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## Hawkeyes – Badgers Prognostications



*The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Wisconsin Heartland Trophy Game — it's unanimous again (but not in the usual way) for Game 7 of the 2023 Season.*

**The Game:** Iowa (5-1, 2-1) travels to Wisconsin (4-1, 2-0) for the annual battle for the Heartland Trophy — 3:05 PM kickoff at Camp Randall Stadium — FOX | Hawkeye Radio Network. The winner of this game will be 1st in the B1G West after all of this weekend's conference games are played. Iowa is coming off its 20-14 Homecoming Win over Purdue — while Wisconsin slid by Rutgers 24-13 in Madison. Iowa has won 2 of the last 3 in this series with both victories coming at Kinnick Stadium — however the Badgers have won 5 of the last 7 overall — last year the Hawkeyes prevailed 24-10.

### **Scott Dochterman – Wisconsin 16-6:**

I've seen this game too many times, especially in Camp Randall, where Iowa will try to run on first down, throw incomplete on second and then panic on third and long. The Hawkeyes' defense will keep them in the game until the floodgates open with an offensive miscue or three.

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### **John Bohnenkamp – Wisconsin 21-10:**

Hawkeyes have had a lot of problems moving the ball against the Badgers.

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### **Marc Morehouse – Wisconsin 16-9:**

I'm sorry, everyone, my dad took me to more Badgers games than Hawkeyes games. He was a Sconnie and he was wont to flip off Iowa fans. Sorry, guys. Sorry!

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### **Brendan Stiles – Wisconsin 17-12:**

While I don't see Iowa losing this game by double digits like it did at Penn State, I don't think there's enough on the offensive side of the ball for them to be able to win this game in Madison. I actually think the defense will be OK here, but the concern stems with Deacon Hill in the sense that everyone at Wisconsin is going to know how to exploit his weaknesses given his time there. I see Iowa struggling offensively for the bulk of this game, and then getting a touchdown late (missed 2-point try) to at least get a backdoor cover.

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### **John Patchett – Wisconsin 17-10:**

Iowa's Offense is (really) bad (not news). Wisconsin's isn't much better (somewhat surprisingly). Add to that the forecast for Madison on Saturday: mid-50s, rain, and windy. For anyone who has experienced that at Camp Randall Stadium, you know how nasty that can be. So, bottom line, given those circumstances, it's just unreasonable to expect these two offenses to somehow semi-miraculously break out of their self-imposed doldrums and put up a lot of points. This could very well boil down to which team can generate the better rushing attack on Saturday — as passing could be a challenge and neither team has been very good at it on a consistent basis — so keep an eye on Kaleb Johnson and Braelon Allen to see who has the better game.

This series has almost always been a slobber-knocker kind of thing with both defenses excelling more often than not. Even though the Badgers are struggling offensively with the implementation of their new scheme, their defense remains a strength. Iowa's Defense is, once again, very good and statistically overall slightly better than Wisconsin's. Nevertheless if the

Hawkeyes fail to sustain their offensive drives and Iowa's Defense spends extended time on the field it won't bode well for the Black & Gold. Turnovers are always critical, but in this Heartland Trophy Series they almost always seem to be huge — expect that to be the case again in this game.

Special Teams could be a determining factor in this game (but the wind) — and I'll give the Hawkeyes the edge in this phase — especially punting plus punt and kickoff returns.

The Bull has enjoyed its (brief) stay in Iowa City — but it likely returns to its usual recent-haunt in Madison. The Badgers will be in the driver's seat for the B1G West, and the loss will be painful and very costly for the Hawkeyes. FWIW if this game were at Kinnick Stadium I would (probably) reverse that score - but, alas, it is not - and home field advantage is a real thing.

[PS: If you want to watch what should be a great game, including exciting offenses, be sure to record the Oregon-Washington Game, which also kicks at 2:30 PM, and get a preview of what it's going to be like in the Big Ten beginning next season.]

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#### **Tyler Tjelmeland – Wisconsin 10-9:**

Cooler temps and rain in the forecast. Neither team lights the world on fire offensively, and this one promises to be a low scoring affair. Lots of kicking, punting, and turnover weather. Classic Big Ten football! In what could ultimately decide the B1G West, the home team wins.

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#### **Jack Brandsgard – Wisconsin 21-10:**

I don't sense a "revenge game" incoming for Deacon Hill, who left a lot to be desired last week. The most encouraging sign for the Hawkeyes against Purdue was their continued growth in the run game, but Wisconsin is traditionally known for both stopping the run while asserting its will on the ground offensively. I just don't think Iowa has the juice to keep up with the Badgers.

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