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Michigan Football Tickets – Do They Hold The Same Value As 10 Years Ago?

By Jay Nault

Over time, Michigan football tickets have become special for many reasons. The Wolverines not only have the most wins for a college football program in the United States, but as of this writing they also have the highest winning percentage of any major college team. For over 100 years, the Wolverines have been winning in a big way, counting over 850 victories to their credit during that time.

However, the Wolverines have "struggled" a bit in recent years as teams in the Big Ten have begun to compete with them on a regular basis. There does need to be a disclaimer in place, however, in that an "off" year for the Wolverines would be an outstanding season for most other programs. Regardless, Michigan fans have come to expect a certain level of dominance over time, and a look at the past few seasons may show why the perception is that the team isn't the "premier" program it once was.

The Start of the Perceived "Decline"

The Wolverines won their first "Modern Era" national championship in 1997 after finishing an undefeated season. It was the pinnacle for a program that had won six Big Ten titles in the previous 10 seasons, and the Wolverines were heroes to students, fans and alumni all over the world. Players such as Brian Griese and Charles Woodson were the stars of that team, and the program appeared to be as strong as ever.

The team had another strong year in 1998 when they won another Big Ten title, but did not go to the Rose Bowl that year due to a tiebreaker rule. They followed that season with another strong 10–2 record in 1999 but failed to win the Big Ten, finishing behind Wisconsin, who went to the Rose Bowl and represented the Big Ten with a victory.

It was the dawn of the 21st Century that led to fans and alumni grumbling that the program was starting to "decline." You wouldn't have known it based on sales of Michigan football tickets, as the "Big House" was and is still packed for every game with over 100,000 fans. However, the Wolverines lost three games in 2000 and did not advance to the Rose Bowl.

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2001 led to more grumbling, as the team lost four games, including losses to hated rivals Michigan State and Ohio State. They also lost to Tennessee in the Florida Citrus Bowl. The Wolverines lost three games in each of the next three seasons, and an even more troubling trend began to emerge – the Wolverines had lost their recent dominance over the Buckeyes. This, perhaps more than any other factor, has led to dissatisfaction among Wolverine fans.

The bottom appeared to fall out in 2005, when the team posted a 7–5 record and lost to Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio State and Nebraska. 7–5 may be a good record for most programs, but it's unacceptable in Ann Arbor, and Coach Lloyd Carr is feeling the heat these days.

The "Decline" in Reality

A look at the numbers shows a slight, but not rapid, decline in Michigan's winning percentage. Since they began to play football in 1883, the Wolverines won 75% of their games. Since 2001, Michigan is

44–18, which still results in a 70% winning percentage. So then, why do fans perceive the Wolverines to be in decline? Probably two reasons more than any others – they have not been beating Ohio State with regularity, losing three of the last four games against the Buckeyes. They have also lost 11 games in the past three years, which is more than fans are accustomed to.

What does all of this mean? First, the program is not in decline. They had a tough year in 2005, but that will most likely look like an aberration 10 years from now. Secondly, Michigan football tickets are as special as they ever have been.

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Notre Dame Football Tickets – A Lineage Of Legendary Coaches

By Jay Nault

Notre Dame football tickets are a treasure, as millions of fans around the world sit on the edge of their seats every time the Fighting Irish play a game. The Irish can boast of a long and incredibly successful football history, and the academic reputation of the school is commensurate with the team's on-field success. The best way to look at the history of this storied program is to break it down into periods of

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coaching, as the team has been competing at a high level for over 100 years.

Early Years

The Irish endured humble beginnings, and were beaten regularly by what would become their arch-rival, the University of Michigan. However, the team finally broke through against the Wolverines in 1909, and Michigan refused to play Notre Dame again for 33 years. Their 11–3 win represented their biggest triumph since the program began in 1887, and set the stage for the arrival of their first coaching legend.

The Rockne Era

Kenneth "Knut" Rockne arrived on campus in 1918, and immediately took the program to new heights. Rockne posted a record of 105 wins and 12 losses with 5 ties in his 13 seasons as coach, and the Irish won six national championships and enjoyed five undefeated seasons. Rockne also coached several playing legends, including George "The Gipper" Gipp and the Four Horsemen. Thanks to Rockne, the Irish had become the premier college football program in the United States. However, Rockne tragically died in a plane crash in 1931, and the program suffered for a time because of this unexpected loss.

The Leahy Era

Frank Leahy arrived in South Bend in 1941, and he coached Notre Dame until 1953. However, Leahy did leave the program in 1944 and 1945 to fight in World War II. Leahy posted a record nearly equal to Rockne's, and he posted six undefeated seasons. Leahy also guided the team to 39 games without a loss, and oversaw one of the greatest eras in the history of Notre Dame football. Much like after Rockne left, Notre Dame football struggled for ten years until another legendary coach arrived.

The Parseghian Era

Ara Parseghian arrived in 1964, and he, like Leahy, immediately restored Notre Dame to its customary place at the top of the college football world. Parseghian won nearly 100 games in only nine seasons, and he ushered in a new phenomenon in Notre Dame football tickets by helping to end the policy of not playing in bowl games in 1969. Under Parseghian, the team won two more national championships and its first bowl games.

Modern Era

Several other coaches have followed these legends with varying degrees of success. Dan Devine continued the success with another national championship, but his successor, Gerry Faust, never

enjoyed more than seven wins during the regular season.

Lou Holtz followed Faust, and he led the Irish to their most recent national championship to date in 1988. Following Holtz, the Irish struggled with the likes of Bob Davie and Tyrone Willingham, but their

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current coach, Charlie Weis, has shown great promise during his short time in South Bend.

Notre Dame football has also allowed fans to see a plethora of great players, but their program was put together by a string of Hall of Fame coaches. These transcendent leaders are the main reason that Notre Dame football tickets are so special, and why Notre Dame is still seen as the premier college football program in the country.

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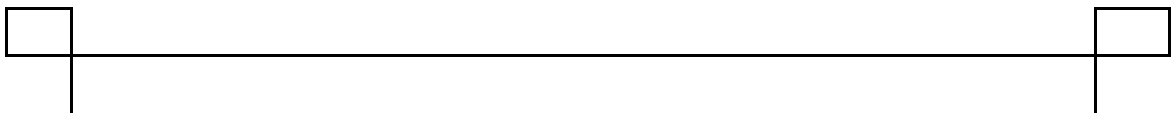
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