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Hawkeyes Mic: Hawkeyes – Badgers Prognostications (12/10/20)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Wisconsin game. It's not quite unanimous this week. But all of us are predicting a close game. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 16-13:

I fully anticipate the hard hits will echo off the frozen bleachers at Kinnick Stadium. It also would be poetic for Keith Duncan to cap his career with a game-winning field over the only Big Ten team he never has beaten.

TheAthletic.com

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Steve Batterson – Iowa 19-17:

Iowa's defense is capable of creating enough havoc against a Wisconsin offense that has been shaky in its last two games to give the Hawkeyes a slight edge in their regular-season finale. Iowa will need to add to its collection of 46 tackles for a loss and 20 sacks for it to happen and that starts with having enough success on first and second down to leave the Badgers in awkward third-down distances. If Daviyon Nixon, Chauncey Golston, Zach VanValkenburg and Jack Heflin can accomplish that, Iowa may complete its traveling trophy collection.

[The Quad City Times](http://TheQuadCityTimes.com)

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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 24-20:

Hawkeyes keep rolling and grab another trophy.

HawkeyeMaven.com

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Brendan Stiles – Wisconsin 24-21:

Kind of like the Penn State game a few weeks ago, my thinking here is if Iowa is actually better than Wisconsin, then it has to prove it, because the Badgers have had the Hawkeyes' number for the better part of a decade now. Iowa can't afford another slow start like it had last weekend against Illinois, or this could potentially get ugly. I know how much Iowa wants this one, but again, prove it.

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John Patchett – Iowa 20-13:

In order to make a semi-accurate prediction in this Big Ten West Game, it certainly would be helpful to know which version of the Wisconsin Offense will show up. Will it be the team that won its first two games behind a productive, prolific Offense — or the team that lost its last two games scoring a combined 13 points (against Northwestern and Indiana). I'll stick with the trend here — especially considering how good Iowa's Defense has been.

On the other hand, the huge question is how the Hawkeyes Offense with Spencer Petras under Center will fare vs. the always stout Badgers Defense — one which has caused Iowa major fits the last four years, during which time Kirk nor Brian Ferentz have been able to scheme and execute much of anything approaching productivity that could result in wins. But this year's Offense seems to have the best combination of weapons we've seen in quite awhile — very good and complimentary running backs and a bevy of receivers (both of the "wide" and "tight" kind). So you'd like to think there is more to scheme with.

I know we say this almost every week — but turnovers - and especially in this series field position - will be absolutely critical.

Wisconsin has won four in a row in this series — and has been victorious in five straight played at Kinnick Stadium. But look for the Hawkeyes to break that string on Saturday — finally — and regain the Heartland Trophy in a classic slobberknocker. I expect Iowa's Defense to keep the Badgers contained and the Hawkeyes Offense to do just enough to win. Oh, and don't forget Iowa's punting game which has been key all season long.

It will be nice for Iowa's players and fans to have all four of the rivalry game trophies back in residence at the Football Performance Center. Making that happen on Senior Day in this COVID-plagued season will make it even sweeter.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 20-17:

Iowa's rolling and Wisconsin is reeling. Expect it to be a tough-fought game, but Iowa's in a better place right now confidence-wise and the Hawks have all the motivation in the world to get a win against the Badgers. Something it hasn't done in four seasons. All the rivalry trophies belong in Iowa City in 2020.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 21-17:

These two programs mirror each other in so many ways, and I'm expecting a physical battle in the trenches. Many fans may assume Wisconsin has the clear advantage at quarterback, but since starting the season with seven touchdowns and no interceptions, Graham Mertz has tossed only one touchdown and four interceptions in Wisconsin's last two games, both losses. Meanwhile, Spencer Petras enjoyed his best stretch of the season in the second half against Illinois.

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