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This game will be a homecoming of sorts for Bob Stoops.

The former Iowa Hawkeye football player will face off against his alma mater when he brings his Oklahoma Sooners to the Insight Bowl to face the Hawkeyes. Although Stoops has coached Oklahoma for 13 years, he has never played his former school.

In fact, the only time these two storied programs hooked up came in the 1979 season opener, when Barry Switzer's Sooners beat Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes 21-6 in Norman.

Our latest [Insight Bowl odds](#) list Oklahoma as 14-point favorites, while the total has been posted at 58 points.

Iowa

Iowa started 3-1, then 5-2, but has alternated wins and losses in each of the last six games, finishing the regular season with a 20-7 loss at Nebraska. The Hawkeyes have been 1-4 away from home, with two of the losses by a total of four points.

The Hawkeyes rate 42nd in the nation in defense (23 points per contest), giving up 388 yards per contest (228 through the air, 160 via the run) while recording 20 sacks and generating 18 turnovers – with two being taken back for scores (Tanner Miller and Shaun Prater, interceptions).

James Morris anchors the defensive unit with 105 stops (adding an interception), while Christian Kirksey has 103 stops (two forced fumbles, sack, interception, fumble recovery). Mike Daniels has seven sacks with 62 stops, while Miller has three picks, 71 stops and a forced fumble and Prater has four forced fumbles to go with 46 stops.

Iowa ranks 53rd nationally in points scored (29 ppg) while compiling 379 yards per game (236 passing, 143 rushing). James Vandenberg has completed 59 percent of his passes for 2,806 yards with 23 TDs and six picks. The offensive line has allowed 26 sacks.

Marvin McNutt is the best receiver with 78 catches (33 more than any other player) for 1,269 yards and 12 touchdowns, while Marcus Coker leads the ground attack with 1,384 yards and 15 touchdowns on 4.9 yards per attempt.

Oklahoma

After a 6-0 start, Oklahoma is just 3-3 in their final six games and are coming off a 44-10 loss to their in-state rivals Oklahoma State. OU is 4-2 as a visitor, but has lost the past two games to ranked teams (Baylor, OSU).

Oklahoma rates 10th nationally in points (40 ppg) while totaling 532 yards per contest (365 through the air, 167 via the run). Landry Jones has connected on 63 % of his throws for 4,302 yards and 28 touchdowns with 14 interceptions. The offensive line has given up nine sacks.

Ryan Broyles (out for the season: knee injury) was the top receiver with 83 catches (25 more than any other player) for 1,157 yards and 10 touchdowns, while Roy Finch and Dominique Whaley (out for the season: ankle injury) led the ground attack with a combined 1,228 yards and 12 touchdowns on 5.6 yards per attempt.

On defense, Oklahoma ranks 37th in the country in points allowed (23 ppg), allowing 384 yards per contest (244 via the pass, 140 on the ground) while recording 37 sacks and enticing 25 turnovers – four of which have gone back for scores (Jamell Fleming, Tom Wort and David King, fumbles; Demontre Hurst, pick).

Aaron Colvin and Travis Lewis pace the defense with 80 and 79 tackles, respectively, adding two forced fumbles, two recoveries and a pick combined. Frank Alexander has 8.5 sacks and three forced fumbles, adding 51 tackles, a pick and a fumble recovery, while Tony Jefferson has four interceptions, 67 tackles, 4.5 sacks and a forced fumble.

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