

Iowa at Rutgers Postgame Notes Sept. 24, 2016

POSTGAME NOTES

Iowa (3-1, 1-0), defeated Rutgers (2-2, 0-1), 14-7, Saturday at High Point Stadium.

The Hawkeyes have a Big Ten best nine-game regular season conference winning streak. It's their longest such streak since winning 10 straight from 2001-02.

The Hawkeyes have won seven consecutive road games (the final road game at Illinois in 2014, all five road games in 2015, first road game of 2016).

Today marked the 14th time in Kirk Ferentz's 18 years at Iowa that the Hawkeyes opened the conference season on the road. Iowa has won its last five Big Ten openers, the last four on the road (24-10 at Purdue in 2014; 23-7 at Minnesota in 2013; 10-6 at Wisconsin in 2015; 14-7 at Rutgers in 2016).

Senior QB C.J. Beathard improved to 10-0 in Big Ten regular season games and 7-0 in true road games. He is 16-3 as Iowa's starting quarterback.

Iowa was +1 in turnovers, recovering a fumble that resulted in the go-ahead score. The Hawkeyes are +5 in turnover margin this season. Iowa has six takeaways -- two interceptions, four fumble recoveries -- and has turned five of the six takeaways into touchdowns.

The Iowa defense held Rutgers 27 points below its season average (34.0).

Kirk Ferentz has 77 Big Ten wins, passing Robert Zuppke (Illinois) for sole possession of seventh place among the conference's all-time winningest coaches in Big Ten games. Lloyd Carr is sixth with 81 Big Ten victories.

INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

QB C.J. Beathard led a fourth-quarter game-winning drive for the fourth time in his career. Iowa took possession on the 21-yard line following a **FS Brandon Snyder** forced and recovered fumble, and scored on one play in seven seconds (Akrum Wadley 26-yard TD run after a false start penalty moved ball back five yards).

FS Brandon Snyder's recorded a game and career-high 13 tackles and recovered his own forced fumble that resulted in Iowa's go-ahead score in the fourth quarter. **DE Matt Nelson** set a career-high with six tackles, and **SS Miles Taylor** matches his career-high with seven.

DE Parker Hesse had a career-high two sacks.

P Ron Coluzzi punted seven times for an average of 42.0 yards, including a season-best 55-yarder. Rutgers returned one punt for zero yards, it was the first time this year a Coluzzi punt was returned.

MISCELLANEOUS

Iowa's first scoring drive went 99 yards, 8 plays, 1:30. C.J. Beathard was 4-for-5 for 71 yards passing and a touchdown. He also had two carries for 25 yards.

Rutgers entered the game 8-for-8 in the red zone, but was 1-for-4 against Iowa. Rutgers was 0-for-2 in the red zone in the first half, punting after reaching the Iowa 11-yard line, and turning it over on downs after reaching the Iowa 2-yard line. It scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter in the red zone, and on its final possession of the game, turned the ball over on downs after reaching the Iowa 17-yard line.

Instant replay was used two times today.

- 1) Rutgers recovers Iowa fumble (call was reversed)
- 2) Iowa touchdown (Kittle) (call was confirmed)

Iowa won the toss and elected to defer. Rutgers received the opening kickoff. In 18 seasons as Iowa's head coach, Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeyes have opened on defense in 45-of-218 games. (25-20). The Hawkeyes have started the game on offense in 173-of-218 games (105-68).

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes host Northwestern in their annual homecoming game Saturday, Oct. 1. Kickoff is at 11 a.m. (CT) at Kinnick Stadium.