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Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Nittany Lions Prognostications (11/20/20)

The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Penn State game. It's almost unanimous again this week — despite the fact that means Penn State would start this season 0-5. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa 20-9:

Iowa won't ground up Penn State like it did Minnesota, but its defense will decimate the Nittany Lions' porous offensive line and running game. It won't be pretty but Iowa should end a six-game skid against Penn State.

TheAthletic.com

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Steve Batterson – Iowa 24-21:

The last three games between these teams have been decided by one possession. Despite Penn State's 0-4 start, there is no reason to believe this one will be any different. If the Nittany Lions can avoid early-game turnovers, an issue throughout the season, Penn State certainly has the talent to make this competitive. Iowa will need to take a step forward in the passing game this week and ultimately uses the leg of Keith Duncan to leg out a rare road win over the Nittany Lions.

[The Quad City Times](http://TheQuadCityTimes.com)

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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 27-13:

Penn State without a win?

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Brendan Stiles – Penn State 27-24:

I realize Iowa is favored this week, but Penn State has won 6 straight against Iowa, including each of the last 4 seasons since James Franklin has been the Nittany Lions' head coach. How this game starts will go a long way in determining the outcome because even though Penn State lost to Nebraska last week, the Nittany Lions nearly overcame a 21-point deficit in the second half and they can make things difficult for Iowa if they're able to carry that momentum over. The Hawkeyes will need to have a fast start like they did last week and play a relatively clean game in order to get out of Beaver Stadium with the win on Saturday.

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John Patchett – Iowa 31-20:

Let's start with a fundamental fact: there really is no such thing as a home field advantage this season (at least not in the traditional sense). So the Hawkeyes playing at Penn State this year is unlike any game there in the past. And that alone takes away a huge plus that the Nittany Lions have typically had in the past (think a "White-Out Game" with a 106,000 fans screaming at the visiting team. This becomes even more important given that Quarterback Spencer Petras in in his first season as

the starter. Meantime and also of note — PSU has what appears to be a bit of a QB quandary (if not controversy).

PSU has yet to win its first game this season and a loss in this one would leave them with an 0-5 start to 2020 (and for the first time in its storied history) and would remain the only Big Ten squad that is winless. The Nittany Lions four losses to date are by a combined total of 37 points. It's almost hard to remember that the Nitts were a pre-season top-ten team — and oh, by the way, own a six game winning streak over the Hawkeyes. Iowa, on the other hand, lost its first two games by a combined total of five points — and has won its last two by a combined total of a whopping 70 points. The Hawkeyes are winning with major contributions from all three phases: Defense, Special Teams, and Offense.

Penn State's Offense has been solid (25.5 points per game — 5 TDs via the run and 9 TDs via the pass) - although this will arguably be the toughest Defense it has faced thus far this year) with the Hawkeyes surrendering only 14.8 points per game. But PSU's major issue so far this year has been its normally stout Defense which is giving up 34.8 points per game.

Iowa's Defense should do enough to allow its Offense to out-score the Nittany Lions in this one. Limiting turnovers will be key for the Hawkeyes — and Iowa's pass defense will look to add to its season interception total (eight to date). Iowa has the #1 ranked net punting game in the entire nation (not able to say that very often), and this will also likely play a major factor.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 42-27:

2020 is truly the twilight zone and picking this game has me feeling like Rod Serling. There isn't a legitimate argument for why Penn State would win other than I can't see a world where the Nittany Lions start 0-5. That's not enough. Penn State's historically stout defense doesn't exist in 2020. Iowa's rushing attack looked like an NFL squad against an 8-man football defense against Minnesota at times. All signs point to an Iowa victory.

It's wild to think Iowa could go on the road to Happy Valley & come away with a double-digit victory. This is the dimension of the imagination. This is the Twilight Zone.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 27-21:

After opening the season with losses to a pair of current top-ten teams, Penn State's wheels have fallen off the last two weeks against Maryland and Nebraska, teams nobody expected much from prior to the season. Meanwhile, Iowa faltered in close games to start the year before rebounding for convincing wins the last two weeks. I like the Hawkeyes' trajectory.

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