

Iowa at Purdue Postgame Notes
Oct. 15, 2016

POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (5-2, 3-1) defeated Purdue (3-3, 1-2), 49-35, Saturday at Ross-Ade Stadium. The win was Iowa's ninth straight on the road. Entering today, the Hawkeyes' road win streak tied for the third longest active streak in the nation.

The nine-game road winning streak is a school record. Eight of the nine wins have been against Big Ten opponents.

The 49 points scored are the most Iowa has scored in a game played at Purdue. The 84 total points are the most in series history (87 meetings). The 49 points scored are the most in a Big Ten game since defeating Minnesota 55-0 in 2008.

Iowa had 520 yards of total offense rushed for 365 yards, both season highs. The 365 rushing yards are the most by a Hawkeye team since rushing for 365 yards against Minnesota in 2002. It matches the second most rushing yards in the Ferentz era (376 vs Akron in 2002). The Iowa defense allowed 46 yards rushing, a season low.

Iowa had two 100-yard rushers (Daniels 24-156-2; Wadley 14-170-1) for the first time since 2008 when Shonn Greene (23-115-1) and Jewel Hampton (22-114-3) did it against Indiana.

The Hawkeyes scored 35 points in the first half, their most in a conference road game since scoring 31 at Northwestern in 2001. The Hawkeyes totaled 397 first half yards.

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

QB C.J. Beathard threw for 140 yards today, passing Jake Rudock (4,819) for eighth place in career passing yards. Beathard has 4,860 career passing yards. James Vandenberg is seventh (5,786). Beathard improved to 9-0 in road games, 12-1 in Big Ten regular season games, and 18-4 as Iowa's starting quarterback.

DB Desmond King's fourth-quarter interception was his first of the season and 12th of his career, tying Brett Greenwood and Steve Wilson for sixth all-time. It was the third interception return for a touchdown in his career. Iowa has at least one interception return for a touchdown in each of the last nine seasons, and 14 of the last 16 seasons.

WR Riley McCarron's 42-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter was a career long. He led Iowa receivers in receptions for the third straight game. McCarron had four catches for 74 yards and a touchdown, his third of the season. Of his four catches, two were first downs, and one was a touchdown.

RB LeShun Daniels had two rushing TDs (1, 4), it was his fifth career multi-touchdown game, second against Purdue (2015). His 67-yard rush in the third quarter was the longest of his career. He finished with 24 carries for 156 yards.

RB Akrum Wadley's 75-yard touchdown rush was a career long rush, and Iowa's longest play of the season. Wadley finished with 14 carries for 170 yards, his sixth career 100-yard rushing game, second in a row.

TE Noah Fant's 5-yard receiving touchdown was the first of his career. It is the first receiving touchdown by a Hawkeye true freshman since Jordan Canzeri's 9-yard reception at the 2011 InSight Bowl. Fant had a career-best two receptions.

WR Jerminic Smith's 45-yard rush was a career long. It was his second career carry.

MISCELLANEOUS

Iowa was 4-for-4 in the redzone with four touchdowns. The Hawkeyes are 23-of-24 in the redzone (19 TDs) this season, best in the Big Ten.

Iowa was plus-one in turnovers today, and plus-6 on the season. Iowa has 11 takeaways (five interceptions, six fumble recoveries) and has turned seven of the 11 into touchdowns, including King's pick-6 today.

Iowa entered the game 10th in the league in third-down conversions (37%), but was successful on its first seven third down today and finished the game 9-of-16.

Iowa had a 36:06 to 23:54 advantage in time of possession, its largest of the season.

Kirk Ferentz has 132 wins in all games played as a member of the Big Ten Conference, seventh most all-time. Ferentz is four victories from equaling Henry Williams of Minnesota, who won 136 games.

RT **Cole Croston** missed today's game with an injury, snapping his streak of 16 consecutive starts. **Ike Boettger**, who started Iowa's first five games at RT before moving to LG last week, returned to RT. **Boone Myers** started at LT for the second week in a row, **James Daniels** started at C, **Sean Welsh** started at RG, and **Keegan Render** made his first career start at LG. Render had one career start (RG vs. NDSU) prior to today.

Purdue won the toss and elected to receive. In 18 seasons as Iowa's head coach, Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes have started the game on offense in 174-of-221 games (105-69). Iowa has opened on defense in 47-of-221 games (27-20).

Instant replay was used three times today.

- 1) George Kittle reception, ruled out of bounds at the 1-yard line (call stands)
- 2) Purdue kickoff return to one-half yard (call stands)
- 3) Purdue 52-yard touchdown reception (call stands)

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes return to action Saturday, Oct. 22, hosting Wisconsin at Kinnick Stadium. Kickoff is at 11 a.m. (CT).