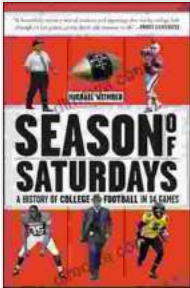


# Gridiron Glory: A Journey Through College Football History in 14 Pivotal Games



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College football, a sport that captivates millions of fans across the United States, boasts a rich history filled with legendary teams, iconic players, and unforgettable moments. In "History of College Football in 14 Games," author and sports historian John Feinstein takes readers on a captivating journey through the sport's storied past, focusing on 14 pivotal games that shaped its evolution and left an indelible mark on the gridiron.

### **Princeton vs. Yale (1869): The Birth of College Football**

Considered the first true college football game, this historic encounter in New Brunswick, New Jersey, established the basic rules and traditions that would guide the sport for generations to come.

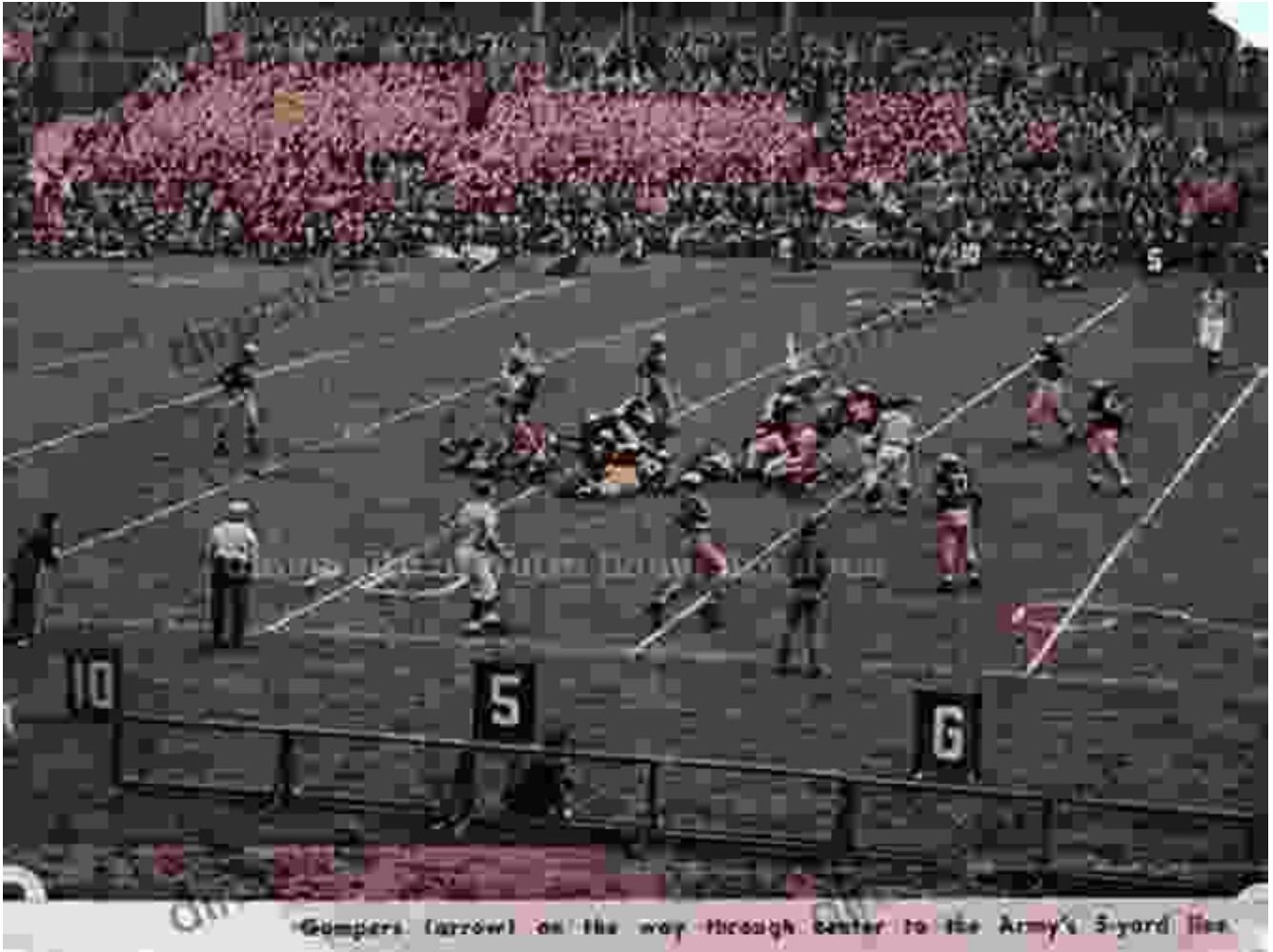


### **Michigan vs. Chicago (1898): Hazing and the Birth of the Western Conference**

This bitter rivalry culminated in a violent confrontation that led to the suspension of the Michigan football program and the formation of the Western Conference, now known as the Big Ten.

