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Iowa, the nation's top-ranked team for the first time in 24 years, played exactly like a No. 1 team when put to the test in the final four minutes today against Michigan State.

Trailing, 31-28, the Hawkeyes marched 76 yards and, with 27 seconds remaining, Chuck Long, the brilliant senior quarterback, ran two more yards on a naked bootleg off a beautifully executed fake to give Iowa a thrilling 35-31 decision over the Spartans.

The fake was the culmination of a spectacular performance by Long, who set an Iowa single-game record with 30 completions. He threw 39 times and gained 380 yards. He also threw for four touchdowns.

## Spartans Completely Fooled

But it was those last two yards that were the most important. Long gave the Michigan State defense the impression that Ronnie Harmon was carrying the ball to the left. Instead, the quarterback kept the ball and went right. He high-stepped into the end zone without a Spartan defender near him.

"That may have been the greatest fake in the history of college football," said Hayden Fry, the happy Iowa coach. "I believe I could have scored on that one."

Iowa called its last time out just before that touchdown. On the sideline, Fry directed Long to go with the fake.

"I wouldn't have called that play myself if I were the coach," Long said. "But when you thought about it, it was a good play."

### Had to Come From Behind

Long, who got his team off to a 13-0 lead on his first two touchdown passes, had to rally his team twice. On the final drive, which began at the Iowa 22-yard line, he threw five completions in six attempts.

For the Hawkeyes, who were ranked No. 1 for the first time since Oct. 2, 1961, their fourth victory of the season came against a surprisingly improved Michigan State, now 2-2. It was also the first Big Ten game for both teams and revenge for Iowa, which was beaten 17-16 by the Spartans last year in a game that knocked Iowa out of the Rose Bowl.

The 66,044 fans in chilly Kinnick Stadium and the national television audience may have felt that Iowa was going to run away with the game, particularly after Long threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Robert Smith on Iowa's fifth offensive play of the game. Soon after, he hit Mike Flagg for a 17-yard touchdown play.

Iowa and its fans had not counted on a freshman quarterback being much of a problem. But Bobby McAllister, had an outstanding performance just two weeks after he took his first snap in a college game filling in for the injured Dave Yarema.

McAllister, who tossed a short pass that Andre Rison turned into a 50-yard touchdown, brought his team to the brink of a major upset with 18 completions in 27 attempts for 275 yards. #226 Yards for White Lorenzo White was a known factor for Michigan State. He is the Big Ten's leading rusher this season and today scored two touchdowns and gained 226 yards on 39 carries.

The two Spartans were the primary actors in a performance that put Michigan State ahead by 24-13 early in the third period. White scored both of his touchdowns within a span of five minutes in that quarter.

Long came back to hit Smith again for a touchdown and Flagg again for another touchdown before the third period ended and Iowa was ahead, 28-24. The scores increased Long's season mark to 14 touchdown passes in four games.

But Michigan State, behind McAllister, then drove 89 yards to score on a 25-yard touchdown run by Craig Johnson with 4 minutes 6 seconds left. Iowa and Long had just enough time left to pull it out.

"When I called Chuck over to the sideline before the fake," said Fry, "I just asked him if he thought he was fast enough to make it."

"It's all in the fake," Long said. "If it works, the slowest quarterback in the world could score."

"The No. 1 thing didn't bother us this week," the quarterback said reflectively. "We're not accustomed to it so maybe we don't know how you're suppose to act as No. 1. But to tell you the truth, I'd rather we were No. 2. It's early in the season and a long way to go and being No. 1 might get heavy."

Long was certainly not a No. 2 quarterback today.

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