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Hawkeyes – Huskers Prognostications



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Nebraska “Heroes Trophy” B1G West Contest on Black Friday — it’s almost (but not quite) this week for Game 12 of the 2023 Season.

The Game: *Iowa (9-2, 6-2) travels to Nebraska (5-6, 3-5) at Memorial Stadium on Black Friday - 11:09 AM kickoff on CBS | Hawkeye Radio Network with the Heroes Trophy at stake. The Hawkeyes clinched the B1G West Title last Saturday on Senior Day, defeating Illinois 15-13 at Kinnick Stadium - and will face the winner of Saturday’s Michigan - Ohio State Game on December 2 in Indianapolis. Nebraska, under first-year Head Coach Matt Rhule has struggled again this season, losing last Saturday at Wisconsin 24-17 in overtime. The Huskers Defense is very good but like the rest of the Big Ten West they struggle on Offense. Iowa’s Offense averages kist 18.5 points per game - the Huskers 18.7. This is Nebraska’s Senior Day and it needs to win this game just to become bowl-eligible. Iowa trails the all-time series 30-20-3 but the Hawkeyes have been victorious in 7 of the last 8 and 8 of the last 10 games. Last season Iowa was upset by Nebraska 24-7 in Iowa City. The last 5 games have been decided by a touchdown or less. The Hawkeyes have won the last 5 games played in Lincoln. (See the Team Stats Comparisons on the last page.)*

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Scott Dochterman – Iowa 16-13:

The Hawkeyes are one, big redemption story week after week. This would be a great time for Drew Stevens to add his name to the list.

TheAthletic.com

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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 17-10:

Odds makers have a high opinion of Huskers

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Marc Morehouse – Iowa 25-24:

Quintessential KF season. Victory in the margins. Nothing easy. Lotsa punts. Not everyone will appreciate it. There's always more stress than fun.

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Brendan Stiles – Nebraska 14-10 :

Vegas knows something we don't. That aside, yes, it's a rivalry game and Iowa will want to get revenge for last year, but Nebraska has more at stake this week. Iowa has bigger fish to fry in Indianapolis and will need all hands on deck for either the Buckeyes or Wolverines.

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John Patchett – Iowa 16-10:

Expect another close game this week - like the last five these two teams have played. Iowa is looking to add to its season resume while the Huskers are desperately trying to get to a bowl game. The Hawkeyes are also looking to reclaim the Heroes Trophy and would like to go into the Big Ten Championship Game on a three-game win streak.

Both of these Defenses are legit - among the best in the B1G and FBS — slight edge to Iowa here. Their respective Offenses are mediocre at best and struggle to put points on the board. Iowa's Special Teams have been terrific all season - especially the punting - and the Hawkeyes should also have the edge in this phase. Turnovers will be crucial - especially for Iowa playing on the road in sold-out Memorial Stadium - and a big play or two for either team could mean the difference (neither of the defenses surrender many of those). Building an early lead will likely be an indicator of which team can snag the win.

I think - as in last Saturday's victory over Illinois - the Hawkeyes will do just enough to pull out their 10th win of the season — although I won't be shocked either if Nebraska manages to get the victory — just don't expect a lot of points. The Heroes Trophy returns to Iowa City to hang out with the B1G West Championship, Cy-Hawk, and Heartland Trophies.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 10-7:

It's going to be chilly. It would be silly to anticipate a barrage of points scored. It would also be somewhat absurd to expect an overly exciting game. Well, unless you like classic defensive football. I do. The Hawks put the cherry on top in Lincoln with a 4th quarter field goal by Drew Stevens to win it. Off to Indy.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 16-13:

The Hawkeyes are 3-0 against the Purdy family. Make it 4-0 with another classic Iowa win.

