

# Hawkeyes Mic LLC

# **Hawkeyes – Scarlet Knights Prognostications**



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Rutgers Game — the "0-for" string for our crew was stopped at two — but it's a split decision this week for Game 10 of the 2023 Season.

**The Game:** Iowa (7-2, 4-2) hosts Rutgers (6-3, 3-3) at Kinnick Stadium on Saturday - 2:30 PM kickoff on BTN | Hawkeye Radio Network. The Hawkeyes regained sole possession of the B1G West last Saturday by defeating Northwestern 10-7 at Wrigley Field - coupled with losses by Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska (ending, for the moment at least, the four-way tie atop the division). Rutgers has been the surprise and most improved team in the Big Ten East but is coming off a 35-16 home loss to top-ranked Ohio State. This is the fourth meeting between the two programs — the Hawkeyes have won the previous three games (twice in New Jersey and once in Iowa City) — the last game was played in Piscataway on 09/24/22 with Iowa garnering a 27-10 victory.

#### Scott Dochterman – Iowa 11-9:

I think the north end zone should get partial credit for a game-winning safety.

**TheAthletic.com** @ScottDochterman on Twitter/X

## John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 14-10:

The Line (Iowa -1) and O/U (28.5) sure seem right.

<u>lowaCollegeHoops.com</u> - AP - <u>HawkeyeNation.com</u> <u>@JohnBohnenkamp</u> on Twitter/X

#### Marc Morehouse – Iowa 26-12:

No more jokes about 25 points.

<u>Marc Morehouse Substack</u> <u>@marcmorehouse</u> on Twitter/X

### Brendan Stiles - Iowa 13-10:

This is going to be a challenging game for the Hawkeyes because Rutgers brings a solid defense to Kinnick on Saturday. I think one big play ends up making the difference and I suspect it comes from Iowa in some shape or fashion.

@TheBStiles on Twitter/X

#### John Patchett – Iowa 10-9:

I almost picked Rutgers. Almost. Until I started thinking about Kinnick in general and the North End Zone in particular — those are difference-makers. (If the game was played in New Jersey I would have picked Rutgers.)

Talking about Iowa's Offense, at this point in the season, is just beating a dead horse (a horse dead for almost three years now). Nothing is going to change — perhaps not even when a new OC is in place - but certainly not before - as long as Kirk is in charge. You are stuck with this garbage that smells like a cheap suit does after three hours at a cigar dinner.

But the Hawkeyes Defense and Special Teams will be the difference in this game. Turnovers will be key and I wouldn't bet against Iowa's Defense putting up a/the score.

This is a "must win" game if the Hawks are still thinking of winning the B1G West and playing in the conference championship game - so motivation shouldn't be an issue.

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# Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 13-10:

The Hawkeyes have been playing with fire all season with the most pathetic offense I think I've ever seen. It's too bad because the defense is elite. It's a miracle this Iowa team is 7-2 and had a real shot at 8-1. I don't think Rutgers lights Iowa on fire, but they're the best team the Hawks

have played since Penn State. Maybe a close game favors Iowa because they've been winning them. I can't get behind that pick this week. Give me the Scarlet Knights.

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# Jack Brandsgard - Rutgers 13-10:

This game has a lot of similarities to the Iowa-Minnesota contest a few weeks ago in that it's going to be three yards and a cloud of dust on most plays. Iowa is usually totally comfortable in that sort of game, but I see Rutgers winning this one with a late score.

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