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Hawkeyes – Badgers Prognostications (10/29/21)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Wisconsin Game – and it's a split decision this week for Game 8 of the 2021 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 13-9:

We all know how both teams want to play with intense physicality. To that area, I think it's a draw. But turnovers also play a role, to which Iowa enters the game plus-12 and Wisconsin is minus-8. I'm not sure how many points the Hawkeyes generate off Badgers' turnovers, but I'd bet on a least two possessions' worth.

[TheAthletic.com](https://www.theathletic.com)
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Steve Batterson – Iowa 17-15:

Iowa has played some of its best, most-focused football of the season in its two trips away from Kinnick Stadium this season. Defense and special teams will need to be difference makers in a match-up where moving the ball could be a challenge. If Wisconsin turns the ball over, which it has an average of 2.3 times per game during its 4-3 start, and if Iowa can slow the Badgers' recently-improved rushing

attack the Hawkeyes will have a chance to win this game on a Caleb Shudak field goal.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 17-16:

This will be a grind.

[IowaCollegeHoops.com](#) - AP - *HawkeyeNation*
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Brendan Stiles – Wisconsin 17-10:

The fact that Vegas has Wisconsin favored at home despite Iowa being ranked in the Top 10 while the Badgers are unranked is enough for me to have alarm sounds go off in my head and think they're onto something. If the Hawkeyes are to win this game, I think the key is forcing at least 3 Wisconsin turnovers since Iowa wasn't able to force any takeaways against Purdue. If the defense can get back to being opportunistic, then the Hawkeyes can definitely leave Camp Randall with a W, but if Wisconsin is able to secure the ball and run it down Iowa's throats, it could be a long afternoon.

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John Patchett – Iowa 15-13:

I tried to be as thoughtful and creative as I could in arriving at this projected score. Two of the best defenses in the nation and two of the most mediocre, inept offenses in the nation — face off in what may be one of the ugliest college football games of the year (if you like to see at least a modicum of offense). And yet, it will likely have a great deal to do with who ends up winning the Big Ten West. Yes, the winner of this game will almost certainly be the odds-on favorite to play in the B1G Championship Game on December 4 in Indianapolis.

Ultimately, for me, it comes down to turnovers and special teams - both of which have a major impact on field position - and the Hawkeyes have the advantage in those categories. Turnovers, especially, are an enormous difference for these two teams: Iowa sits at a whopping +12; Wisconsin, on the other hand, is a -8 — an advantage of 20 for the Hawkeyes!

There are a couple of key intangibles in this game: it's the Badgers Homecoming Game (though I'm not sure, for any team, that makes a significant difference); and for the Hawkeyes, I have a hunch, especially on defense, they will be looking for a huge bounce-back from the Purdue debacle.

Some other things to keep in mind. The Badgers have won three in a row after starting this season 1-3 — Iowa is coming off a really ugly loss at home to Purdue. Wisconsin has had Iowa's number in recent history, as the Badgers have won seven of the last nine games in this series, regardless of where the games were played - while Iowa broke a four-game losing streak in the Heartland Trophy Battle last year at Kinnick. The Hawkeyes are looking to retain that Bull - and keep all five of their rivalry game trophies in Iowa City. I think they (barely) do so.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-13:

All signs point to a low-scoring affair between The Badgers and the Hawkeyes. It will likely turn into a field position battle and Iowa still holds the advantage there. The game could spin on a dime due to a crucial turnover late and the Hawkeyes have been able to make those adjustments and plays this year when it counts. I wanted to pick the score to be 3-3 into OT with a 9 OT contest and a final score of 5-3, but John said we couldn't. Kidding... sort of. My gut says the Hawkeyes get things straightened out and come back from the bye week fresh enough to win this one.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 17-13:

The Iowa and Wisconsin football programs mirror each other philosophically and stylistically, and the winner of each year's showdown often determines the Big Ten West's representative in the Big Ten Championship game. The same may be true this year despite the Badgers' slow start. Like usual with these two teams, I expect a slugfest, especially in the trenches. The biggest difference is Iowa's secondary, a unit that I expect Phil Parker will have straightened out after its worst showing of the season last week. Look for Iowa's "Dough Boys" to bounce back with multiple interceptions against Graham Mertz, including a game-sealer late.

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