

Iowa vs. Northern Illinois Postgame Notes
Sept. 1, 2018

POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (1-0) defeated Northern Illinois (0-1) on Saturday, 33-7, at Kinnick Stadium.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz (144-97) became Iowa's all-time winningest coach. He has one more win than Hayden Fry (143-89-6). Ferentz is in his 20th year as Iowa's head coach. Fry also coached Iowa for 20 years. Ferentz's 144 wins rank fifth in overall coaching wins in the Big Ten Conference.

Overall wins in all games played as a member of the Big Ten:

1. Woody Hayes	205
2. Amos Alonzo Stagg	199
3. Bo Schembechler	194
4. Joe Paterno	162
5. Kirk Ferentz	144
6. Hayden Fry	143

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

TE Noah Fant's 1-yard TD reception in the third quarter was his 13th career TD reception, tying Quinn Early and Mike Flagg for 10th all-time in program history.

RB Toren Young rushed for a career and team-high 84 yards. His 40-yard rush in the third quarter was a career long. The run set up Iowa's first TD.

DE Parker Hesse had two of Iowa's five sacks. The two sacks tie a single-game career high.

LB Kristian Welch had a team and career-high 11 tackles. LB Amani Jones (6), A.J. Epenesa (4), and Nick Niemann (4) also recorded career highs in tackles.

QB Peyton Mansell made his Hawkeye debut. He completed both passes for 35 yards and rushed one time for a 1-yard touchdown.

P Colten Rastetter averaged 53.8 yards on four punts. Rastetter matched his career-long on his first punt (55 yards), and followed it up with two career bests (57, 69).

Iowa's tight ends had eight of the team's 13 receptions and totaled 104 receiving yards and one touchdown. (Fant 3-10-1, Hockensen 4-64, Wieting 1-30).

MISCELLANEOUS

For the first time in Ferentz's 20 seasons, Iowa started three linebackers with zero career starts combined.

Iowa used nine first-time starters, five on offense and four on defense.

Offense: FB Brady Ross, WR Ivory Kelly Martin, RG Cole Banwart, LT Dalton Ferguson, WR Brandon Smith

Defense: LB Nick Niemann, LB Amani Jones, LB Kristian Welch, DT Sam Brinks

The Hawkeyes started four Iowa natives -- DE Anthony Nelson, DT Sam Brinks, DT Matt Nelson, DE Parker Hesse -- on the defensive line for the first time under Ferentz.

The Hawkeyes started five Iowa natives -- LT Dalton Ferguson, LG Ross Reynolds, C Keegan Render, RG Cole Banwart, RT Levi Paulsen -- on the offensive line for the first time since 2016 against North Dakota State (Week 3).

The Hawkeyes outscored NIU, 30-7, in the second half, and outgained the Huskies in second-half yards, 204-65.

In its last two regular season games, Iowa has outscored its opponents 72-7 in the second half (42-0 at Nebraska, 30-7 vs. Northern Illinois).

Iowa is 96-32-2 (.744) in season-opening games. Iowa is 17-3 in season openers since 1999 and 17-1 since 2001. Iowa is 98-29-2 (.766) in home openers.

Northern Illinois won the toss and elected to defer. The Hawkeyes have played 241 games under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Iowa has opened the game on offense 183 times (111-72). The Hawkeyes have opened the game on defense 58 times (33-25).

Instant replay was used two times today:

- 1) Northern Illinois first-down reception (confirmed)
- 2) Northern Illinois runner down inside NIU 1-yard line (reversed, runner down in end zone, resulting in safety)

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes host Iowa State on Sept. 8 at Kinnick Stadium. Kickoff is at 4 p.m. The game is televised on FOX.