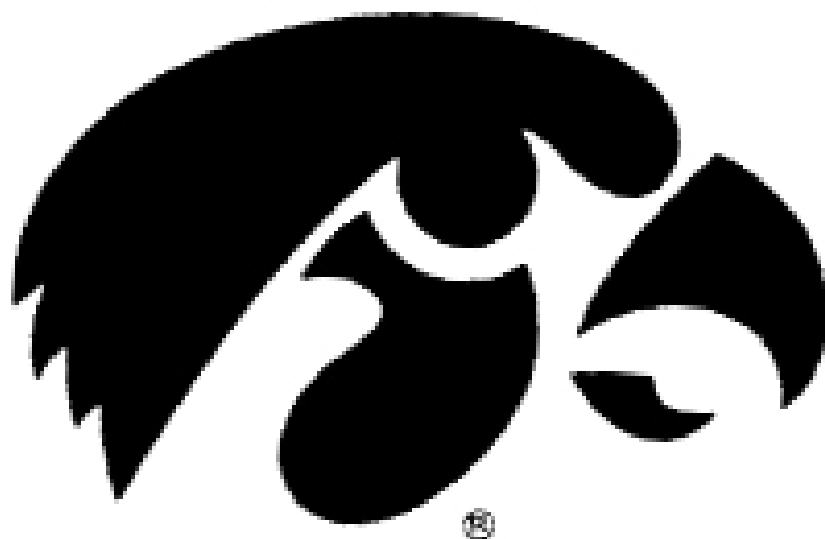


# IOWA



## 2021 Spring Prospectus

# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/QUICK FACTS

## 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE        | OPPONENT            | LOCATION           | 2020 RESULT |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| #& Sept. 4  | Indiana             | Iowa City          | DNP         |
| % Sept. 11  | at Iowa State       | Ames, Iowa         | DNP         |
| Sept. 18    | Kent State          | Iowa City          | DNP         |
| \$ Sept. 25 | Colorado State      | Iowa City          | DNP         |
| Oct. 2      | at Maryland         | College Park Md.   | DNP         |
| Oct. 9      | Penn State          | Iowa City          | W, 41-21    |
| * Oct. 16   | Purdue              | Iowa City          | L, 20-24    |
| Oct. 30     | at Wisconsin        | Madison, Wis.      | W, 28-7     |
| ^ Nov. 6    | at Northwestern     | Evanston, Ill.     | L, 20-21    |
| Nov. 13     | Minnesota           | Iowa City          | W, 35-7     |
| Nov. 20     | Illinois            | Iowa City          | W, 35-21    |
| Nov. 26     | at Nebraska         | Lincoln, Neb.      | W, 26-20    |
| Dec. 4      | at B1G Championship | Indianapolis, Ind. |             |

# -- Varsity Club Day; & -- Fry Fest Weekend; \* -- Homecoming;  
\$ -- Family Weekend; % -- Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series, ^ -- Heroes Game

## SPRING MEDIA SCHEDULE

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Monday, March 29:</b>    | Coach Kirk Ferentz Zoom conference, 12:30 p.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 30:</b>   | First day of spring practice (No media)   |
| <b>Tuesday, April 6:</b>    | Selected player Zoom interviews, 10:45 a.m.   |
| <b>Wednesday, April 7:</b>  | Asst. coaches Phil Parker, Ken O'Keefe, Raimond Braithwaite Zoom conference, 12:30 p.m. |
| <b>Tuesday, April 13:</b>   | Selected player Zoom interviews, 10:45 a.m.   |
| <b>Wednesday, April 14:</b> | Asst. coaches LeVar Woods, Kelton Copeland, Jay Niemann Zoom conference, 12:30 p.m.     |
| <b>Tuesday, April 20:</b>   | Selected player Zoom interviews, 10:45 a.m.   |
| <b>Wednesday, April 21:</b> | Asst. coaches Brian Ferentz, Kelvin Bell, Seth Wallace Zoom conference, 12:30 p.m.      |
| <b>Tuesday, April 27:</b>   | Selected player Zoom interviews, 10:45 a.m.   |
| <b>Wednesday, April 28:</b> | Assistant coaches George Barnett and Ladell Betts Zoom conference, 12:30 p.m.           |
| <b>Saturday, May 1:</b>     | Final spring practice, TBA<br>Head Coach Kirk Ferentz Zoom conference, TBA              |

