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## **Hawkeyes – Boilermakers Prognostications (10/06/23)**



*The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Purdue Homecoming Game — it’s unanimous again this week for Game 6 of the 2023 Season. Scoring - not so much. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.*

### **Scott Dochterman – Iowa 20-16:**

All week long I had planned to take Purdue. Today I changed my mind. Why? Maybe I have a little faith that Deacon Hill just might put together a drive of two.

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

### **John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 21-17:**

It’s Deacon Hill’s offense now.

[IowaCollegeHoops.com](https://IowaCollegeHoops.com) - AP - [HawkeyeNation.com](https://HawkeyeNation.com)

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**Marc Morehouse – Iowa 8-6:**

I retired so I didn't have to pick this ... this ... kerplunk of a sprained ankle pulled groin of a game. Enjoy Arby's. — Iowa 8, Purdue 6 (like a Dubuque Hempstead Green vs. Western Dubuque Red in freshmen football).

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**Brendan Stiles – Iowa 20-14:**

I suspect this to be one of those games where Iowa starts out in control, then allows Purdue to get back in it before the defense makes a play late to seal the win. Iowa getting Kaleb Johnson back is big since he went off on the Boilermakers last year in West Lafayette.

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**John Patchett – Iowa 20-13:**

Like Scott (above) I was planning on picking the Boilermakers but changed my mind last night. It's Homecoming after all (although I think that's a bigger deal for alumni than the players). Iowa's Defense remains a thing — holding six teams without a TD since last season, including Sparty last week - and allowing just one TD or less in 13 of its last 18 games — and Special Teams remain a difference-maker.

The biggest question mark - as has been the case in recent (and not so recent) history - remains the Offense — now without its starting QB and #1 TE. Just like last season, through the first five games this year Iowa's Offense remains mired at or near the bottom of the FBS in nearly every key offensive statistical category. At least last Saturday we saw a more balanced passing attack (WRs + TEs targets) — and Deacon Hill got his feet wet, showed that he should be able to be a bit of a force especially in short-yardage run situations, and looks like he has a rocket for an arm. Two very important things that would be helpful for the passing game: Hill showing a little more touch on his passes (especially the shorter ones) and receivers cutting down on their drops. It should also be helpful to get their #1 RB Kaleb Johnson back.

Purdue has won four of the last six games vs. Iowa - but that was when Jeff Brohm was the head coach - and the Hawkeyes won 24-3 on the road last year. Purdue's Offense is, statistically, much better than Iowa's - while the Hawkeyes Defense ranks better than the

Boilers'. Purdue once gain brings another former Hawkeye into this game. Last year it was Charlie Jones. This Saturday it will be Tyrone Tracy, Jr., who has switched from WR to RB and is the Boilers' leading rusher so far this season - he also has a KR TD. PU also features a transfer QB - Hudson Card who migrated from Texas (after losing his starting position) to West Lafayette. You can be certain Tracy will want to make a statement - and equally as sure his former Iowa teammates will want to make sure that doesn't happen.

Defense and Special Teams once again carry the day for the Hawkeyes - although it likely will be uncomfortably close most of this game for Iowa fans.

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#### **Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-10:**

I expect a low scoring affair, as Iowa's defense slows down the Purdue passing attack. The key in the game will be if Iowa's OL can give Deacon Hill enough time to make the big throw. He showed that he is capable of doing so against Michigan State. The receivers need to catch the football.

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#### **Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 17-14:**

Iowa easily dispatched of Purdue, 24-3, last season, but smart money says this game will be much closer. Last year it was former Hawkeye Charlie Jones that Iowa had to focus on slowing down, and this year it's former Hawkeye Tyrone Tracy, Purdue's leading rusher who is a threat in the passing game, too, having played receiver at Iowa. Offensively, it's going to be tough sledding for an Iowa offense led by Deacon Hill, but the likely return of Kaleb Johnson and home-field advantage at Kinnick Stadium push the Hawkeyes over the finish line.

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