



Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Spartans Prognostications (11/06/20)

The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Michigan State game. It's unanimous again this week. But I'm not quite sure why after the results the first two games – maybe the third time will be the charm. And the weather - for November - is forecast to be spectacular (see below). Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa 24-16:

Mark Dantonio skipped town before he could attempt a fourth straight win against the Hawkeyes. I just can't see a decent Iowa team falling to 0-3.

TheAthletic.com

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Steve Batterson – Iowa 27-21:

Rocky Lombardi and the Spartans' passing game gives Iowa another test, but the Hawkeyes' Tyler Goodson has a productive day on the ground as Iowa finally finds the win column in 2020.

[The Quad City Times](#)

[@SBatt79](#) on Twitter

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 20-17:

Maybe this will be the game the Hawkeyes put things together.

[HawkeyeMaven.com](#)

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John Patchett – Iowa 24-17:

It's been a very frustrating start for Iowa with two losses that have essentially already knocked it out of any possible contention for the B1G West title — yet those two losses have only been by a combined five points. The Hawkeyes have to win sometime, right? Iowa has had way too many turnovers and no offensive identity so far. It needs to be much more run-pass balanced — as all of its more successful teams have been. And it needs to stop turning the ball over (both fumbles and picks). One bright spot so far has been very good play by the Hawkeyes special teams (every aspect of them) and the stellar start by their new Australian Punter Tory Taylor.

Michigan State was pretty dreadful last year. It lost the season opener to Rutgers (yes, Rutgers) but then bounced back with an incredible win last week over Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Spartans biggest turnaround has been on Offense in the passing game led by QB Rocky Lombardi from Iowa and a trio of wide receivers with a bunch of chunk plays — but they are still struggling to sustain an effective ground game. MSU has also had turnover issues with seven in the season opening loss to the Scarlet Knights.

Spartan is looking for its third straight win at Kinnick Stadium. I don't think that will happen — although it's entirely possible. The Hawkeyes will make MSU one-dimensional on offense and — finally — get their first win of the COVID Season.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 35-24:

Although Iowa's 0-2 start indicates some major trouble, the Hawks could very easily be 2-0. Last week it corrected the penalties which bit them against Purdue, only committing three from 10 the week before. The fumbles didn't occur, but Spencer Petras tossed the ball to the opponent three times. If the Hawks can keep the ball and get the offense ticking as it did early in the Northwestern contest, it should win this game. What Iowa cannot afford to do is start quick, then go into a lull because Rocky Lombardi and Michigan State's offense can put up points in a hurry.

It's puzzled me thus far how Iowa's strategized the flow of the game on offense. The lack of a rushing attack against Northwestern late in the game is trouble. Normally when I'm puzzled about something with Iowa, it gets shifted on its head the next week. Iowa gets the victory in desperation mode by a couple scores at home. Tyler Goodson has a monster game. 100+ yards and a couple of scores.

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Saturday Weather Forecast for Iowa City

11 am	65°	 Sunny	0%	SSW 14 mph
12 pm	68°	 Sunny	0%	S 15 mph
1 pm	70°	 Sunny	0%	S 16 mph
2 pm	71°	 Sunny	0%	S 16 mph
3 pm	71°	 Sunny	0%	S 15 mph