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## **Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Hoosiers Prognostications (09/03/21)**

*The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Indiana game. It's unanimous this week for the season and Big Ten opener matching these two top-20 teams. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.*



### **Scott Dochterman – Iowa 27-17:**

I'm going to take Iowa. This game is going to be about turnovers, ground acquisition and field position. That plays right in the Hawkeyes' hands.

[TheAthletic.com](http://TheAthletic.com)

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### **Steve Batterson – Iowa 27-24:**

There won't be anything easy about it, but if Iowa can find some cohesion up front, the skill of Tyler Goodson will help the Hawkeyes and Spencer Petras manage the clock and control this game. Iowa's defense, even with its inexperience up front, should be in a position to neutralize Indiana's unproven ground game.

[\*The Quad City Times\*](#)

[@SBatt79](#) on Twitter

### **John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 24-21:**

Caleb Shudak wins it with a late field goal.

[\*HawkeyeMaven.com\*](#)

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### **Brendan Stiles – Iowa 28-21:**

This is a game that can really go either way, but I lean toward the Hawkeyes primarily because they're at home here. Indiana has enough talent on offense that I think the Hoosiers will be able to move the ball effectively, so this is a game where I think Iowa has to reach the mid-20s in points in order to win. The biggest key I see to a Hawkeye victory is being able to establish the run game with Tyler Goodson and the rest of the backs, and keep Indiana's potent offense on the sidelines for as long as possible.

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### **John Patchett – Iowa 31-21:**

It's rare indeed to have Iowa opening the season against a Big Ten opponent - let alone when both teams are ranked in the Top 20. But that's what we have on Saturday when #17 Indiana invades Kinnick Stadium to face the #18 Iowa in front of a packed house again. The Hoosiers should be very competitive in the B1G East (although probably can't surpass Ohio State) — while the Hawkeyes are a definite B1G West title contender. The loser of this one will start out in a conference hole.

It's always hard to predict a season-opening game (the score if not the outcome) but this one is essentially a toss-up. Iowa is favored by 3.5 (as I write this) - which is essentially an acknowledgement of the home field advantage. As do many games, but especially season-openers, the team that is best at limiting turnovers and penalties almost always comes out victorious.

The Hoosiers have a potent offense, a terrific wide receiver, and a very good QB. The Hawkeyes are expected to have yet another Phil Parker stout defense. That matchup is kind of a push. Holding Indiana to 21 points or less should equal an Iowa win.

Indiana has an excellent pass rush defense (led the Big Ten last season). But Iowa has what shapes up to be a very good offense (maybe even “explosive” - rarely a term used to describe Iowa Offenses in the Kirk Ferentz Era). The Hawks have some really good skill players and a (now) veteran quarterback - and one of the best punters in the conference if not the nation. If the O-Line can gel, Brian Ferentz will be able to call a balanced game and help keep the Hoosiers Offense off Duke Slater Field.

When all is said and done, I like the Hawkeyes in Kinnick - and I expect them to (barely) cover the spread — start the season and the B1G 1-0, and then prepare to invade Ames the following Saturday.

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### **Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 24-17:**

Iowa wants to run the ball and Indiana wants to pass. Both offenses have weapons to showcase, but with it being the first game of the season there should be some stalls and field position will be critical. That game script favors the home team, especially since the Hawkeye fans will be as raucous as ever. A B1G game to open the year promises to be a good game, but the Hawks should prevail at home. If that plays out, it's a good thing Iowa gets IU early in the year because this season could turn into a very good year for the Hoosiers. Playing them later could be a much more daunting task. In any event, the Hawks win this one and get a solid victory to propel them into next weeks battle with ISU.

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