

**#17 Iowa vs. Illinois**  
**Nov. 20, 2021**

**POSTGAME NOTES**

Iowa (9-2, 6-2) defeated Illinois (4-7, 3-5), 33-23, on Saturday at Duke Slater Field at Kinnick Stadium.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

WR Charlie Jones returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. The return ties a school record. He is this fourth player in program history to return a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. Jones's previous career long was 77 yards. The last Hawkeye to return a kickoff for a touchdown was Ihmir Smith-Marsette (98 yards vs. USC at 2019 Holiday Bowl).

**100-yard kickoff returns**

Charlie Jones vs. Illinois, 11/20/2021

C.J. Jones vs. USC, 1/2/2003

Joe Williams vs. Notre Dame, 11/25/1961 (at Kinnick Stadium)

George Rice at Purdue, 10/6/1951

WR Charlie Jones is just the third player in school history to return both a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in a career. (Jones returned a punt 54 yards for a touchdown vs. Michigan State in 2020). The others include C.J. Jones (100 kickoff, 65 punt) and Kahlil Hill (two kickoffs: 90, 88; two punts: 62, 57).

RB Tyler Goodson rushed 27 times for 132 yards, his eighth career 100-yard game. Goodson has been Iowa's leading rusher for 14 straight games, the longest streak by a Hawkeye since Ladell Betts was Iowa's top rusher for 37 straight games from 1998-2001. Betts is now Iowa's running backs coach.

RB Tyler Goodson has 2,345 career rushing yards, 10th all-time in program history. He passed Shonn Greene (2,228) and Ronnie Harmon (2,271) on Iowa's all-time career rushing list.

WR Arland Bruce made his first career start. He is the 31st true freshman in the Ferentz era to start, and third this season (OL Connor Colby, WR Keagan Johnson). Bruce had a career-long 28-yard reception to set up a 2-yard touchdown rush in the second quarter. The touchdown was the third of his career (second rushing).

Iowa started two true freshman wide receivers in a game for the first time in the Ferentz era. WR Keagan Johnson made his seventh career start. WR Arland Bruce made his first career start.

K Caleb Shudak connected on a career-high four field goals (51, 48, 29, 32). Shudak tied his career-long with a 51-yard field goal in the second quarter. He has three field goals of 50-yards or better this season.

DB Dane Belton had an interception in the second quarter, his fifth of the year, best in the Big Ten.

LB Jack Campbell intercepted a pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown, his first of the season and second of his career.

Iowa leads the country in interceptions (21) and ranks third nationally in takeaways (26). The Hawkeyes have 85 interception since 2017, more than any team in the country. Eleven different Hawkeyes have at least one interception this season. Iowa is plus-18 in turnover margin in its nine wins and minus-six in its two losses.

DB Matt Hankins did not play. He had started 37 consecutive games.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Iowa has won at least six conference games in three straight years for the first time under Kirk Ferentz (18 wins). The last time Iowa won at least six conference games in three straight seasons was 1981-83 (19 wins).

Iowa has won eight in a row and seven straight at home against Illinois. Illinois' last win at Kinnick Stadium was in 1999 (40-24), Kirk Ferentz's first year as Iowa's head coach. Illinois' last win in the series was a 27-24 victory in Champaign in 2008.

Iowa's offense completed six passes, its fewest since Oct. 27, 2007 (34-27 win vs. Michigan State).

Iowa scored on offense, defense and special teams today. It is the first time scoring in all three phases since the 2019 Holiday Bowl (Smith-Marsette kickoff return, N. Niemann interception return)

Iowa won the toss and elected to defer. The Hawkeyes have played 285 games under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Iowa has opened the game on offense 213 times (136-77). The Hawkeyes have opened the game on defense 72 times (41-31).

#### **INSTANT REPLAY**

- 1) Iowa completed pass (confirmed)
- 2) Illinois targeting foul (overruled)
- 3) Iowa targeting foul (overruled)

#### **UP NEXT**

The Hawkeyes return to action at Nebraska on Nov. 26 at Kinnick Stadium. Kickoff for that game is at 12:30 p.m. (CT) on BTN.