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## **Hawkeyes – Gophers Hognostications (11/12/21)**



*The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Minnesota Game – it's unanimous again this week for Game 10 of the 2021 Season. Hint: Floyd is smiling. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.*

### **Scott Dochterman – Iowa 23-14:**

Minnesota's inconsistency throwing the football makes it one-dimensional. While the Gophers should pick up some yards on the ground, not enough to dominate the game. I think Iowa rides the wave of emotion to grab Floyd for the seventh straight season.

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### **Steve Batterson – Iowa 21-17:**

The last time Minnesota won at Kinnick Stadium, Bill Clinton lived in the White House and SpongeBob SquarePants debuted. The year was 1999 and Kirk Ferentz was in his first season as the Hawkeyes' head coach. The Golden Gophers have lost nine straight in Iowa City since. Make it 10. Riley Moss returns to work adding to his career collection

of four picks versus Minnesota and Tory Taylor and Charlie Jones tilt the field position game within the game in Iowa's favor in a low-scoring battle.

[\*The Quad City Times\*](#)  
[@SBatt79](#) on Twitter

### **John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 20-16:**

Floyd stays home.

[\*IowaCollegeHoops.com\*](#) - AP - *HawkeyeNation*  
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### **Brendan Stiles – Iowa 24-10:**

Minnesota hasn't won at Kinnick Stadium since Kirk Ferentz's first season at Iowa and the Gophers just got embarrassed at home by Illinois. Combine that with a more likely to be confident Alex Padilla after he gets an entire week of first-team reps at practice under his belt, and I think this becomes one of those games where once Ferentz gets a lead, Iowa will absolutely suffocate Minnesota. I see Floyd remaining in Iowa for at least another year after this Saturday.

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### **John Patchett – Iowa 20-10:**

Black Out Game - with Alt. Black Jerseys to boot. Floyd of Rosedale on the line again. Long-time rivals (especially for the older alums). Kinnick Stadium Sell-out. Midwest Early Winter Weather. This has all the makings of a classic, old-school Big Ten Slobberknocker.

With the weather turning (at least for the weekend), the ability to effectively run the football likely takes on even more importance in this game. Iowa has been inconsistent this season in no small part because of the offensive line's inconsistency — but the Hawkeyes were very productive at Northwestern last Saturday so there's some hope it is finally beginning to come together. Minnesota has been a good running team much of this season — but has suffered a series of injuries that has the Gophers down to their last two running backs (neither were projected to play this season) as they come to Iowa City.

Iowa's passing game has also been up and down, but really gelled last week when Quarterback Alex Padilla came in for an injured Spencer Petras — as Padilla's entrance created a tangible spark for the Hawkeyes Offense. He has a very quick release, a strong arm, and he appears to have fast reads and looks downfield early in plays (more so than Petras). The question is whether that will continue to evolve this weekend and

beyond. The Gophers have often not clicked in their passing offense for much of this season — with a new offensive coordinator — although QB Tanner Morgan has showed in the past he can be very effective in that regard.

Iowa's Defense is 2nd in the Big Ten this season in rushing defense; Minnesota is 3rd. So you would expect both teams to find the going tough when it comes to running the ball. Minnesota's Defense is 5th in the B1G vs. the pass; Iowa is 6th. Given those stats, you would anticipate a low-scoring game at Kinnick.

Turnovers and Special Teams play - with resulting field position - will be more important than ever Saturday (well, those are always important, but especially with the weather and the strengths of the two teams, they should be critical to which team can win.

Kirk Ferentz has P.J. Fleck's number — to date. In fact, Fleck's Gophers teams have never defeated Iowa. Even more stunning is that they have never even held a lead on the Hawkeyes during that time. Another important factor is that, historically, Kirk Ferentz's teams have almost always improved in the month of November.

All of that seems to give the Hawkeyes the edge in this Big Ten West contest — a key game for both teams.

Floyd of Rosedale has always preferred the warmer climes of Iowa City (vs. the bitter, cold, wind-swept North of Minneapolis). So he will be pleased once again - for the 7th straight time. And the Hawkeyes (barely) stay in the hunt for the B1G West Title.

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### **Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-13:**

Minnesota was gut-checked back to reality last week against the Fightin' Bielema's and Iowa narrowly escaped in Evanston. There's no reason to believe this game will be high scoring with two top 5 B1G defenses statistically and two middle of the pack offenses. I anticipate a classic showdown with field position being critical. Iowa's favored in that category, so I'm picking the Hawkeyes in a tight one. Oink.

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### **Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 20-10:**

Minnesota, seemingly on its ninth-string running back, will face an uphill climb to score against Iowa's stout defense. Alex Padilla was impressive when pressed into action last game and should only get sharper with a week to prepare as the starter.

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