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2023-24 Big Ten Football Conference Statistical Ranking Comparison All games

Team	Offense				Defense			
	Rushing	Passing	Total Off.	Scoring	Rushing	Passing	Total Def.	Scoring
Illinois	9	3	3	6	12	11	12	12
Indiana	10	6	8	9	13	13	14	13
Iowa	11	14	14	13	4	5	4	3
Maryland	12	2	4	4	6	8	7	9
Michigan	3	4	2	1	3	2	1	1
Michigan St.	14	7	10	14	9	12	11	11
Minnesota	7	11	11	10	11	10	10	10
Nebraska	1	13	9	12	2	9	6	5
Northwestern	13	9	13	10	14	6	9	8
Ohio St.	8	1	1	3	5	1	3	2
Penn St.	2	10	6	2	1	4	2	4
Purdue	4	8	5	5	10	14	13	14
Rutgers	5	12	12	7	7	3	5	6
Wisconsin	6	5	7	8	8	7	8	7

Team	Kick ret.	Punt ret.	Interceptions	Sacks	TFL	Turnover Mar.
Illinois	9	6	10	8	11	13
Indiana	2	13	7	12	8	9
Iowa	7	1	6	14	8	10
Maryland	3	7	5	5	10	6
Michigan	12	3	1	3	5	2
Michigan St.	10	8	14	6	6	12
Minnesota	13	11	9	9	13	4
Nebraska	8	12	8	4	2	14
Northwestern	1	10	13	11	11	3
Ohio St.	11	9	2	10	7	7
Penn St.	6	2	3	1	1	1
Purdue	5	5	11	2	4	10
Rutgers	14	14	12	13	14	5
Wisconsin	4	4	4	7	3	8

THE NITTY GRITTY

IOWA (9-2, 6-2)				NEBRASKA (5-6, 3-5)				NCAA TEAM RANKINGS			
TEAM STATISTICS		IOWA	OPP	TEAM STATISTICS		NEB	OPP	CATEGORY	IOWA	NEB	
Points/Game		18.5	12.4	Points/Game		18.7	18.7	Total Offense	130	113	
First Downs		149	182	First Downs		188	185	Rushing Offense	105	26	
Rushing/Game		119.3	108.4	Rushing/Game		186.1	86.5	Passing Offense	127	126	
Passing/Game		126.1	173.0	Passing/Game		131.1	221.2	Team Passing Eff.	129	128	
Total Offense/Game		245.4	281.4	Total Offense/Game		317.2	307.7	Scoring Offense	121	118	
Fumbles-Lost		17-7	12-3	Fumbles-Lost		28-13	14-5	Total Defense	7	15	
Pen./Yds. per game		37/30.5	74/57.5	Pen./Yds. per game		55/42.5	69/56.5	Rushing Defense	18	5	
Time of Poss.		28:42	31:18	Time of Poss.		31:08	28:52	Passing Yards Allowed	10	58	
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				Team Passing Eff. Def.			
RUSHING		Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG	Scoring Defense		3	19	
L. Williams		139	668	4.8	1	60.7	Turnover Margin		91	129	
K. Johnson		94	385	4.1	3	55.0	3rd Down Conversion Pct.		122	86	
PASSING		C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG	4th Down Conversion Pct.		14	65	
D. Hill		86-173-5	49.7	882	5	88.2	3rd Down Conversion Pct. Def.		18	51	
C. McNamara		46-90-3	51.1	505	4	101.0	4th Down Conversion Pct. Def.		69	18	
RECEIVING		Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG	Red Zone Offense		54	125	
N. Ragaini		24	213	8.9	0	19.4	Red Zone Defense		6	79	
A. Ostrenga		19	116	6.1	2	12.9	Net Punting		1	88	
DEFENSE		U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB	Punt Returns		40	119	
J. Higgins		57-76-133	3.5	1.0	1	4	Kickoff Returns		23	29	
N. Jackson		35-52-87	7.0	3.0	0	2	First Downs Offense		129	110	
DEFENSE		U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB	First Downs Defense		16	17	
I. Gifford		39-26-75	6.5	0.5	1	7	Fewest Penalties Per Game		4	30	
J. Wright		19-29-48	1.0	0	2	0	Time of Possession		97	36	