

Hawkeyes Mic LLC

Hawkeyes – Gophers Hognostications



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Minnesota Floyd of Rosedale Trophy Game — it's unanimous again for Game 8 of the 2023 Season.

The Game: Iowa (6-1, 3-1) hosts Minnesota (3-3, 1-2) in the annual battle for Floyd of Rosedale — 2:33 PM kickoff at Kinnick Stadium — NBC | Hawkeye Radio Network. Iowa is coming off its 15-6 road win at Wisconsin to take control of the B1G West — while Minnesota had its bye week after losing at home the week prior to Michigan 52-10. Iowa has won the last 8 games in this series — last year the Hawkeyes prevailed 13-10 in Minneapolis.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 16-12:

Floyd might turn up his snout at the lack of points, but it's probably nice to not have to move again.

<u>TheAthletic.com</u> <u>@ScottDochterman</u> on Twitter/X

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 17-7:

They just keep winning.

<u>lowaCollegeHoops.com</u> - AP - <u>HawkeyeNation.com</u> <u>@JohnBohnenkamp</u> on Twitter/X

Marc Morehouse - Iowa 25-10:

I find that the "We hate Iowa" chant lacks credibility without, you know, Minnesota ever beating Iowa. So, win first, then chant or just shut the bleep up.

<u>Marc Morehouse Substack</u> <u>@marcmorehouse</u> on Twitter/X

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 17-7:

I suspect this game will be much like last week's game, where the story is Iowa's defense suffocating Minnesota from start to finish and the offense makes just enough explosive plays to secure the win and Floyd remaining in Iowa City for another year.

@TheBStiles on Twitter/X

John Patchett - Iowa 19-10:

I tend to blather on with these predictions - technically this week's are *Hognostications* (you know, Floyd...). I've decided to keep it shorter and sweet this week. If Wisconsin couldn't run the ball vs. Iowa's Defense, I sure don't think Minnesota can. If anything, the Gophers Offense overall may be even worse than Iowa's (I know — how is that possible - but stats are a pesky thing).

Here's how the Hawkeyes get to 19: the NDST (more commonly referred to as Offense - but I prefer "Not the Defense or Special Teams") manages to score 1 TD (not sure exactly how but I'll go with a rush TD), the Defense will score a TD (probably a pick-six), 2 Drew Stevens field goals, and a safety (in the North End Zone, which is increasingly becoming a zone of horrors for opposing offenses no matter how good they are). That also means Iowa's Special Teams (punting and punt coverage) will pin the fury little bastards back deep inside the North red zone (several times) but at least one of those will result in a safety.

So that's my rationale and I'm sticking to it. Floyd has become quite accustomed to living in the warmer climes (compared to Minneapolis) of Iowa City — and there's no reason to think he's ready to change locations this season. The Hawkeyes strengthen their hold on the B1G West then get the bye week at a great time before heading down the stretch of the regular season.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-0:

Everybody is dogging the Hawkeyes offense because of the Brian Ferentz storyline, but last week was one of the most effective rushing attacks lowa has had in Madison in recent seasons. Does the passing attack really even need to exist if the OL is creating tractor-trailer sized holes and running backs are bouncing off defenders? With this elite lowa defense & even better special teams unit... maybe not. lowa wins convincingly in a shutout victory. Oink.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 13-10:

Three yards and a cloud of dust. This game will be low scoring and ugly, like most Iowa games.

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