

# blaze win

Kirk Herbstreit takes an early look at the CFP National Championship game between Washington and Michigan next Monday. (2:27)

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Top-ranked Michigan

has been installed as the betting favorite over Washington in a battle

of unbeaten in

the College Football / , Playoff national championship game.

The Wolverines opened as

5-point favorites at sportsbook ESPN BET with the over/under total at

55.5.

The line / , on

the title game at DraftKings opened at Michigan -4.5, while other U.S.

sportsbooks made

the Wolverines 3.5-point favorites over / , the Huskies.

The Wolverines (14-0) outlasted

Alabama 27-20 in an overtime thriller in the Rose Bowl to advance to their first

CFP

title game. The Huskies (14-0) hung on to upset Texas 37-31 in the Sugar

Bowl and reach

next week's / , championship game, which will be the first without

an SEC team since

2014.

The Alabama-Michigan Rose Bowl attracted heavy betting action, / , the

bulk of it on

the underdog Crimson Tide at most sportsbooks. Entering the weekend, Alabama had

attracted nearly three

times as much money from bettors compared to Michigan. But

larger bets from professional bettors showed up on the Wolverines / ,

on Monday, causing

the line to tick up to Michigan -2.5 at some sportsbooks.

Ed Salmons, a veteran Las

Vegas bookmaker / , with the SuperBook, told ESPN that while the betting

public was siding

with Alabama, the "bigger money" was on Michigan. / , ESPN BET

also reported big bets on

the Wolverines, including a \$1.35 million money-line bet on Michigan ( ) Tj T\* BT /F

game outright.

The Wolverines scored on their first possession in overtime and stopped

Alabama on fourth and goal to secure a / , spot Monday's champions

hip game in Houston.

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