

#4 Penn State at #3 Iowa

Oct. 9, 2021

POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (6-0, 3-0) defeated Penn State (5-1, 2-1), 23-20, on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa has won 12 consecutive games. The Hawkeyes have outscored their last 12 opponents, 403-161, averaging 33.6 points per game offensively and allowing 13.4 ppg during the winning streak. Iowa has won 12 straight for the first time since opening the 2015 season with 12 straight wins. Iowa reached the Big Ten Championship game and accepted an invitation to the 2016 Rose Bowl game.

Iowa has won nine straight games against Big Ten opponents (2020-21) for the second time in program history (2001-02 (10)).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

QB Spencer Petras improved to 12-2 as Iowa's starting quarterback. He has the best winning percentage by a starting quarterback in program history (.857).

QB Spencer Petras has led Iowa to 12 consecutive wins. He was 17-31 for 195 yards passing Saturday. Petras is 194-324 with 2,226 passing yards during Iowa's 12-game winning streak. He has thrown 17 touchdowns and four interceptions over the last 12 games.

LB/SS Jestin Jacobs's first-quarter interception was the first of his career. He is the ninth Hawkeye this season to record an interception.

FS Jack Koerner's first-quarter interception was his second in as many weeks, the sixth of his career.

DB Riley Moss had an interception in the second quarter, his fourth of the season. Moss has 10 career interceptions for 239 yards, including three touchdown returns. The 10 thefts tie for 11th in program history.

DB Matt Hankins fourth-quarter interception was his third of the season, sixth of his career.

WR Nico Ragaini's fourth-quarter touchdown (44 yards) was his first of the season and third of his career. Ragaini's team-high 73 yards receiving are a career best.

DT Logan Lee had a career-high seven tackles.

Iowa leads the country and 16 interceptions. The Hawkeyes have 80 interception since 2017, more than any team in the country.

The Hawkeyes have scored 78 points on 20 takeaways this season.

MISCELLANEOUS

Iowa has won six straight games against ranked opponents dating back to 2019. The last time Iowa won six straight against ranked opponents was a six-game stretch in 1960.

Iowa had four interceptions Saturday, extending its streak of consecutive games with an interception to six. Iowa has had at least three interceptions in a game four times this season. The last season Iowa had four games with three or more interceptions was 2017.

TOP FIVE MATCHUP

The win was Iowa's first over a top five opponent since defeating No.3 Ohio State, 55-24, at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 4, 2017.

No. 3 Iowa and No. 4 Penn State met for the sixth time as ranked opponents, the third time in the last four years. The top five matchup is the sixth top-five matchup in Iowa football history, and the first at Kinnick Stadium since No. 1 Iowa defeated No. 2 Michigan, 12-10, in 1985.

Iowa has played 28 straight games without surrendering 25 points, the longest streak in the nation among Power 5 teams.

The Hawkeyes have opened the season with six straight wins for the third time in the Ferentz era -- 2009 (9-0) and 2015 (12-0).

The Hawkeyes are bowl eligible for the 20th time in the last 20 seasons.

Penn State won the toss and elected to defer. The Hawkeyes have played 280 games under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Iowa has opened the game on offense 211 times (136-75). The Hawkeyes have opened the game on defense 69 times (38-31).

IOWA vs. PENN STATE

DATE	IOWA RANK	PSU RANK	RESULT	SITE
9/15/1984	#5 Iowa	#12 Penn State	L, 17-20	home
10/21/1995	#18 Iowa	#19 Penn State	L, 27-41	home
10/2/2010	#17 Iowa	#22 Penn State	W, 24-3	home
10/27/2018	#19 Iowa	#17 Penn State	L, 24-30	away
10/12/2019	#17 Iowa	#10 Penn State	L, 12-17	home
10/9/2021	#3 Iowa	#4 Penn State	W, 23-20	home

TOP 5 MATCHUPS

DATE	IOWA RANK	OPPONENT	RESULT	SITE
10/9/2021	#3 IOWA	#4 Penn State	W, 23-20	home
12/5/2015	#4 IOWA	#5 Michigan State	L, 13-16	Indianapolis, IN
10/19/1985	#1 IOWA	#2 Michigan	W, 12-10	home
11/12/1960	#5 IOWA	#3 Ohio State	W, 35-12	home
11/5/1960	#1 IOWA	#3 Minnesota	L, 10-27	away
10/3/1959	#5 IOWA	#2 Northwestern	L, 10-14	home

INSTANT REPLAY

- 1) Charlie Jones touchdown reception (confirmed)

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes host Purdue on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Kinnick Stadium. Iowa's homecoming contest begins at 2:30 p.m. The game is televised on ABC.