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## **Hawkeyes – Wolf Pack Prognostications (09/17/22)**



*The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Nevada Game — it's unanimous this week for Game 3 of the 2022 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.*

### **Scott Dochterman – Iowa 45-3:**

I think Iowa's day under the glare of the national spotlight comes to an end. It's just as well that it happens in the dark.

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

### **Steve Batterson – Iowa 24-7:**

The Hawkeye defense does its usual thing and while it may be modest, the Iowa offense takes a step forward in the final tune-up for Big Ten play. Ball security will be huge this week. Nevada leads the nation with 11 takeaways through three games and the Wolf Pack have turned nine of those turnovers into points.

[The Quad City Times](https://www.thequadcitytimes.com)  
[@SBatt79](https://twitter.com/SBatt79) on Twitter

### **John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 25-7:**

Incarnate Word scored 55 points against Nevada, so Iowa should get something.

[IowaCollegeHoops.com](http://IowaCollegeHoops.com) - AP  
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### **Brendan Stiles – Iowa 28-7:**

Nevada just gave up 55 points at home to Incarnate Word. If Iowa can't get anything going offensively against this team, then the Hawkeyes might be lucky to win a game in Big Ten play. I fully expect Iowa to look semi-competent on offense Saturday night and for the defense to do its thing en route to the type of victory needed in Iowa City to restore some optimism.

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### **John Patchett – Iowa 24-10:**

Dead-Horse-Beating is getting tiresome (Iowa's Offense) — most readers already know how bad it is and Kirk's over-the-top stubborn-ness in refusing to replace Petras with Padilla. So I'll just leave that there and move on to my actual pronog.

I've picked the Hawkeyes this week only because they're playing a mediocre Nevada Team that features a sieve-like Defense (surrendered 55 points last week to Incarnate Word). So I don't think even Iowa's Offense can screw up this game (probably).

The Hawks do have an outstanding Defense and an exceptional punting game — I anticipate them carrying the day, again. The Wolf Pack has a QB issue (co-starters) but they have been putting up a lot of points — just not against a Defense like Iowa's.

There is, however, a real potential issue looming over this game: what if Petras struggles again and/or the Hawkeyes are "only" able to put 20-some points on the board? What's an acceptable number for Iowa to score in this game — 30, 40, 50? And if they can't, oh baby look out when conference play starts for the Hawkeyes!

I Tweeted this out on Tuesday: *If he (Petras) does really well, it will be viewed as because it's Nevada. If he is mediocre (let alone bad), then that would be a "cross the Rubicon" kind of moment IMO. But that's the position Kirk is knowingly putting Petras in (and Brian too).*

Even when your Offense is LAST in the FBS, Kirk (*I'm the head coach and I make the decisions*) still refuses to change QBs. So far. We'll see what happens Saturday. And beyond that, right now, it's kind of hard to see Iowa getting to .500 in conference play. Who is it going to beat if the Offense remains essentially the

same? (OK - I couldn't restrain myself from a little bit more of dead-horse-beating. My apologies...)

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### **Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-0:**

I was DEAD WRONG about Iowa's offensive woes getting back on track last week against Iowa State. I won't make that mistake again. Nevada isn't a great team, but Iowa's offense has looked as poor as any in the Ferentz era. There are no receivers to spread the field. The blocking is paltry. The QB play has been atrocious. Petras appears to be the guy for Iowa, even though he can't make the easy plays, let alone the tough throws. Until we see the offense get legs and prove they can move the ball against anybody, the scores in my predictions will remain low. I'll be done ripping them now... Enough of the bad. The defense is stellar and that will be on display against Nevada. I anticipate a couple timely turnovers to get the Hawkeyes in decent field position to allow them to get on the board. There's no reason to believe Iowa can blow out Nevada. Maybe, for the fanbase's sake, they'll read this and prove me wrong.

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### **Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 31-10:**

As bad as Iowa's offense is, Nevada's defense may be even worse. The Wolf Pack surrendered 55 points to Incarnate Word last week. If the Hawkeye offense ever gets on track, it would start this week.

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