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Hawkeyes – Aggies Prognostications (09/01/23)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Utah State Season Opening Game – it’s unanimous again this week for Game 1 of the 2023 Season. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 41-3:

Here’s what I’m thinking. This is if Cade McNamara plays. If he sits out, then cut off two touchdowns but the result won’t change.

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

John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 31-0:

Hawkeyes will get some points in this one.

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

Marc Morehouse – Iowa 28-10:

This might be “Cannonball Run III,” but it’s almost like this team was picked for an easy home victory.

[Marc Morehouse Substack](#)
[@marcmorehouse](#) on Twitter (X)

Brendan Stiles – Iowa 34-7:

I expect Cade McNamara to come out firing from the start and for the defense to play up to its usual standards. Don't see this one being close.

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

John Patchett – Iowa 38-6:

First, I’ll just get this off my chest. Brian Ferentz key contract number of scoring 25 points game — SHOULD BE POINTS SCORED BY HIS OFFENSE, not the Defense and Special Teams. I suppose I digress - but we and everyone else around Iowa Football this season will be monitoring this game-to-game (and probably Half to Half).

This is most definitely one game where the Hawkeyes should put well in excess of 25 points on the board. Maybe the Defense and Offense should have a little contest to see who can score the most - just make sure no team member bets on the outcome.

As I write this it appears almost certain QB Cade McNamara will get his first start wearing the Black & Gold - and if that holds true I actually believe the Offense will put more than 25 on the board. Way deeper at wide receiver, stacked at tight end, and at least one running back who projects big-time. Oh, and a more seasoned and deeper O-Line.

I anticipate Iowa’s Defense to pick up where last year’s left off. And Special Teams should excel once again this year.

All of this vs. an undermanned Aggies Team from the land of the Great Salt Lake should leave Utah State thirsting for their first win of the season — because it’s almost certainly not coming in Kinnick Stadium on Saturday.

Can’t overlook any team in the Ferentz Era - but the Hawks take care of business and begin preparations for the annual Cy-Hawk Game next Saturday in Ames.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 24-7:

There's nothing out there saying that Utah State will be able to do much offensively against Iowa's elite defensive group. The Hawkeye offense has been the talk of the offseason because of how putrid it was all around in 2022. There's some stuff floating around out there about a huge jump offensively with new QB Cade McNamara and a couple of additional key transfer portal acquisitions. I'm not sold... No yet anyway. I need to see the offensive line take a huge step forward and the overall scheme to be consistent with Iowa's traditional approach. If Iowa can't run the ball this season, McNamara will struggle, and the offense as a whole will too. The good news is that Utah State is a nice opener for Iowa to work some of the kinks out. Hawks win, but I don't think they cover and it might not be all that pretty. That's football.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 24-7:

There are plenty of question marks surrounding the matchup between Iowa and Utah State on Saturday, headlined by Cade McNamara's uncertain status. But it's the Aggies who have more unknowns to juggle, having lost their leading rusher, leading receiver and five of their six leading tacklers from last season, in addition to welcoming over 60 new players to their roster this year.

With so much still up in the air on both sides, it's tough to confidently predict what will happen once the ball is kicked. Given the uncertain circumstances, I will default to what figures to be a safe pick – a low-scoring Iowa win. Look for two stalwarts from last season – Kaleb Johnson and Luke Lachey – to carry the load offensively, while Iowa's defense shuts down an inexperienced Utah State offense.

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