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Hawkeyes – Terrapins Prognostications (09/30/21)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Maryland Game – and it’s unanimous again this week for Game 5 of the 2021 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 31-17:

This game has the potential to get scary for Iowa with Maryland’s home-run capabilities, but the Hawkeyes are built for mid-range passing attacks. Considering what Iowa has done against Indiana and Iowa State, I’ll believe in Phil Parker until I see otherwise.

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 24-13:

Maryland will move the football – that hasn’t been an issue with Taulia Tagovailoa under center – but reaching the end zone is a completely different thing. Maryland totaled 496 and 481 yards in its wins over West Virginia and Illinois but settled for difference-making field goals in each of those games. If the Iowa defense can turn the Terps’ over as it did against the passing games

of Indiana and Iowa State, the Hawkeyes will frustrate yet another quarterback and remain undefeated.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 24-22:

Iowa 24, Maryland 22. Hawkeyes' defensive streak of 24 points or less holds up.

[**IowaCollegeHoops.com**](#) - *AP - HawkeyeNation*
[**@JohnBohnenkamp**](#) on Twitter

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 28-14:

For all the talk of this being a trap game for Iowa, I really don't see it being that way because the Hawkeyes have familiarity preparing for Friday games and given what's potentially at stake next week, Kirk Ferentz has been around long enough now that I don't foresee the Hawkeyes overlooking Maryland in this spot. I can see the Terrapins jumping out to an early lead since they do have the best offense to date that Iowa has faced, but I think the Hawkeye defense will continue doing its thing once it gets settled in. As for the offense, I think it will be fine against Maryland's defense as long as turnovers are at a minimum.

[**@TheBStiles**](#) on Twitter

John Patchett – Iowa 27-17:

It's a short-week Friday night college football game. Both teams are 4-0. Iowa is ranked. Maryland is not (although that's a bit of a head-scratcher). Kirk Ferentz knows the game is coming where his team will need to score 40+ points to win — he's not happy about it, doesn't like those kind of games, and hopes it's not this Friday.

I'm not going to bury the lede here. The Hawkeyes really need to get their Offense cranked up heading back into B1G Play - ranking last in the conference and near the bottom nationally in almost every offensive category is not a recipe for success over the next eight games. And I think it's just unrealistic to see them flip the switch and become a prolific scoring team in this short week. So I'm sticking with Iowa on Friday night in College Park, based in part on the Defense getting another turnover-score, the Offense adding two touchdowns (one rush, one pass) plus two field goals, and Special Teams coming through once again with a big assist. It doesn't hurt (Iowa) that at least two of Maryland's starting three linebackers will miss this game due to

injuries.

Maryland has an explosive, big-play Offense with a terrific quarterback and excellent receivers — probably the best Iowa has faced yet this season — but the Terps have had to rely on field goals in their two “best” wins (Virginia and Illinois). So they can be slowed down. Phil Parker’s Defense continues to excel this season — ranking in the top-20 in several categories including #3 in scoring defense. So Iowa will definitely be the best defense Maryland has faced. I do believe it will be more a matter of “slowing down” the Terps Offense rather than “stopping” it — but that should be enough to pull out the win.

The #5/#5 Hawkeyes don’t turtle, win their 11th straight game, and improve to 5-0, 2-0, heading back into a HUGE Big Ten Showdown next Saturday at Kinnick Stadium vs. Penn State.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 30-13:

I don't have much for rationale here. I have a gut feeling Phil Parker got all over his defense at half time in the Colorado State game. There will be a lot of focus on staying engaged and not having a letdown this week for Iowa. That to me indicates a Hawkeyes win on the road. I'm giving the Hawkeyes another week to find their offensive stride before I lose hope on them turning the corner.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 20-17:

Maryland has a case to be ranked and will test Iowa, but I see the Hawkeyes’ offense squeaking by to set up a showdown with Penn State next week.

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