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Hawkeyes – Nittany Lions Prognostications (09/22/23)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Penn State Game – it's unanimous again this week (not in a good way for the Hawkeyes) for Game 4 of the 2023 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Penn State 23-16:

I can see many scenarios taking place in this game, including several in which Iowa can pull out a stunner. But I don't have to squint to see Penn State's avenues to victory.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Penn State 20-17:

It's always close.

[IowaCollegeHoops.com](https://www.iowacollegehoops.com) - AP - [HawkeyeNation.com](https://www.hawkeyenation.com)
[@JohnBohnenkamp](https://twitter.com/JohnBohnenkamp) on Twitter/X

Marc Morehouse – Penn State 23-13:

James Franklin's ploy — play Iowa's game and let the athletes emerge and make the plays that matter — works.

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Brendan Stiles – Penn State 27-10 :

I have my concerns for Iowa this Saturday for 3 reasons. 1) Barring a trip to Indianapolis in December, this is by far the best team Iowa will play this season, loaded on both sides of the ball; 2) The injuries on offense are severe enough that I don't think Iowa will be able to run the ball like it wants, and that will lead to pressure from Penn State; 3) I don't know if this defense can hold up for four quarters against a NFL caliber quarterback. My hunch is that this could get ugly. Not as ugly as the 2021 Big Ten Championship or last year's Ohio State game, but ugly.

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John Patchett – Penn State 23-13 :

Iowa's Offense has been slow to get on track so far this season, finally showing some glimmers of hope/possibility against Western Michigan — unfortunately Penn State is not Western Michigan (nor Utah State nor Iowa State). The Nittany Lions Defense is (at least) as good as that of the Hawkeyes — and Penn State's Offense is far more potent than the visitors from Iowa City. And that doesn't even factor in that Iowa will be without three of its best offensive weapons (starting and #3 running backs and starting tight end). About the only statistical advantage the Hawks have is in their punt and kick return games.

Now I recognize that Kirk Ferentz has had success when playing PSU - both in Happy Valley and at Kinnick Stadium. I suppose it's possible there could be a super-human effort from Iowa's Defense, some key plays from the Special Teams, and some magic from the Offense. But that's a lot of "supposes" and probably too many to realistically think the Hawkeyes can snag a victory in Pennsylvania before returning to Kinnick Stadium next week to host Michigan State.

The good news is that Iowa can lose this game and still have a very good season. No one on this site is predicting the Hawkeyes can reach the 25 point mark in this game — HOWEVER, if by some minor miracle they can, then a huge upset victory would be likely.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Penn State 20-7:

Penn State forced turnover after turnover against Illinois in Week 3, which resulted in what looked like a lopsided win. The one constant in Kirk Ferentz' tenure at Iowa is the Hawkeyes turnover margin, most notably the defense's ability to force the other team to cough it up under Phil Parkers defensive coordination. The Iowa offense isn't a Cadillac, but it's also not a beater with the muffler missing... Turnovers and field position will be everything in this football game. Even with Iowa's turnover prowess, I'm confident Penn State is the better team as a whole and the atmosphere in a rainy night game with a Whiteout crowd spells a victory for the Nittany Lions.

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Jack Brandsgard – Penn State 27-10:

Iowa's offense, which isn't exactly a juggernaut to begin with, is now without its best tight end and two of its top running backs. That's not a great recipe for success going into a hostile environment against a defense brimming with NFL talent. The Hawkeyes will need Cade McNamara to play like the quarterback who led Michigan to the College Football Playoff two years ago if they want to have a chance, and even that might not be enough.

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