

## The Final Exam – Iowa 44 – Iowa State 41

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The Iowa – Iowa State Game is in the books. The Hawkeyes prevailed 44-41 in overtime on Jack Trice Field last Saturday. It's time to grade that final exam...

### Grades

#### Offense      A

Scoring 44 points will win you most games; still room for improvement and growth, but hard to complain. Hawkeyes are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the FBS in Red Zone Production.

- Quarterback      A-
  - “Minus” because of the over-throws. But that’s almost nit-picking. There’s a reason Nate Stanley was named B1G Co-Offensive POTW.
- Running Backs      A
  - I’m counting Wadley’s 46 YD TD pass as mostly a run (8 YDs air, 38 YDs ground). And finally got 1<sup>st</sup> rush TD of the season.
- Receivers (WR & TE)      A
  - 333 YDs receiving, 8.1 per attempt, 12.3 per completion, 5 pass TDs – what else do you want folks.
- Offensive Line      A-
  - Only gave up one sack. Much cleaner than opener. James Daniels back at Center made a difference for the OL and the QB.

#### Defense      C

Key stops but way too leaky; surrendering 41 points will lose you most games.

- Defensive Line      B-
  - Pressure lacking; only one sack; moved from C to B- due to Parker Hesse’s pick and return – boy oh boy was that huge (even if the Offense could only get three points there).
- Linebackers      C+
  - Too many missed tackles; not enough help on pressure nor in pass coverage.
- Defensive Secondary      C+
  - Hard to say this was adequate when you surrender 347 YDs passing, but made some big plays. Those big, fast ISU receivers are going to burn a lot of defenses this season.

#### Special Teams      B

Kind of a mixed bag – still a work in progress.

- Place-Kicking      A

- What else do you want from Recinos – and just his second game.
- Punting C-
  - Not enough distance, especially at critical times; paging Ryan Gersonde.
- Punt Returns C
  - Nothing special yet.
- Kickoff Return C
  - See punting return comments above.

### Coaching

- HC Kirk Ferentz Pass (Pass / Fail)
  - He let Brian call the plays. No clock or timeout issues either.
- OC Brian Ferentz A
  - Hope he enjoyed that post-game cigar – moving away from historical Iowa tendencies – brilliant play-call on winning play in OT.
- DC Phil Parker C
  - Have to figure out how to make substitutions or other adjustments when facing an up-tempo offense like ISU's.

### **Prefense Defensive Player of the Week**

Pickings are a bit slim but we're going with Parker Hesse. His pick and 13 yard return late in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter was critical – Iowa almost certainly doesn't pull this game out but for that play. He also had a career-high seven tackles.

*Prefense Hand Sanitizer and Surface Protectant – Remember, the best defense is Prefense.*

### **T&K Roofing & Sheet Metal Coach of the Week**

This choice was easy: OC Brian Ferentz for constructing last week's Offense. He is growing fast in this position as play-caller, moving away from Iowa's historical tendencies out of formations (especially compared to Greg Davis), mixed things up, and the game-winning play-call in OT was brilliant. I think it's safe to say Iowa State never expected that pass with a power-formation and 10 men in the box.

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Please remember, as always, these are subjective observations and open to debate and discussion more often or not. Agree or disagree – that's part of the fun of college football.

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**Team Statistics (Final)**  
**IOWA HAWKEYES vs Iowa State (Sep 09, 2017 at Ames, Iowa)**

|                                | <b>IOWA</b> | <b>ISU</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>FIRST DOWNS</b>             | 29          | 22         |
| Rushing                        | 12          | 5          |
| Passing                        | 16          | 14         |
| Penalty                        | 1           | 3          |
| <b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>       | 164         | 120        |
| Rushing Attempts               | 41          | 26         |
| Average Per Rush               | 4.0         | 4.6        |
| Rushing Touchdowns             | 1           | 1          |
| Yards Gained Rushing           | 181         | 131        |
| Yards Lost Rushing             | 17          | 11         |
| <b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>       | 333         | 347        |
| Completions-Attempts-Int       | 27-41-0     | 25-46-1    |
| Average Per Attempt            | 8.1         | 7.5        |
| Average Per Completion         | 12.3        | 13.9       |
| Passing Touchdowns             | 5           | 4          |
| <b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>     | 497         | 467        |
| Total offense plays            | 82          | 72         |
| Average Gain Per Play          | 6.1         | 6.5        |
| Fumbles: Number-Lost           | 1-0         | 0-0        |
| Penalties: Number-Yards        | 10-84       | 2-15       |
| <b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>             | 7-278       | 5-236      |
| Average Yards Per Punt         | 39.7        | 47.2       |
| Net Yards Per Punt             | 39.7        | 46.4       |
| Inside 20                      | 2           | 3          |
| 50+ Yards                      | 0           | 1          |
| Touchbacks                     | 0           | 0          |
| Fair catch                     | 3           | 1          |
| <b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>          | 7-440       | 7-432      |
| Average Yards Per Kickoff      | 62.9        | 61.7       |
| Net Yards Per Kickoff          | 43.1        | 42.6       |
| Touchbacks                     | 2           | 1          |
| Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD  | 1-4-0       | 1-0-0      |
| Average Per Return             | 4.0         | 0.0        |
| Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD | 5-109-0     | 5-88-0     |
| Average Per Return             | 21.8        | 17.6       |
| Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD   | 1-13-0      | 0-0-0      |
| Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD  | 0-0-0       | 0-0-0      |
| Miscellaneous Yards            | 0           | 0          |
| Possession Time                | 37:07       | 22:53      |
| 1st Quarter                    | 9:20        | 5:40       |
| 2nd Quarter                    | 8:48        | 6:12       |
| 3rd Quarter                    | 9:43        | 5:17       |
| 4th Quarter                    | 9:16        | 5:44       |
| OT Quarter                     | 0:00        | 0:00       |
| Third-Down Conversions         | 7 of 15     | 4 of 14    |
| Fourth-Down Conversions        | 0 of 0      | 2 of 2     |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances        | 6-6         | 5-5        |
| Touchdowns                     | 5-6         | 3-5        |
| Field goals                    | 1-6         | 2-5        |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards         | 1-10        | 1-1        |
| PAT Kicks                      | 5-5         | 5-5        |
| Field Goals                    | 1-1         | 2-2        |
| Points off turnovers           | 3           | 0          |