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Hawkeyes – Gophers Hognostications (11/18/22)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Minnesota Game – it's unanimous this week for Game11 of the 2022 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 17-10:

Other than its first few months and four travel nights the last seven years, Iowa's sorta new football facility never has been without Floyd of Rosedale.

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 21-17:

Five of Iowa's seven straight wins in the battle for Floyd of Rosedale have been settled by less than a touchdown.

This game won't be any different, a good, old-fashioned slobber-knocker on the tundra in Minneapolis.

The Hawkeye defense will be the difference against a productive Golden Gophers ground game.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 17-13:

Hawkeyes win in the cold.

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

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 16-10:

Two really good defensive teams playing each other in what are expected to be frigid conditions in Minneapolis on Saturday leads me to expect a low-scoring affair. The difference for me is I believe Iowa's defense will force Minnesota's offense into more mistakes in this game, which is why I believe the Hawkeyes will possess Floyd for another year.

[@TheBStiles](#) on Twitter

John Patchett – Iowa 17-10:

Iowa and Minnesota go into Saturday with each on three-game win streaks - and are tied for the lead in the B1G West at 4-3 (along with Illinois and Purdue). The winner will remain tied for first in the West - while the loser will almost certainly drop out of contention. The Hawkeyes have won seven straight (though five of those were by a touchdown or less) and 17 of the last 21 meetings played in this series — and Gophers Head Coach P.J. Fleck has never beaten Iowa in his six years at the helm in Minnesota.

This game won't be pretty - or artistic - or look much close to anything "modern" college football is supposed to resemble these days. It's a game that matches up perfectly with the trophy that's at stake - a big old bronze pig. (But what a bronze pig!) And that doesn't even get to the weather - where the high is forecast to only reach 14° at kickoff and going down from there. YIKES!

Both of these teams have really good defenses - outstanding actually - and rank near the top of the Big Ten in nearly every key defensive stat. Iowa's Offense has been and continues to be, well, challenged, and remains near the bottom of FBS teams. The Gophers' Offense is statistically superior and relies very heavily on the run game (31 rushing touchdowns to just eight through the air). The Hawkeye defenders have been outstanding when playing offenses that are largely one-dimensional. And Iowa's Special Teams seem better than Minny's — that could be really important in this game. And, always, turnovers could be the deciding factor -

especially given the weather.

Floyd has enjoyed the atmosphere and climate in Iowa City for the past seven straight years - after the final seconds tick off the scoreboard in Minneapolis, he'll start enjoying Iowa City for the eighth consecutive year. The Hawkeyes bring home the bacon — and, shockingly, remain in the race for the B1G West Championship - despite an offense that still ranks near the bottom in the FBS.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 13-10:

The Hawkeye offense may still be sputtering, but the Iowa defense is firing on all cylinders. The Gophers sport a top defense as well and there's little reason to believe this one will be a track meet. Not only will there not be much offense here, I anticipate lots of punts. Everyone loves punts. All of a sudden an Iowa victory puts them in the driver seat of the B1G West and an opportunity for 8, 9 or.. dare I even say 10 wins. What a funky season. I'm off track. Hawks go on the road & bring Floyd back with them.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 24-20:

Have the Hawkeyes turned a corner? After three impressive wins, Iowa comes in with confidence against a team it has beat seven straight years. Make it eight.

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