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Hawkeyes – Scarlet Knights Prognostications (09/24/22)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Rutgers Game – it's unanimous this week for Game 4 of the 2022 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 17-6:

We all know there will be some premium punting on display Saturday. I also think Iowa's offense takes a small step forward – at least after the defense forces a few turnovers.

TheAthletic.com

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

Steve Batterson – Iowa 20-10:

I'm avoiding the temptation to punt on making a pick this week -- there should be plenty of those to go around -- but I'll stick with the Hawkeyes to add to the Scarlet Knights' ongoing string of 19 consecutive losses in Big Ten home games, a conference record.

Iowa's offense will need greater consistency from its front five and another improved effort from the passing game against a stout Rutgers run defense. Expect that to happen.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 17-7:

Lots and lots of punts.

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

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 16-10:

This game will be as advertised and come down to special teams and field position. I think Iowa eventually gets a couple of big plays that prove to be the difference, whereas I see Rutgers struggling to move the ball on Iowa's defense. Hawkeyes win a close, low-scoring affair in Piscataway.

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

John Patchett – Iowa 17-10:

Punting-Palooza! If there are any two players in the FBS who really this, it's Iowa's Tory Taylor and Rutgers' Adam Korsak. They are both big-time difference makers for their respective teams - and they should be a treat to watch Saturday night. But in the final analysis, they should more or less offset each other. So that leaves the two teams respective defenses and offenses — and both the Hawkeyes and the Scarlet Knights are kind of in the same position with respect to those phases.

Iowa's Defense (B1G 3rd) is outstanding and Rutgers' is very good (B1G 4th). Both offenses are mediocre and struggling to score and create consistent identities — Iowa's Total Offense is still ranked last in the FBS and the Big Ten - Rutgers Total Offense is next to last at 13th in the B1G. On the plus side for the Hawkeyes, they did score 3 offensive TDs last Saturday-Sunday — but that was against a very questionable Nevada defense. So it's still difficult to say how Iowa's offense will fare as we move into the B1G schedule. Starting QB Spencer Petras markedly improved his passing accuracy in that game — so that's a big plus compared to his performances in the past few games stretching across the 2021 and 2022 seasons. It's unsure who will start at QB for Rutgers. Both of these teams are at the bottom of the Big Ten when it comes to passing yards: Iowa is last, RU next to last. So...

I think Iowa's defense will be the difference in this game - just enough to get the Hawkeyes their first win - and a road victory at that - in 2022 Big Ten play.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 17-10:

Both defenses have been stout through the first few weeks of the season and each team's offense has struggled at times. Iowa's struggles have become a trend. That said, Spencer Petras was able to get on track a bit against Nevada and from my seat, he looked much better hitting easy throws and extending the field. Iowa throwing the ball downfield occasionally seemed to work to open things up. Having Nico Ragaini and Keagan Johnson the field was an obvious help even through each only snagged two receptions. Kaleb Johnson was a nice surprise running the ball. All-of-a-sudden, Iowa appears to have three solid runners in the backfield and a QB who COULD be gaining a bit of confidence. That's why teams like Iowa pay to play teams like Nevada.

Rutgers is a much better opponent than Nevada and the Rutgers defense has been tough, especially in the running game this season. Look, it's inconceivable to pick Iowa to light the world on fire on offense against anybody at this point in the year. It's also inconceivable to think anybody is going to torch this Iowa defense. It's become a Hawkeye trend to get timely turnovers and flip the field so they offense doesn't have to work as hard as it should. Look for that opportunity to present itself Saturday in Piscataway. The Hawkeyes will get what could be an ugly victory prior to the 2021 B1G Championship Game rematch with the Wolverines next week.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 20-13:

If you like defense and special teams, this is the game for you; it's the showdown of the two best punters in the nation, Tory Taylor and Adam Korsak. The over/under is historically low (34.5), and for good reason. Points will be at a premium, and with Keagan Johnson sidelined again, I'm expecting a big day for Nico Ragaini in his homecoming game, including the decisive touchdown.

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