

# FOOTBALL'S SUMMIT MEETING

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The first time a team ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press poll met the No. 2 team occurred in 1943, when service teams often appeared in the rankings and No. 1 Notre Dame edged No. 2 **Iowa** Pre-Flight, 14-13.

Another meeting of the top two will take place today, the 19th such game in the 50 years of the A.P. ranking. This time, it will be **Iowa** against Michigan at **Iowa** City. Both teams have 5-0 records.

**Iowa** is the highest-scoring team in the nation, averaging 44.2 points a game, and Michigan is the stingiest, yielding 4.2. The Wolverines have surrendered only one touchdown in five games. **Iowa** is the country's sixth-best passing team; its quarterback, Chuck Long, is third nationally in passing efficiency.

The **Hawkeyes** are sixth nationally in offense, averaging 469.8 yards a game, with Long completing 106 of 158 passes for 1,288 yards and 15 touchdowns, and **Ronnie Harmon** rushing for 512 yards in five games. Michigan is fourth nationally in total defense (220.0 yards a game), 12th against the rush (99.2) and eighth in passing defense (120.8).

## 'Life Will Continue'

"I've never been associated with a 1-2 game in the middle of the season," said Coach Hayden Fry of **Iowa**. "It's an important game, the biggest game of the week, but we don't want to put all our eggs in one basket. We have to be realistic. If we don't win, life will continue. I don't want our guys to think it's a matter of life and death. I'd hate to think the game has reached that point." Schembechler agreed with Fry. "The rankings are fun," he said. "They create interest and conversation in college football. But

from a practical standpoint, they don't have a lot of meaning. This game is important, but it will not make or break anyone."

In the last 1-2 pairing, No. 2 Penn State beat No. 1 Georgia, 27-23, in the Sugar Bowl to win the 1982 national championship. In the last such regular-season game, No. 1 Southern Cal edged No. 2 Oklahoma, 28-24, in 1981. Over all, the No. 1 team has a 12-4-2 record.

Another major game today -Miami at Oklahoma - will involve two coaches who are members of the Arkansas Alumni Association: Jimmy Johnson of Miami and Barry Switzer of Oklahoma.

#### Two Previous Meetings

Oklahoma and Miami have met only twice, with Oklahoma winning both times, 24-20 in 1973 and 20-17 in 1975.

"This is our toughest test so far," Switzer said of Miami (4-1), which ranks fourth nationally in total offense (488.2 yards a game) and sixth in scoring (36.2). "Miami has an excellent team, with some of the best skill people in the nation."

Referring to the quarterback Vinny Testaverde and the tight end Willie Smith, Switzer added, "We have not been tested with the kind of passing attack we will see."

Both teams will be without key defensive performers. Oklahoma lost the all-America nose guard Tony Casillas with a knee injury in last week's 14-7 victory over Texas, and the Miami end Kevin Fagan is doubtful with an injured hip.

#### The Leading Defense

Oklahoma leads the nation in total defense (121.0) and rushing defense (31.7) and is second in passing defense (89.3) and scoring defense (6.7).

At Birmingham, Ala., Tennessee (2-1-1) will face Alabama (4-1). After winning 11 consecutive games from Tennessee, Alabama lost the last three. Tennessee's defensive coordinator, Ken Donahue, in his first season there, had worked in the same capacity at Alabama the previous 21 years.

In South Bend, Ind., Army (5-0) will play Notre Dame (1-3). Notre Dame has beaten Army nine consecutive times by a combined score of 354-16.

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