**Note: Spring schedule is subject to change**

## QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Iowa City, Iowa 52242  
**Enrollment:** 30,448  
**Founded:** 1847  
**Nickname:** Hawkeyes  
**Colors:** Gold and Black  
**Conference (Division):** Big Ten (West Division)  
**School Song:** On Iowa  
**Mascot:** Herky the Hawk  
**Stadium:** Kinnick Stadium (1929)  
**Surface:** Field Turf  
**Capacity:** 69,250

**President:** Bruce Harrelld  
**Henry B. & Patricia B. Tippe Director of Athletics Chair:** Gary Barta  
**Assistant Athletic Director, Communications:** Steve Roe  
**Associate Communications Directors:** James Allan, Chris Brewer, Matt Weitzel

**Assistant Communications Directors:** Hannah Ossman, Traci Wagner  
**Football Contacts:** Steve Roe (cell 319-430-6346); Matt Weitzel (cell 319-430-8176); Chris Brewer (cell 319-325-3483)

**Athletic Communications Phone:** (319) 335-9411  
**Football Press Box Phone:** (319) 335-9466/9467

**2020 Record:** 6-2  
**2020 Big Ten Record:** 6-2 (2nd in West Division)  
**Bowl Game:** 2020 Music City Bowl (canceled)  
**Final Ranking:** 15th (CFP & coaches poll); 16th (Associated Press)  
**Season Tickets:** \$415

## FOOTBALL HISTORY

**All-Time Record:** 666-562-39 (.541)  
**Home:** 414-223-16 (.646)  
**Away/Neutral:** 252-339-23 (.428)  
**Kinnick Stadium:** 298-188-15 (.610)  
**B1G Conference Games:** 341-383-25 (.471)

**Moon Family Head Football Coach:** Kirk Ferentz  
**Career Record:** 180-127 (25 years)  
**Record at Iowa:** 168-106 (22 years)  
**Big Ten Record:** 103-77

**Offense:** Multiple  
**Defense:** 4-3

**Lettermen Returning:** 41 (18 offense, 19 defense, 4 special teams)  
**Lettermen Lost:** 19 (9 offense, 9 defense, 1 special teams)

**Starters Returning:** 16 (6 offense, 7 defense, 3 special teams)  
**Starters Lost:** 10 (5 offense, 4 defense, 1 special teams)

**Offensive Starters Returning (6):** RB Tyler Goodson; OL Cody Ince; TE Sam LaPorta; OL Tyler Linderbaum; QB Spencer Petras; FB Monte Pottebaum.  
**Offensive Starters Lost (5):** OL Cole Banwart; OL Alaric Jackson; OL Mark Kallenberger; WR Brandon Smith; WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette.

**Defensive Starters Returning (7):** DB/LB Dane Belton; LB Seth Benson; DB Matt Hankins; DB Jack Koerner; DB Kaevon Merriweather; DB Riley Moss; DE Zach VanValkenburg. **Defensive Starters Lost (4):** DL Chauncey Golston; DL Jack Heflin; OLB Nick Niemann; DL Daviyon Nixon.

**Specialists Returning (3):** H Ryan Gersonde; LS Austin Spiewak; P Tory Taylor. **Specialists Lost (1):** K Keith Duncan.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa is a major public research university with a longstanding commitment to teaching, research, and service. Founded in 1847 as Iowa's first public institution of higher learning, the University has long been a national leader in such areas as creative writing, space physics, and health sciences. Today the University enrolls over 31,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs. The faculty of some 1,600 members includes teachers and researchers in 11 colleges: Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Graduate, Law, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Pharmacy.

# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL

## TEAM INFORMATION

### RETURNING LETTERMEN (41)

#### OFFENSE (18)

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Running Back (2) --  | ** Tyler Goodson       |
|                      | *** Ivory Kelly-Martin |
| Fullback (2) --      | * Turner Pallisard     |
|                      | ** Monte Pottebaum     |
| Quarterback (2) --   | * Alex Padilla         |
|                      | * Spencer Petras       |
| Tight End (2) --     | ** Sam LaPorta         |
|                      | * Bryce Schulte        |
| Wide Receiver (4) -- | ** Max Cooper          |
|                      | * Charlie Jones        |
|                      | ** Nico Ragaini        |
|                      | ** Tyrone Tracy, Jr.   |
| Offensive Line (6)   | * Justin Britt         |
|                      | * Nick DeJong          |
|                      | ** Cody Ince           |
|                      | ** Tyler Linderbaum    |
|                      | ** Jack Plumb          |
|                      | * Kyler Schott         |

#### DEFENSE (19)

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Defensive End (3) --  | ** Joe Evans           |
|                       | ** Zach VanValkenburg  |
|                       | ** John Waggoner       |
| Defensive Line (1) -- | ** Noah Shannon        |
| Linebacker (5) --     | ** Seth Benson         |
|                       | ** Jack Campbell       |
|                       | * Jay Higgins          |
|                       | * Jestin Jacobs        |
|                       | * Mike Timm            |
| Defensive Back (10)   | ** Dane Belton         |
|                       | * Reggie Bracy         |
|                       | * Dallas Craddieth     |
|                       | * Kyler Fisher         |
|                       | **** Matt Hankins      |
|                       | *** Jack Koerner       |
|                       | *** Henry Marchese     |
|                       | ** Kaevon Merriweather |
|                       | *** Riley Moss         |
|                       | ** Terry Roberts       |

#### SPECIALISTS (4)

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Kicker (1) --       | ** Caleb Shudak  |
| Punter (2) --       | * Ryan Gersonde  |
|                     | * Tory Taylor    |
| Long Snapper (1) -- | * Austin Spiewak |

### LETTERMEN BREAKDOWN

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| 4-year Lettermen: | 1  |
| 3-year Lettermen: | 4  |
| 2-year Lettermen: | 20 |
| 1-year Lettermen: | 16 |

### LOST LETTERMEN (19)

#### OFFENSE (9)

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Fullback (1) --       | * Colton Dinsdale        |
| Running Back (1) --   | ** Mekhi Sargent         |
| Offensive Line (4) -- | *** Cole Banwart         |
|                       | * Coy Cronk              |
|                       | *** Alaric Jackson       |
|                       | *** Mark Kallenberger    |
| Tight End (1) --      | *** Shaun Beyer          |
| Wide Receiver (2) --  | ** Brandon Smith         |
|                       | *** Ihmir Smith-Marsette |

\* -- indicates letters earned

#### DEFENSE (9)

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Defensive Tackle (4) -- | * Jack Heflin       |
|                         | * Dalles Jacobus    |
|                         | * Daviyon Nixon     |
|                         | * Austin Schulte    |
| Defensive End (1) --    | ** Chauncey Golston |
| Linebacker (3) --       | * Nick Anderson     |
|                         | *** Nick Niemann    |
|                         | ** Barrington Wade  |
| Defensive Back (1)      | * Julius Brents     |

#### SPECIALISTS (1)

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Kicker (1) -- | *** Keith Duncan |
|---------------|------------------|

### STARTERS INFORMATION

#### RETURNING (16, includes 3 specialists)

Reflects 2020 final game line-up. Number of 2020 starts in ( ), followed by career starts

##### Offense (6)

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Fullback       | Monte Pottebaum (3, 3)    |
| Running Back   | Tyler Goodson (11, 11)    |
| Tight End      | Sam LaPorta (5, 7)        |
| Quarterback    | Spencer Petras (8, 8)     |
| Offensive Line | Cody Ince (6, 6)          |
|                | Tyler Linderbaum (21, 21) |

##### Defense (7)

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Defensive End  | Zach Van Valkenburg (8, 8) |
| Linebacker     | Seth Benson (7, 7)         |
| Defensive Back | Dane Belton (8, 12)        |
|                | Matt Hankins (8, 27)       |
|                | Jack Koerner (8, 19)       |
|                | Kaevon Merriweather (5, 6) |
|                | Riley Moss (8, 15)         |

