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Hawkeyes – Cyclones Prognostications (09/10/22)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for Game 2 of the 2022 Season: the Iowa – Iowa State Cy-Hawk Trophy Game. It's not unanimous this nor does there appear to be a high level of confidence. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa State 5-4:

Iowa State makes up for its lack of a baseball program with a three-run triple with 3 seconds left to clinch the Cy-Hawk for the first time since 2014.

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 13-10:

Eight times during Kirk Ferentz's tenure at Iowa the winner of the Iowa-Iowa State football game has scored fewer than 20 points. Make it nine.

Iowa's defense has the ability to slow virtually any team and, while points will remain difficult to come by, the Hawkeyes find a way to extend their six-game win streak in the Cy-Hawk Series.

[The Quad City Times](#)

[@SBatt79](#) on Twitter

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 10-7:

No matter what, take the under.

[IowaCollegeHoops.com](#) - AP

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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 16-6:

The one area that has defined this rivalry in recent years has been turnovers. Iowa winning the turnover battle has been a huge reason for the Hawkeyes' current 6-game winning streak against the Cyclones. As long as the Hawkeyes hold the edge in this category, the Cy-Hawk should remain in Iowa City when the final gun sounds on Saturday.

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John Patchett – Iowa 12-8:

Remember when I wrote this last week? *I have zero - ZERO - faith in Iowa's Offense until it actually shows it can score touchdowns on a regular basis, including inside the red zone...* Welp - double that now, underline it, and put it in bold.

If either team does happen to score an offensive touchdown, it will almost certainly be on a broken play of some kind (pass or run). Iowa's Offense can't sustain any drives - even when it starts with excellent field position. The Hawkeyes Defense is excellent and it's highly likely ISU's young QB will struggle against it - even with Jestin Jacobs and Jermari Harris out with injuries. So here's the way I think it could very easily go

Iowa's Defense forces a turnover and scores a TD on that play - plus it gets its third safety of the young season. The Defense gets a second turnover inside the red zone, Iowa's offensive "drive" stalls in three plays and a field goal attempt is good.

ISU's Offense gets two field goals: Spencer Petras has yet another turnover resulting in the first field goal and the Cyclones get a second field goal after its only sustained drive of the game. ISU's Defense forces a second Petras turnover in the end zone, resulting in a 'Clones safety.

Footnote: I would add two Offensive TDs to this score if Quarterback Alex Padilla plays at least two quarters. That might require Brian pleading with Kirk to make that change, but I suppose it's a possibility - albeit remote. I think most Iowa Fans believe Spencer has had his chance and is not only not getting better but is actually regressing. And to the extent the issues (stretching back over two seasons now) reflect Offensive Line problems, Padilla is far more mobile than Petras and that can help make up for some of the O-Line issues.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 31-13:

Before you laugh at me, hear me out... Or don't. I honestly don't really have a legitimate reason for picking this score, margin, or winner other than a gut feeling. I have a difficult time seeing Iowa State moving the ball on this elite, yes elite, Iowa defense. Don't overlook that Spencer Petras had a serviceable game in Ames in 2021. Also don't overlook that Iowa has dominated this series for the better part of the past decade using defense and timely turnovers. Kirk Ferentz has often been criticized for playing things tight to the vest in early season games. The Cyclones defense has very little on film to reference in preparation for this game. The Hawkeyes struggling against SDSU on the line is concerning, but it is motivation going into a big time rivalry game. Laugh at me. Point at me. That's fine. I'll take Iowa in a convincing victory.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa State 13-10:

I was confident all offseason that Iowa would win this game, but my perception (along with many others') changed drastically after last week. Two things are working in Iowa's favor: 1) This game is at Kinnick, and 2) the offense can't be much worse than it was last week. I expect the offensive line to play better, which will go a long way in weaponizing Iowa's run game, and that should help Spencer Petras get on track with some easier throws if the defense is focused on the run. Iowa's defense will show up, as always, but the loss of Jestin Jacobs is a big one. Bottom line, I'm expecting a rock fight not too different from what we saw last week, only with a different result.

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