game history with a 50-yarder.

• Tonight's contest was the lowest scoring game (26 points combined) in Big Ten Championship history.

• Marked just the second shutout in Big Ten Championship Game history (Ohio State defeated Wisconsin, 59-0 in 2014).

- Michigan is 3-0 all-time in Big Ten Championship Games while Iowa fell to 0-3.
- Tonight's game was the 64th meeting all-time between the schools; Michigan owns a 45-15-4 lead in the series.
- Michigan has won the last four meetings between the teams.