##### Specialists (3)

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Punter       | Tory Taylor (8, 8)    |
| Holder       | Ryan Gersonde (8, 8)  |
| Long Snapper | Austin Spiewak (8, 8) |

#### LOST (11, includes 1 specialist)

##### Offense (9)

|                |                              |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Offensive Line | Cole Banwart (8, 17)         |
|                | Alaric Jackson (8, 42)       |
|                | Mark Kallenberger (4, 9)     |
| Wide Receiver  | Brandon Smith (8, 27)        |
|                | Ihmir Smith-Marsette (4, 20) |

##### Defense (4)

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Defensive End    | Chauncey Golston (8, 21) |
| Defensive Tackle | Jack Heflin (7, 7)       |
|                  | Daviyon Nixon (8, 9)     |
| Linebacker       | Nick Niemann (8, 21)     |

##### Specialists (1)

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| Kicker | Keith Duncan (8, 34) |
|--------|----------------------|

#### OTHERS RETURNING WITH STARTING EXPERIENCE

2019 starts in ( ), followed by career starts

##### Offense (5)

|                |                           |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Offensive Line | Jack Plumb (2, 2)         |
|                | Kyler Schott (2, 8)       |
| Running Back   | Ivory Kelly-Martin (0, 6) |
| Wide Receiver  | Nico Ragaini (2, 4)       |
|                | Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (4, 12) |

##### Defense (3)

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Defensive Line | Noah Shannon (1, 1)  |
| Linebacker     | Jack Campbell (0, 1) |
|                | Jestin Jacobs (1, 1) |

##### Specialists (2)

|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| Punter   | Ryan Gersonde (0, 3) |
| Kickoffs | Caleb Shudak (8, 21) |

# **KIRK FERENTZ**



Moon Family Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz has completed his 22nd year as head football coach at the University of Iowa, and 31st season overall at the University. The position of UI head football coach was endowed in 2021 by Will and Renee Moon. The Bettendorf, Iowa couple are UI alumni and longtime Hawkeye supporters.

With Iowa's 33-7 win over Northern Illinois in the opening game of the 2018 season, Ferentz recorded win No. 144 as Iowa's head coach, surpassing the late Hayden Fry as the

winningest football coach in program history. Fry was Iowa's head coach for 20 seasons (1979-98).

Ferentz is the longest tenured head football coach in the nation. Ferentz and Fry are the only head coaches to lead a Division I football program for 20 years, consecutively. With a 63-0 win at Illinois in 2018, Ferentz became just the fifth coach in Big Ten Conference history to win 150 games as a Big Ten head coach. Ferentz earned his 100th career Big Ten win at Penn State (Nov. 21, 2020) and ranks fourth in career wins within league play.

Ferentz holds a 168-106 record at Iowa, including 103-77 in conference games. The 168 wins in all games coached as a member of the Big Ten rank fourth all-time in league history. His 25-year record as a college head coach is 180-127.

Under Ferentz' leadership the Iowa football program has earned 18th bowl game invitations since 2001. That success has been achieved with strong commitments to the program, the University of Iowa, and the ideals that represent Hawkeye football – hard work, determination, player development and character, on and off the field.

The Hawkeyes won 47 games from 2015-19, the best five-year win total in school history. Just eight programs in the nation won more games during that time frame. Iowa has won 10 games in a season on nine occasions, six times under Ferentz and three under Fry.

Ferentz guided the Hawkeyes to eight wins or more in five consecutive seasons (2015-19) and 12 seasons overall since 2003. Iowa has appeared in 11 January bowl games under Ferentz. The Hawkeyes have won three straight bowl games for the second time under Ferentz (2008-10 and 2017-19).

On the field, Ferentz's approach can be described as smart, tough, and physical. Off the field, academics and character development are a focus. In 2019, the University of Iowa outperformed its peers nationally in the classroom for the ninth consecutive year, according to data released by the NCAA.

Following back-to-back narrow losses to open the 2020 season, Iowa won six straight games, all in Big Ten play, to complete the regular season. The Hawkeyes scored at least 26 points in each of the six wins, while holding three opponents to just seven points. The winning streak included road wins at Minnesota, Penn State and Illinois, and trophy game victories over Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes were ranked 15th in the nation in the final CFP and coaches poll, 16th by the Associated Press.

