

Iowa at Illinois Postgame Notes
Nov. 19, 2016

POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (7-4, 5-3) defeated Illinois (3-8, 2-6), 28-0, Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Iowa shutout a Big Ten opponent for the first time since defeating Minnesota, 12-0, on Nov. 21, 2009. It was Iowa's first shutout since 2010 (Ball State).

Iowa won on the road for the fourth time this season. It is the sixth time Iowa has won four road games in a single season since 1999 (2002, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2016).

Iowa forced Illinois to punt on its first 10 possessions, a streak that was snapped by **CB Desmond King's** interception in the third quarter. Illinois' final four drives ended with interception, turnover on downs, fumble, turnover on downs.

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

QB C.J. Beathard finished the game 9-of-17 for 80 yards. In 26 career starts, Beathard has thrown for fewer than 100 yards four times and Iowa has won all four games (77 yards at Wisconsin 2015, 97 yards at Nebraska 2015, 66 yards vs. Michigan 2016, at Illinois 2016). Beathard is 20-6 in 26 career starts, and 10-1 in true road games.

TE Noah Fant had a team and career-high three catches for a career-high 25 yards.

WR Jerminic Smith caught two passes for 33 yards. He has caught a pass in 11 straight games.

RB LeShun Daniels scored two touchdowns today to become the 38th player in program history to score 100 or more points. Daniels has 104 career points. He finished the game with a season-high 159 yards on 26 carries (26 carries ties career high). He has five career 100-yard games and six career multi-touchdown games. He has eight rushing touchdowns this year, matching a single-season career high set in 2015.

RB Akrum Wadley rushed 13 times for 82 yards and a touchdown. He had two receptions for three yards. He has at least one reception in 13 straight games.

DB Desmond King intercepted a pass today. It was his second interception of the season and 13th of his career, tying Tyler Sash for fifth in program history.

WR Riley McCarron returned a punt 55 yards for Iowa's first touchdown. It was McCarron's second punt return this season (38 vs. Northwestern) and the longest of his career. It was Iowa's first punt return for touchdown since Drew Ott in 2014 (12 yards vs. Nebraska after punter kicked the ball into his own player). Iowa's last true punt return for a touchdown was 2013, when Kevonte Martin-Manley returned two punts for touchdowns against Western Michigan.

RG Levi Paulsen made his first career start. **OL Ike Boettger** missed the game due to injury. He had started all 10 games this season. **RT Sean Welsh** made his third career start at RT. **LT Boone Myers, LG Keegan Render, and C James Daniels** completed the starting offensive line. Iowa has used seven starting offensive line combinations this season.

SS Anthony Gair made his third career start and recorded a career-high eight tackles.

LB Josey Jewell led Iowa with 10 tackles. It is his sixth double-digit tackle effort of the season.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kirk Ferentz has 81 Big Ten wins, tying Lloyd Carr for sixth among the conference's all-time winningest coaches in Big Ten games.

Iowa has seven wins for the 13th time since 1999, and the eighth time in the last nine seasons.

Iowa lost a fumble (Wadley) in the second quarter. It was just the second lost fumble for Iowa this season. The Hawkeyes entered the game tied with Nevada for fewest fumbles lost in NCAA. The Hawkeyes were even in turnover differential for the fourth time this season (NDSU, Northwestern, Minnesota, Illinois).

Iowa won the toss and choose to defend the south end zone. The wind was out of the west at 24 mph. Illinois received the first half kickoff, and the second half kickoff. In 18 seasons as Iowa's head coach, Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes have opened the game on defense in 49-of-225 games (28-21). The Hawkeyes have started the game on offense in 176-of-225 games (106-70).

Instant replay was used two times today.

- 1) Akrum Wadley down by contact (call was reversed, fumble)
- 2) LeShun Daniels rushing touchdown (call was reversed, down at the 1-yard line).

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes return to the field Friday, Nov. 25, hosting Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium. Kickoff will be announced Sunday.