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Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Cyclones Prognostications (09/10/21)

The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Iowa State game. It's not unanimous this week for the annual battle for the Cy-Hawk Trophy matching these two top-10 teams. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa State 23-20:

I'm picking Iowa State.

TheAthletic.com

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Steve Batterson – Iowa State 21-20:

Experience and home field are the difference in this Cy-Hawk match-up. The Hawkeyes have the talent to hang with the Cyclones, but Brock Purdy, Breece Hall, Charlie Kolar and Mike Rose have just a little more seasoning than their counterparts. Playing in front of a hostile crowd for the first time in two seasons, the Hawkeyes will benefit from the experience but ISU holds on late.

[**The Quad City Times**](#)

[**@SBatt79**](#) on Twitter

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 24-20:

Sticking with Iowa again this week.

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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 20-17:

Everything is in place for Iowa State, from having this game in Ames, to having College GameDay on hand, being favored in this rivalry for the first time since 2000, returning a bunch of key players from a team that won the Fiesta Bowl, and so on. Which is exactly why I like Iowa in this game. For once, all the pressure is on Iowa State and this is a prove it game for the Cyclones because if Matt Campbell can't beat Kirk Ferentz this year with so many intangibles in his favor, then I don't think he ever will.

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John Patchett – Iowa 31-20:

Iowa has won seven straight games. Iowa has won 12 straight non-conference games. The Hawkeyes are 22-4 in their last 26 trophy games (including bowl games) and 19-4 in their last 23 rivalry trophy games — and have won five in a row for the Cy-Hawk Trophy including four straight in Ames. Both teams come into this contest ranked in the AP Top 10 — Iowa #10 and Iowa State #9. Since 2019 the Hawkeyes have won four straight games against ranked opponents. One more stat: over its last seven games — Iowa's point differential is a whopping +159. Those are all overwhelming trends in Iowa's favor.

This game will be played on ISU turf at Jack Trice Stadium and on natural grass. Iowa State's unusual 3-3-5 Defense poses problems for many of its opponents and is always a unique challenge for Iowa's Offense - it will be again on Saturday. Those

are pluses for the Cyclones.

These games are always hard to predict and more often than not fairly close - many times coming down to turnovers. Both defenses are solid — Iowa's is approaching outstanding as Phil Parker clearly deserves his now \$1 million plus salary — he's a special genius when it comes to the defensive backfield.

Iowa surprisingly blew away Indiana in its season-opener last week. Iowa State struggled to squeak by UNI. I put a lot of stock in the former and not much in the latter. Matt Campbell has yet to gain a win over Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes.

Considering all of the above, I think the Hawkeyes make it six in a row (including five straight in Ames) over the Cyclones — with Iowa's Offense scoring three touchdowns and its Defense another. But I would not be stunned either if ISU pulls out the win — it's the nature of this kind of rivalry. I also think defeating Indiana is more important for the Hawkeyes than winning in Ames this week — but starting this season 2-0 against two ranked teams would bump Iowa into rarified air when it comes to the rankings.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 31-17:

This is the most anticipated Cy-Hawk game in history. Not only are both teams ranked in the top 10, but they haven't played each other since 2019. I've always said that picking the Iowa - Iowa State game might as well be a crap shoot. All signs point to a tightly contested game and the atmosphere in Ames is sure to be a true test for the Hawks.

That said, the Iowa defense looked like a truly elite unit in the win over Indiana. Historically, defense tends to win big games... Well, except in the Big 12. I kid. Throw the UNI game for Iowa State out last week as they were obviously looking ahead to this match up. I see this as being extremely exciting to start and things lulling into a defensive battle as the game progresses. Iowa is the better team and even though Jack Trice will be rocking, the Hawkeyes get it done. Look for the Hawkeye defense to key in on Breece Hall much like UNI did. If Brock Purdy can beat them, it's a different game. I don't see that happening. Hawks by two touchdowns.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 16-13:

If I had to submit this prediction before the season, I would've picked the Cyclones in a heartbeat. With a week's worth of evidence, the outcome has become much murkier.

Iowa State's inability to establish the run — its bread and butter with Breece Hall — against UNI was alarming. With Hall reportedly nursing an undisclosed injury, the Cyclones could again face tough sledding on the ground against an Iowa front that rotates eight players. More responsibility could be heaped upon the shoulders of Brock Purdy, who will be tasked with deciphering a defense that completely puzzled Michael Penix Jr. a week ago. Hall's effectiveness on the ground early will be a major swing factor in this game.

Similarly, Tyler Goodson's ability to consistently gain yards on the ground is vital for the Hawkeyes' success. Outside of the big run on his second carry of the game, Goodson struggled to find much running room. Spencer Petras looked sharp early before fading late, and Goodson churning out yardage relieves the pressure on Petras. The Cyclones' defense, led by Mike Rose and Greg Eisworth, is talented and tough, and Iowa will face an uphill battle to find pay dirt.

The run game will determine who takes home the CyHawk trophy this season. Iowa has had Iowa State's number for years, and I think the streak extends at least one more season courtesy of a low-scoring, grind-it-out game that will define Iowa's season.

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