### **Army vs. Notre Dame (1946): The Game of the Century**

Two undefeated teams met in Yankee Stadium for a thrilling contest that captivated the nation and is widely regarded as the greatest college football game ever played.



The 1946 Army-Notre Dame game, known as "The Game of the Century," is considered one of the greatest college football games of all time.

### **Alabama vs. Texas (1961): The Birth of the Wishbone**

The Tide's adoption of Emory Bellard's innovative Wishbone offense revolutionized the sport and paved the way for Alabama's dominance in the 1960s.

### **Ohio State vs. Michigan (1973): The Ten-Year War**

One of the most intense rivalries in college football, this game marked the end of a bitter 10-year stretch where both teams traded wins and

heartbreaks.



### **Penn State vs. Nebraska (1982): The Game That Changed Football**

A controversial finish and the rise of the television age transformed college football into a national phenomenon, with Penn State emerging as a dominant force.

## **Miami vs. Notre Dame (1988): The Comeback**

In a dramatic upset, the Hurricanes staged an improbable second-half comeback against the Fighting Irish, solidifying their status as one of the most dominant teams of the 1980s.



Miami's dramatic comeback against Notre Dame in 1988 remains one of the most iconic moments in college football history.

## **Florida State vs. Auburn (1993): The Kick**

In a thrilling battle between two top-ranked teams, the Seminoles' Scott Bentley kicked a 52-yard field goal as time expired, securing their first national championship.

## **Tennessee vs. Florida (1998): The Fourth Quarter for the Ages**

In a game that showcased the rivalry's intensity, the Volunteers rallied from a 14-point deficit in the final quarter to win, setting the stage for their national championship run.



## **LSU vs. Alabama (2011): The Game of the Century II**

A rematch of the 2009 BCS Championship Game, this contest featured high-scoring offenses and a dramatic finish, solidifying both teams as powerhouses of the modern era.

## **Ohio State vs. Alabama (2014): The First College Football Playoff**

The inaugural College Football Playoff culminated in a thrilling battle between two undefeated teams, with the Buckeyes emerging victorious and ushering in a new era of the sport.

## **Clemson vs. Alabama (2018): The Natty Lite**

In a rematch of the previous year's national championship game, the Tigers upset the favored Crimson Tide, capturing their second title in three years.



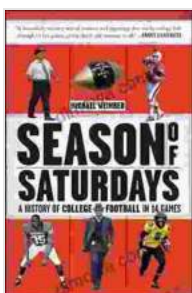
Clemson's victory over Alabama in the 2018 National Championship Game cemented the Tigers' status as one of the top teams in college football.

## **Georgia vs. Alabama (2021): The Kirby Bowl**

In a highly anticipated clash between two top-ranked teams, the Bulldogs overcame a slow start to defeat the Crimson Tide and claim their first national championship in over 40 years.



Through these 14 pivotal games, author John Feinstein paints a vivid picture of the evolution of college football, from its humble beginnings to its present-day status as a beloved American pastime. "History of College Football in 14 Games" is a captivating read for fans of the sport, offering a unique perspective on the moments that shaped its legacy.



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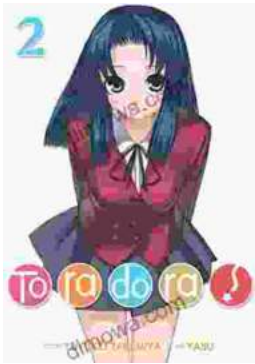
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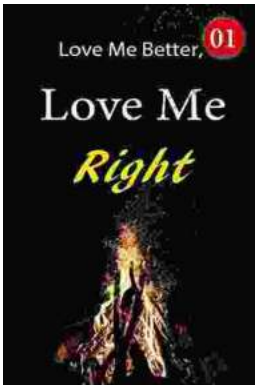
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