

Iowa vs. North Dakota State Postgame Notes Sept. 17, 2016

POSTGAME NOTES

North Dakota State (3-0) defeated Iowa (2-1), 23-21, Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. The loss snapped Iowa's nine-game home winning streak, and 14-game regular-season winning streak.

Iowa is now 13-1 all-time against FCS schools.

Iowa lost for the first time in 15 regular season games with C.J. Beathard starting at quarterback. It is Iowa's first home loss with Beathard starting at quarterback.

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

QB C.J. Beathard threw three touchdowns for the second straight game. Beathard has four career three-touchdown games. He has 30 career touchdown passes, the ninth most in school history.

WR Riley McCarron's 30-yard TD reception was his second career TD reception and the longest reception of his career.

TE George Kittle had a career high 110 receiving yards. His five receptions matched a career high, and his 51-yard reception in the second quarter was a career long.

WR Matt Vandenberg had two touchdown receptions today (14, 9). It was his first career multi-touchdown game. He has 102 career receptions, tying Tevaun Smith and Karl Noon for 20th all-time.

FS Brandon Snyder's first quarter interception was his first career interception.

Three Hawkeye linebackers led the defense with 11 tackles – **Ben Niemann, Josey Jewell, Bo Bower**. Niemann and Bower set career highs in tackles, as did **Matt Nelson** (5).

P Ron Coluzzi punted six times for an average of 45.5 yards. Coluzzi has yet to allow a return in 13 punts this season.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five of NDSU's seven first half drives reached Iowa territory, but none resulted in points. NDSU reach Iowa territory four times in the second half (TD, missed FG, TD, FG).

Instant replay was used two times today.

- 1) NDSU awarded a first down on fourth and two (call was confirmed)
- 2) NDSU fumble at the three-yard line out of bounds (call was confirmed)

Iowa won the toss and elected to defer. NDSU received the opening kickoff. In 18 seasons as Iowa's head coach, Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes have opened on defense in 44-of-217 games. (24-20). The Hawkeyes have started the game on offense in 173-of-217 games (105-68).

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes play at Rutgers on Saturday, Sept. 24 in the 2016 Big Ten opener. Kickoff is at 11 a.m. (CT).