

# No. 23 Missouri rallies from 10 down, beats Iowa in the Music City Bowl

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Blake Craig kicked two field goals in the fourth quarter, his second a 56-yarder with 4:36 left as No. 23 Missouri rallied to beat Iowa 27-24 on Monday in the Music City Bowl.

Missouri trailed 24-14 when the Tigers started the comeback, scoring the final 13 points for the win. Brady Cook threw for 287 yards and two touchdowns. Joshua Manning also ran for a TD to key the comeback. Marquis Johnson added 122 yards receiving and a TD catch.

Missouri (10-3) posted the program's eighth 10-win season. Coach Eli Drinkwitz said the win total is only a piece, with the Tigers starting and finishing the season ranked a great accomplishment for his seniors.

"It's something that they should take a lot of pride in back-to-back seasons," Drinkwitz said. "Finishing ranked is an unbelievable accomplishment for our program and really, really proud of them."

Cook, who also ran for 54 more yards, said there was never a decision for himself or fellow senior defensive end John



Missouri players hoist the trophy after winning the Music City Bowl NCAA college football game against Iowa on Monday in Nashville, Tenn.

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ny Walker not to play one last game for Missouri.

"We knew we were going to and getting that 10th win and leaving our legacy and going out

with a win, going out winning a championship — no matter what Iowa (8-5) lost its second

straight bowl, denying coach Kirk Ferentz a chance to move up the Big Ten ranks. He

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Iowa (8-5) lost its second straight bowl, denying coach Kirk Ferentz a chance to move up the Big Ten ranks. He

remains one behind Woody Hayes' 205 wins at Ohio State for the most overall wins in league history and his 10 bowl wins keeps him tied with Joe Paterno for the most.

The Hawkeyes had two final chances, the last near midfield with 1:54 left.

Walker got his second sack of the game. Missouri made a stop just short of the first on third down, then stopped quarterback Brendan Sullivan for no gain on fourth-and-1 to start the celebration and chants of "SEC" from fans.

"It's disappointing ....," Ferentz said. "We just didn't have what it took to get it done."

The Hawkeyes jumped out to a 14-7 lead with Terrell Washington Jr. catching a 6-yard pass from Sullivan and Kaden Wetjen's 100-yard kickoff return. Kamari Moulton's 1-yard run gave Iowa a 21-14 halftime lead. Drew Stevens added a 38-yard field goal in the third.

Then Missouri started the comeback. After Manning's TD late in the third quarter. Toriano Pride Jr. picked off a pass by Sullivan. The Tigers tied it up with a 51-yard field goal by Craig with 10:10 left before he kicked the game-winner.

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the right thing to do was playing those guys," he said. "We owed it to the team. ... That was tough. I think the biggest thing is there were things we wanted to do better than we did last week, and we did."

Goff threw a go-ahead touchdown pass to Amon-Ra St. Brown in the final minute of the third quarter following the first of Kerby Joseph's two second-half interceptions against Brock Purdy.

That proved to be enough for the Lions (14-2) to complete a perfect regular season away

from home, beat the 49ers (6-10) on the road for the first time since 1975 and get a small bit of revenge for last season's playoff loss.

"I still had that chip on my shoulder from last year," Joseph said. "We were so close and we just came up short."

Jahmyr Gibbs put the game away with a 30-yard touchdown run with less than three minutes left following Purdy's second interception, giving him 117 yards on the night.

The offenses dominated for much of the night, with the teams scoring touchdowns on the first five possessions and Purdy and Goff combining to complete the first

17 passes of the game — including a perfectly executed hook-and-ladder play that led to a 42-yard TD for Goff.

He threw a short pass to St. Brown, who immediately pitched the ball to Jameson Williams, who streaked down the sideline for the final 41 yards and his second TD of the first half.

The only stops of the half came when Renardo Green broke up a pass in the end zone from Goff to Sam LaPorta and when Jake Moody missed a 51-yard field goal in the closing seconds for San Francisco.

Purdy threw a 5-yard pop pass for a TD on San Francisco's opening

drive of the second half before Detroit's defense finally managed a stop when Joseph intercepted an overthrown pass by Purdy.

Goff turned that into a 4-yard TD pass to St. Brown on fourth-and-goal to give the Lions their first lead at 31-28 late in the third quarter.

Moody missed a 58-yard field goal that could have tied the game early in the fourth quarter for his ninth missed field goal of the season. Moody also missed an extra point after Joshua Dobbs scored on a TD run in the final minute.

"We weren't able to slow them down enough on defense," 49ers

coach Kyle Shanahan said. "That's a real good offense, but we still have to slow them down a little bit more. That was the difference in the game. We had to win in it in a shootout. I thought the difference was our two turnovers."

### INJURIES

**Lions:** RT Penei Sewell went to the locker room early at the end of the first half to get a thumb injury checked out but there is no concern about his status.

**49ers:** Purdy left late in the fourth quarter after hurting his throwing elbow on a sack. Purdy said his elbow "doesn't feel the best" but initial

testing showed his surgically repaired ligament from an injury sustained in the 2022 NFC title game against Philadelphia is fine.

### UP NEXT

**Lions:** Host Minnesota on Sunday night.

**49ers:** Visit Arizona on Sunday.

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wild-card selections, also ranked by record.

The format means the No. 1 seed in each conference is very important because it guarantees a wild card round bye and home-field advantage until the Super Bowl. For the other 12 teams in the opening round, the No. 7 seed travels to the No. 2 seed, No.

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**11-2024 KOC 220.38 (2024)** – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Rebate of 0.35% of all Occupational License Fees Due and Payable to Daviess County, Kentucky, by Ordinance, From the Salaries, Wages and Other Compensation to be Paid by the New Employees of Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline Inc., Provided Said Corporation Meets the Criteria Set Forth in its Application for Incentives Under the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, Kentucky Business Investment Program

Copies of the full text of the ordinance is available for public inspection in the County Judge/Executive's Office, Courthouse, Room 202, 212 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. & on-line at [www.daviessky.org](http://www.daviessky.org).

The Daviess County Fiscal Court certifies that the summary above is true, correct & written in a way calculated to inform the public of their content.

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