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Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Huskers Prognostications (11/25/20)

The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Nebraska game. It's unanimous again this week. And probably for good reasons - Nebby Mustaches aside. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa 41-7:

I keep looking for ways this game to be close, but barring an Iowa collapse, I just can't see it. Nebraska is going to need Super Heroes to win the trophy this week.

TheAthletic.com

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Steve Batterson – Iowa 31-27:

The Cornhuskers followed a sluggish week of practice with that type of performance in falling behind 31-10 by the third quarter in last Saturday's 41-23 loss to Illinois. Expect more energy from Nebraska this week, but expect the same result in the Heroes Game that Iowa has enjoyed the last five seasons. The ground-and-pound Hawkeyes will ultimately ride the strength of their offensive line and backs Tyler Goodson and Mekhi Sargent to the Black Friday win.

[*The Quad City Times*](#)

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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 35-13:

I don't think we'll need a Keith Duncan game-winning field goal this time.

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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 38-21:

I know the last 2 meetings have been close and come down to the final seconds, but I don't see that being the case this time. The Hawkeyes have been dominant on the ground and Nebraska's defense is susceptible against the run, so this could end up looking a lot like last weekend's game against Penn State did. Iowa has an identity, Nebraska is still struggling to find one, and this is ultimately why the Heroes Trophy will remain in Iowa City for another year.

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John Patchett – Iowa 45-20:

Let's just state at the outset that one team is on a roll and showing substantial improvement in all three phases as this weird season has progressed (Iowa) and the other team has not (Nebraska). So even with there being no real home field advantage, any rational observer should be inclined to think the Hawkeyes will likely win this Black Friday Game and more than likely it won't be close like the last two games were. It's also important to remember Iowa has won five in a row and six of the last seven games played for the Heroes Trophy. And the Hawkeyes are coming off a big win at Penn State while the Huskers are trying to recover from an embarrassing 41-23 loss to Illinois last Saturday in Lincoln.

Nebraska has had success in its run game this season, especially with QB Luke McCaffrey - but it's unclear which quarterback will see the most PT in this game - and the Huskers have been prone to turnovers. And key penalties (once again). The

problem for the Huskers in this matchup is their offensive strength will be going head-to-head with Iowa's Defensive strength vs. the run. So something's got to give here and I don't think it will be the Hawkeyes Defense. Then there's Iowa's propensity for take-aways.

Iowa's Offense has been very productive the last three games - and opportunistic. The Hawkeyes have a whopping +90 points differential in the last three games - and +85 overall this year. Then you have the fact that the Huskers have struggled to defend against the run — and Iowa has excelled in rushing the ball.

So there you have it. I just don't see Nebraska winning this game (sure it's possible but highly unlikely — but the last time Iowa faced a McCaffrey, well, we don't want to go there). And I don't see Iowa giving up the Heroes Trophy.

PS: I wonder if Brian and Kirk have given any thought to running a couple of offensive plays for Daviyon Nixon — sort of along the lines of “Refrigerator” Perry back in the day with the Bears. That could be entertaining. Or maybe utilize him as a WR or TE. Just food for thought...

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 49-13:

Iowa ranks #4 in the B1G in offense with an average of 33 PPG. Nebraska's defense ranks #9 in the B1G allowing 34.3 PPG to opponents. Nebraska ranks second to last in the B1G in offense, scoring a measly 20.8 PPG. Iowa's defense ranks 3rd in the B1G, with opponents only averaging 16 PPG. The equation is pretty simple. Iowa's rolling. Nebraska is reeling. Hawks win big in this one.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 38-17:

In last week's prediction, I wrote about the differing trajectories of Iowa and Penn State. The Hawkeyes came into the game rolling while the Nittany Lions were shuffling their feet. The same idea applies this week.

Iowa has won three-straight in convincing fashion and is riding high after Daviyon Nixon's unforgettable pick six clinched Kirk Ferentz's 100th Big Ten win, fourth-most in conference history behind three legends. The Hawkeyes earned the No. 24 spot in the College Football Playoff rankings on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Nebraska hit its low water mark with a blowout loss to lowly Illinois on Saturday.

These programs are moving in completely opposite directions, and Black Friday could get ugly for the Blackshirts.

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