The Big Ten Championship Game will be played this Saturday night in Indianapolis with Nebraska and Wisconsin competing for the Stagg Trophy (formerly known as the Stagg-Paterno Trophy). It's a rematch of the teams' meeting in late September, won by the Cornhuskers 30-27 in Lincoln, in one of their numerous 4th quarter comebacks of 2012.

Back in August, the Leaders Division preview predicted that Ohio State would win the division and force the conference to field something less than their best two teams in the second annual title game, and that's how it turned out. *(The Legends preview wasn't nearly as prescient...I liked the Spartans)*

Small wonder then, that the championship game of an unusually weak conference is eliciting a large national yawn by featuring the Badgers, with their 4-4 Big Ten mark, and a 7-5 overall record, against a Nebraska team that has already beaten them once, but that also gave up 63 points in a loss to the undefeated Buckeyes.

But so be it. This is what Ohio State and their fans signed up for in 2012. A low-stress bowl season. Enjoy...and let the rest of Big Ten country savor a postseason without Ohio State. It's the future of OSU under Urban Meyer that they have to worry about.

All-Big Ten Teams - Coaches and Media Polls and Individual Award Winners

Final Regular Season Big Ten Statistics

Rather than rehash last week's games, very few of which were meaningful, I've decided to recap each team's season in brief, with a look ahead to 2013. Part 1 will deal with the Legends Division, and we'll get to the Leaders in a day or two. Without further ado...the final Big Ten standings...

Legends Division

Nebraska 7-1
Michigan 6-2
Northwestern 5-3
Michigan St. 3-5
Minnesota 2-6
Iowa 2-6

Leaders Division

Ohio State 8-0
Penn State 6-2
Wisconsin 4-4
Purdue 3-5
Indiana 2-6
Illinois 0-8

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MICHIGAN STATE
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