

## Iowa at Minnesota Postgame Notes

Oct. 6, 2018

### POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (4-1, 1-1) defeated Minnesota (3-2, 0-2) on Saturday, 48-31, at TCF Bank Stadium.

Iowa retains possession of the Floyd of Rosedale for the fourth straight year. The Hawkeyes are 12-3 in their last 15 trophy games.

Iowa has won four in a row and 14 of the last 18 meetings against the Gophers.

### INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Freshmen CB Julius Brents and CB Riley Moss made their first career starts today. Both players recorded their first career interception. Moss had two interceptions (36 yards) and set a career-high with five tackles. Brents had one interception (0 yards).

- Iowa started two true freshmen in the secondary for the first time since 2000, when CB Benny Sapp and SS Bob Sanders started the final four games of the season.
- Since 1979 (when record books began tracking participation), Iowa has not started two freshmen cornerbacks in the same game. Since 1999, Kirk Ferentz's first year at Iowa, 24 true freshman have started for the Hawkeyes.
- Seven true freshmen have started in the secondary in the Ferentz era (Sapp, Sanders, King, Rugamba, Hankins, Brents, Moss). Rugamba also had an interception in his debut (vs. Michigan).

SS Geno Stone made his first career start, and recorded his second career interception.

Amani Hooker made his first career start at LB. Hooker is the sixth Hawkeye to start at the linebacker position this season. The others include first-time starters Djimon Colbert, Jack Hockaday, Amani Jones, Nick Niemann, and Kristian Welch.

LB Amani Jones led Iowa with a career-high nine tackles. Jones was penalized for targeting in the final minute of the game and will miss the first half of Iowa's next game (at Indiana).

DE Anthony Nelson set a career high with three sacks (19 yards). The Hawkeyes matched their season high with five sacks (Jones 1, Golston 1).

WR Brandon Smith set career highs in receptions (5) and receiving yards (68). He entered the game with five catches for 78 yards this season.

TE T.J. Hockenson's 4-yard touchdown rush was his first career rush. Hockenson also had a 3-yard touchdown reception. It was his second career multi-touchdown game (Ohio State, 2017).

RB Ivory Kelly-Martin had a 25-yard reception on a third-down conversion in the second quarter. It was the longest reception of his career. Iowa scored on its next play (Easley 21-yard TD reception).

TE Noah Fant had one touchdown reception (5). He has 17 career touchdown receptions, tying Derrell Johnson-Koulianos for fourth all-time in program history. The 17 receiving touchdowns by a tight end tie for fourth all-time in Big Ten history (Jacob Pedersen, WIS). Sixteen of Fant's 17 touchdowns have come from QB Nate Stanley over the last 18 games.

QB Nate Stanley threw four touchdowns today. It was his 10th career multi-touchdown game, and his third straight.

- Stanley had 314 yards passing on 39 attempts, both season highs. It was his third career 300-yard passing game.
- Stanley has 35 career passing touchdowns, tied for eighth all-time in program history (James Vandenberg).

WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette's 60-yard touchdown reception was a career-long reception. It was also Iowa's longest play from scrimmage this season. Smith-Marsette finished the game with three catches for a career-high 78 yards.

K Miguel Recinos matched his career best with two field goals (40, 20). He scored 12 points today and has 121 career points, 25<sup>th</sup> all-time in program history.

WR Nick Easley had a team-high six receptions (52 yards, 1 touchdown). Easley, Brandon Smith, and Smith-Marsette combined for 14 catches, 198 yards, and two touchdowns. They entered the game with a combined 24 catches, 311 yards receiving, and one touchdown).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Iowa scored on its first possession of the game (Hockenson 3 yard touchdown reception: 10 plays, 53 yards, 4:40). It was the first time this year the Hawkeyes scored on their opening possession.

The 48 points scored are the most by the Hawkeyes in the series since a 55-0 win in 2008.

Iowa is 10-0 since the start of the 2017 season when scoring 20 points or more.

Iowa has won four of its first five games for the ninth time in Kirk Ferentz's 20 seasons (2018, 4-1; 2015, 5-0; 2014, 4-1; 2013, 4-1; 2010, 4-1; 2009, 5-0; 2006, 4-1; 2003, 4-1; 2002, 4-1).

Three of Iowa's first five games of the season have been trophy games. The Hawkeyes defeated Iowa State, 13-3, to win the Cy-Hawk trophy in Week 2, and lost to No. 18 Wisconsin, 28-17, in a battle for the Heartland Trophy in Week 4.

Iowa won the toss and elected to defer. The Hawkeyes have played 245 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 60 times (34-26).

Instant replay was used one time today:

- 1) LB Amani Jones targeting penalty (confirmed)

## **UP NEXT**

The Hawkeyes play at Indiana on Oct. 13. Kickoff is at 11 a.m. (CT).