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Hawkeyes – Nittany Lions Prognostications (10/08/21)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the HUGE Iowa – Penn State Game — and it's (somewhat surprisingly) unanimous again this week for Game 6 of the 2021 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 16-13:

It might not be pretty, but it will be intense. It seems like a game where field position and one significant turnover could alter the outcome. That type of contest is right in Iowa's wheelhouse this season.

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 21-20:

In a match-up between the two stingiest defenses in the Big Ten – Iowa allowing 11.6 points per game and Penn State 12 – it's tempting to suggest a repeats of the Hawkeyes' 6-4 win over the Nittany Lions in 2004. I'll avoid that

even though yards and points will be at a premium. After a slow start, expect a late touchdown to give the Kinnick crowd something to celebrate.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 21-16:

There won't be a lot of points in this one.

[**IowaCollegeHoops.com**](#) - *AP - HawkeyeNation*
[**@JohnBohnenkamp**](#) on Twitter

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 23-13:

In what is the biggest game at Kinnick Stadium in 36 years, I believe this game will be a back-and-forth slugfest that goes down to the wire before the Hawkeyes ultimately pull away with the win. This game comes down to three things for me - which team gets better QB play, which team does better on 3rd down, and how each team fares in the red zone. I lean toward Iowa because I believe the Hawkeyes will be able to force turnovers and take advantage of short fields to work with, but, make no mistake, this is easily the toughest game to date and might be the toughest game this season.

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

John Patchett – Iowa 24-17:

Here's how I got there for what is certainly one of the biggest games played in Iowa City in years if not decades - and one of the biggest games in the Big Ten this season. The Hawkeyes will score two offensive TDs, one FG, and one defensive TD (or at least seven points off a turnover). That would be enough to snag the B1G win over the fourth-ranked Nittany Lions and might be slightly more points than many are expecting to see on Slater Field this Saturday. PSU has twice as many TDs this season via the pass (12) as it does by rushing (6) — and I think the Nitts will probably be able to get two more passing TDs in this game given their skill players.

Iowa's Defense is only surrendering 11.6 points per game — slightly less than Penn State's 12.0. Iowa's Offense is now averaging 33.2 ppg (thanks in significant part to the 51 points the Hawks put up last week at Maryland) — compared to PSU's 30.0. Both teams are getting very good play out of their special teams, including excellent punters. One marked difference in the two

teams season stats: Iowa has scored 68 points off opponents' turnovers compared to the Nittany Lion's 17. You have to think turnovers (or lack thereof) will be HUGE in this game — and ultimately the difference.

Kinnick Stadium is going to be nut-so Saturday afternoon - and that's a big plus for Iowa, too. I think this game will live up to the hype and be another thriller in what has become a very compelling series between these two programs. The #3/3 Hawkeyes win their 12th straight game, and improve to 6-0, 3-0, heading into their Big Ten Homecoming Game next Saturday at Kinnick Stadium vs. Purdue.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 20-16:

It's purely a gut feeling. There's no doubt in my mind it's a close game and could go either way. In close B1G games, turnovers and special teams matter. Those are Iowa's strengths, so give me the Hawkeyes.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 17-16:

Penn State has won three-straight games in Kinnick Stadium, the previous two victories coming via margins of five and two, respectively. Iowa City is going to be electric on Saturday with Big Noon Kickoff on hand and a record number of recruits joining a pinstriped sellout crowd. The Hawkeyes' home field advantage lifts them to a monumental win. Barely.

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