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**Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Golden Flashes Prognostications
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The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Kent State "Gold Game". It's back to being unanimous this week for Game 3 of the 2021 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa 41-13:

Back to picking the Hawkeyes.

TheAthletic.com
[@ScottDochterman](https://twitter.com/ScottDochterman) on Twitter

Steve Batterson – Iowa 35-7:

The Iowa offense finally gains some traction on the ground against a Kent State team that has been giving up 5.6 yards per carry during its 1-1 start to the season. The Golden Flashes have a potent ground game of their own, piling up 494 yards on the ground last week and rushing for seven touchdowns against VMI, the next test in a season that has been filled with tests for a stout Iowa defense.

[*The Quad City Times*](#)

[@SBatt79](#) on Twitter

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 35-10:

Sticking with Iowa again this week.

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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 34-14:

I see this being a game where Iowa establishes the run early and often. Kent State has already played at Texas A&M, which is why I could see a potential backdoor cover from the Golden Flashes. But with Kyler Schott back along the OL, I expect both Tyler Goodson and Ivory Kelly-Martin to have big afternoons for the Hawkeyes to help them move to 3-0.

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John Patchett – Iowa 45-17:

Iowa (2-0, 1-0) has won eight straight games. Iowa has won 13 straight non-conference games. The Hawkeyes are 23-4 in their last 27 trophy games (including bowl games) and 20-4 in their last 24 rivalry trophy games. Iowa now comes into this contest ranked #5 (AP) and #7 (Coaches). Kent State (1-1) is not ranked. One more stat: over its last eight games — Iowa's point differential is a whopping +169. Those are all overwhelming trends in Iowa's favor. Oh, yeah - and the game will be played on Slater Field at Kinnick Stadium in front of a slew of raucous fans. The Hawks are 2-0 all-time vs. the Golden Flashes — and KSU 80-7 in those two games. Shall I continue? Oh, why not. In its eight straight wins the Hawkeyes have scored at least 25 points — the first time in school history that's happened.

Iowa's Defense has been terrific through its first two games this season — and has already racked up six interceptions which ranks second in the nation (70 total since 2017 which is the most in major college football). Sitting at #1 in that category is Kent

State with eight picks in its two games. Iowa's Offense has done enough to win the first two games — but it's the Defense that has made those victory margins what they are. Kent State's Offense is waaay up-tempo and has put up some big numbers. But it hasn't faced a defense of Iowa's calibre so far this year. While KSU's secondary are ball hawks, the Golden Flashes Defense has struggled to stop the run. Look for the Hawkeyes to get their running game rolling, which in turn is likely to lead to some key pass completions. And Special Teams remain crucial game-changers for Iowa.

Given all of that, the obvious pick in this B1G-MAC matchup is Iowa - and somewhat comfortably one would think. The Hawkeyes should notch their 300th Kinnick Stadium victory (since it opened in 1929). Iowa improves to 3-0, 1-1 — and at worst retains its Top-10 rankings. No letdown for the Hawkeyes in this one.

Don't feel too badly for the Golden Flashes though - they will pocket \$1.85 million Iowa Athletics dollars for making the trip to Iowa City.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 45-10:

There's a lot to be made about the match up between two of the nations top turnover teams here, but Iowa's the more talented team across the board. Throw in the fact that Iowa's playing at Kinnick and Kent State can't stop the run. It's a recipe for a healthy helping of Tyler Goodson on offense which should help open things up for Petras to potentially get something going in the pass game.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 31-13:

After dismantling Michael Penix Jr. and Brock Purdy, the Iowa defense sets its sights on Dustin Crum, a talented dual-threat quarterback who leads a game Kent State team into Kinnick. The Hawkeyes' main focus needs to be getting their bread and butter – the run game – on track after two iffy weeks to begin the season.

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