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Hawkeyes – Boilermakers Prognostications (10/15/21)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Purdue Game — and it’s unanimous again this week for Game 7 of the 2021 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 25-13:

The Hawkeyes are coming down from an emotional win and are facing an improved defense coupled with an elite WR on the other side. It might not be pretty, but it should be a win.

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 31-21:

Purdue and David Bell continue to give Iowa issues, but the rushing of Tyler Goodson and Ivory Kelly-Martin and the short passing game should provide

the Hawkeyes with an opportunity to manage the clock and secure a seventh win of the season.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 27-20:

Hawkeyes figure out a way to beat the Boilermakers.

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

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 28-20:

After a massive win over Penn State last weekend, I sense a minor letdown happening at Kinnick Stadium this Saturday where the Hawkeyes still beat Purdue, but the game ends up being closer than anticipated. One of the big reasons why I think the Boilermakers keep this close is because Jeff Brohm is 3-1 against Iowa since becoming Purdue's head coach and David Bell has put up ridiculous receiving numbers against the Hawkeyes each of the past two seasons. Despite all that however, Iowa is clearly the better team, at home, and should be motivated enough by last year's defeat in West Lafayette to come away with the victory and move to 7-0 entering their bye week.

[**@TheBStiles**](#) on Twitter

John Patchett – Iowa 31-17:

As everyone who reads this knows, Iowa is coming off one of its biggest wins in recent program history and the Ferentz Era and the lofty national rankings are pretty heady at this point. So while it may be legit to wonder if there might be at least a partial letdown going into the Purdue game, I don't think that's in this team's DNA. There are several factors that are in the Hawkeyes' favor, heading into its Annual Homecoming Game...

- 1) It's a home game — and when Iowa plays in Kinnick Stadium there are four "phases" to its team: Offense, Defense, Special Teams, and The Crowd. The latter had a huge impact late in the Penn State Game last

- Saturday — and it likely will again this week - with another sell-out.
- 2) The Hawkeyes are 16-5 in Homecoming Games under Kirk Ferentz, including winning eight of its last 10.
 - 3) Iowa's Defense is among the leaders in the FBS, and it leads the nation in interceptions (16), takeaways (20), and turnover margin (+15).
 - 4) Purdue will be missing some key starters on both sides of the ball due to injuries, including one of its best running backs — and the Boilermakers are already last in the Big Ten in rushing at 2.8 YPC.
 - 5) Iowa's Special Teams have really been special this season, notably the punting game (punts and punt coverage) — think back a few days to reflect on how big that was in the win over PSU.
 - 6) The Hawkeyes have won 10 of the last 15 vs. Purdue, including the last time these two teams played at Kinnick (coincidentally, also at Homecoming).

Given all of that, Purdue under Head Coach Jeff Brohm has had Iowa's number, winning three of the last four, including last year's season-opener 24-20 in West Lafayette. The Hawkeyes Secondary, as good as it has been the last two years, really struggled in that game — giving up 282 passing yards and three touchdowns — while Boilers star wide receiver David Bell alone had 121 yards on 13 receptions with three touchdowns. Bell leads the B1G this season, averaging 16.3 YPC and 109.8 yards per game. It's also noteworthy that Boilers have had two weeks to prepare for Iowa (last week was their bye).

Iowa has played complementary football all season — and I expect that to continue in this contest and for that matter the rest of the year. That should be more than enough to defeat the 3-2 Boilermakers on Duke Slater Field Saturday afternoon.

The #2/2 Hawkeyes win their 13th straight game and improve to 7-0, 4-0, heading into their bye week. Who knows, maybe Kentucky will upset Georgia (although that is a home game for the Bulldogs) — and if that were to happen, oh baby...

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 31-10:

There's a big red target on the Hawkeyes back now as the team to beat in not only the B1G West, but the Big Ten as a whole. A slow start can be

expected for Iowa in this one, but ultimately they get it done with the ground and pound style that's their bread and butter. Nothing flashy, but a win is a win going into the bye week.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 27-17:

Iowa's defensive game plan starts with David Bell and ends with David Bell, who has 26 catches for 318 yards and four touchdowns in two career games against the Hawkeyes. Especially with Riley Moss out, Purdue will look to get Bell in favorable matchups. Luckily for Iowa, Matt Hankins is playing like one of the best cornerbacks in all of college football, and the rest of the secondary is no slouch either. The Boilermakers have won three of the last four contests in the series, but I expect the Hawkeyes to come away victorious despite a productive game from Bell.

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