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Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Rams Prognostications (09/24/21)

The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Colorado State — and it's unanimous again this week for Game 4 of the 2021 Season. We also have a special "guest prognosticator" from Fort Collins this week. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.



Scott Dochterman – Iowa 41-6:

I might be overrating Colorado State's offense.

TheAthletic.com

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 31-10:

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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 38-10:

Hawkeyes are a big favorite at home, but this score will feel a lot like last week.

[*IowaCollegeHoops.com*](#) - AP - *HawkeyeNation*
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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 42-7:

As intriguing as this game may have sounded when it was first announced as being on the 2021 schedule, the reality is Colorado State is not a good football team this year. I fully expect Iowa to come out and dominate all three phases on Saturday. This is an ideal game for the Hawkeyes to work the kinks out before returning to Big Ten play on a short week next week in Maryland.

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John Patchett – Iowa 46-10:

At first glance — well, OK, at any glance — this should be a comfortable win for Iowa, playing its 3rd game of the season in the friendly confines of Kinnick Stadium. Colorado State (1-2, 0-0) is coming off a nice, upset win last weekend at Toledo — but the Rams have also lost to South Dakota State and Vanderbilt (both games played in Fort Collins).

Iowa's Defense has been dominant in each of the four games so far this season and so far it appears there isn't an apparent weakness - the defensive line, linebackers, and secondary have all played well. Per game the Hawkeyes are only

giving up an average 10 point, 81 yards rushing (1 TD), and 197.7 yards passing (two TDs). CSU has a terrific tight end in Trey McBride — he could start on any B1G team including Iowa — and his 30 catches leads the FBS. The Rams have a solid running back David Bailey and are averaging 180.3 rush yards per game. However, CSU has yet to face a Defense anything like Iowa's this year.

Iowa's Offense has struggled to gain consistency but has done more than enough in each of the season's first three games to carve out the victories. The Hawkeyes showed solid improvement in the 2nd Half last Saturday vs. Kent State. And Kirk Ferentz said at his Tuesday presser that the unit has looked its best so far in practice this week. While QB Spencer Petras has his detractors, he has been steady and mistake-free — he holds Iowa's record for the longest interception-free streak in the Ferentz Era (154). RB Tyler Goodson had a breakout game vs. Kent State. TE Sam LaPorta had a career-high seven receptions vs. the Golden Flashes. Look for Iowa to try to get its wide receivers more involved in this game. All of that indicates a balanced, potent offensive attack against a Rams Defense that gave up 42 points at home to South Dakota State.

One other interesting point. Both teams have outstanding punters - and Iowa's special teams overall have been a big difference-maker in the first three games. So keep an eye on how Tory Taylor and Ryan Stonehouse perform on Duke Slater Field Saturday — maybe a contest within a contest.

The #5/#6 Hawkeyes win their 15th straight non-conference game, improve to 4-0, 1-0, riding a nine game win streak, and heading back into Big Ten Play next Friday night at Maryland.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 45-7:

It's a tune up game for the Hawkeyes before B1G play resumes at Maryland in Week 5. A good chance for Petras to get better and the second stringers to see some action.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 34-6:

I expect this game to play out similarly to the Kent State contest, with Iowa's defense making plays and the offense doing enough to secure a comfortable win against an overmatched opponent.

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Guest Prognosticator Rob Patchett - Iowa 34-10:

CSU has a solid return game, and a strong, durable running back, and a tight end that might play on Sundays. They might break one good return to set up good field position at some point. They may get a fluke reverse-field long run against a blitz to put them above 75 yards rushing. The QB has a knack for finding the TE on the occasional 3rd down or short-yardage situation. None of that will happen against a defense the likes of which none of these players have ever seen as college athletes, though. TE's going to get beat up (he was bruised against Toledo last Saturday). RB's going to fly home tired and mostly frustrated. One of them maybe gets a late TD. That's about all the "success" CSU's going to be able to "build from" after this one. Pumping crowd noise into their practices this past week isn't really going to help that much. Petras may get a few chances to find that rhythm and sync with WR's that's been lacking up to this point whenever they haven't defaulted solely to the run.

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