

**Iowa vs. Northern Iowa Postgame Notes**  
**Sept. 15, 2018**

**POSTGAME NOTES**

Iowa (3-0) defeated Northern Iowa (0-2) on Saturday, 38-14, at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa is 3-0 for the eighth time under Kirk Ferentz (2001, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2015, 2017, 2018).

Iowa held the Panthers to 20 yards on 20 plays in the first half. Northern Iowa did not run a play in Iowa territory in the first half. The Panthers first play in Iowa territory was at the 5:53 mark of the third quarter.

Iowa held Northern Iowa to six rushing yards, the second lowest total in the Ferentz era (-13 vs Kent State on Sept. 4, 2004).

The Hawkeyes totaled 545 yards, the eighth most in the Ferentz era. Iowa's last 500-plus yard game was at Nebraska (505 yards) in 2017.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

TE Noah Fant's five-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was No. 14 of his career. He has more touchdown receptions than any other Hawkeye tight end in program history. His 14 career touchdown receptions ties Clinton Solomon for ninth all-time.

QB Nate Stanley and TE Noah Fant have connected for a touchdown 13 times over the last 15 games.

LB Kristian Welch made his second career start. He has played in two games this season and led Iowa in tackles each game (NIU 11, UNI 8).

DB Michael Ojemudia recorded his first career interception.

K Miguel Recinos scored eight points today (5-5 PAT, 1-1 fg) to become the 40th player in program history to score 100 or more career points. He has 104 career points, 35th all-time.

WR Nick Easley set career highs in receptions (10) and receiving yards (103). The 10 receptions are the most by a Hawkeye since WR Kennan Davis had 10 catches for 129 yards and a touchdown against Pitt in 2011.

RB Mehki Sargent set career highs in rushing attempts (15), rushing yards (72), rushing touchdowns (2), and receiving yards (48).

FB Brady Ross had one carry and one reception, both resulting in first downs. Ross has five touches this season, all five have resulted in first downs (3 carries, 2 receptions).

QB Nate Stanley threw for a season-high 309 yards (second career 300-yard game). He became the 13th player in program history to pass for at least 3,000 yards. His 3,082 career passing yards ranks 13th all-time. He passed Paul Burmeister, Jake Christensen, and Larry Lawrence during today's game. Stanley threw for two touchdowns today. He has 29 career touchdown passes, 11th all-time and one behind Brand Banks (30).

QB Nate Stanley is 11-5 as Iowa's starter. He has won five straight, is 7-0 against nonconference teams, and owns an 8-2 record at Kinnick Stadium. He numbers at home include 20 TDs, 6 INTs, and 1,935 yards passing.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Hawkeyes' 92-yard scoring drive in the first quarter was Iowa's longest scoring drive of the season in terms of yardage. It was also Iowa's first first-half touchdown of 2018.

Iowa has not surrendered a first-half touchdown this season. Northern Iowa's fourth-quarter touchdown was the first

touchdown allowed by Iowa's defense in 111:00 of game time.

Iowa was 3-for-4 on fourth downs (including final play of game), and 4-for-5 five this season on fourth down.

Iowa has won its last seven games against nonconference teams. That includes three nonconference games (Northern Illinois, Iowa State, Northern Iowa) in 2018, a 3-0 start to the season against nonconference teams (Wyoming, Iowa State, North Texas) in 2017, and a victory over Boston College at the 2017 Pinstripe Bowl.

Iowa leads the all-time series 17-1. Eleven of the 18 meetings occurred before 1915. The Hawkeyes hold a perfect 17-0 advantage in games played in Iowa City. UNI's only victory came in 1898 at Cedar Falls (11-5) in the first meeting between the two teams.

Northern Iowa won the toss and elected to defer. The Hawkeyes have played 243 games under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Iowa has opened the game on offense 184 times (113-72). The Hawkeyes have opened the game on defense 58 times (33-25).

Instant replay was used one time today:

- 1) Stanley pass to Sargent, incomplete (confirmed, incomplete pass)

#### **UP NEXT**

The Hawkeyes host Wisconsin in their Big Ten opener Sept. 22 at Kinnick Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. The game is televised on FOX.