Iowa concluded the 2019 season with three straight wins over border rivals Minnesota, Illinois, and Nebraska, followed by the 49-24 Holiday Bowl win over No. 22 Southern California. Following a 24-22 loss at Wisconsin to open November, the Hawkeyes handed seventh-ranked Minnesota its first loss of the season to maintain possession of Floyd of Rosedale. A 27-24 win over the Cornhuskers in the final game of the

season kept the Heroes Trophy in Iowa City. Iowa's three losses came by a combined 14 points to three teams who were ranked in the top 20 at the time. Iowa also maintained possession of the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Trophy with a non-conference win at Iowa State in September.

Iowa won six of its first seven games in 2018 and closed the season with wins in the final three games, including the 27-22 Outback Bowl win over No. 18 Mississippi State. The four losses came by a total of 23 points and all were decided in the final minutes of play. Iowa's defense ranked second nationally in interceptions after leading the nation in 2017. Iowa's 53 interceptions over the past three seasons ranks first nationally.

Iowa's 8-5 record in 2017 included wins in three of four trophy games, with victories over Iowa State, Minnesota, and Nebraska, plus the Pinstripe Bowl win to conclude the season. Iowa also began November with a 55-24 win over third-ranked Ohio State. Nine of Iowa's 12 regular season opponents were bowl eligible (posting an 8-1 record) as the Hawkeyes faced one of the strongest schedules in the nation.

Iowa closed the 2016 regular season with three straight wins, including two over ranked opponents. Iowa posted a 6-3 record in Big Ten play to tie for second place in the West Division and finished the season at 8-5 overall.

Highlights of the year included Iowa defeating second-ranked Michigan and 15th-ranked Nebraska in the final month of the season, as well as earning a January bowl invitation for the 10th time during the Ferentz era.

The Iowa football program enjoyed a historic season in 2015, posting a final 12-2 record. Ferentz led the 2015 Hawkeyes to a perfect regular season, setting a school record with 12 wins. The Hawkeyes won the Big Ten Conference West Division (8-0) before falling to Michigan State, 16-13, in a close championship game that was decided in the final minute of play. The Hawkeyes earned their sixth invitation to the Rose Bowl, which was Iowa's first appearance in Pasadena in 25 years.

Ferentz was recognized with both the Hayes-Schembechler and Dave McClain Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year awards in 2015. He was named Eddie Robinson (FWAA) and Woody Hayes national Coach of the Year (Columbus Touchdown Club), and received the Dodd Trophy, presented by the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation. He was also named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region 3 Coach of the Year.

## **COACHING HISTORY**

Ferentz' coaching career began as a student assistant (1977) at his alma mater, the University of Connecticut. The next two years (1978-79) were spent at Worcester Academy, where he also taught English literature. He then served as a graduate assistant offensive line coach at the University of Pittsburgh during the 1980 season. That Pittsburgh team (coached by Jackie Sherrill) finished with an 11-1 record and a number two national ranking.

Ferentz joined Hayden Fry's Iowa staff as the offensive line coach in 1981, which became Iowa's first winning seasons in 19 years. The season was highlighted by the Hawkeyes winning a conference title and earning a Rose Bowl berth – both of which had not occurred in 20 years.

He continued as Iowa's offensive line coach through the 1989 season and had great success coaching offensive lines that, to date, have anchored four of Iowa's highest scoring offenses. In addition, eight of Iowa's top 10 offensive teams, in terms of yards gained per game, have operated with Ferentz as the head coach or offensive line coach. And Iowa's top nine passing teams of all time have occurred with Ferentz as the head coach, or offensive line coach.

# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL MOON FAMILY HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

## KIRK FERENTZ

Ferentz was named head coach of the University of Maine Black Bears in 1990 and held that position for three years before being hired by Bill Belichick and the Cleveland Browns to coach the offensive line. He remained with the organization after it moved to Baltimore and became the Baltimore Ravens, serving as assistant head coach and offensive line coach. In all, he worked six years with the Cleveland Browns/Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League.

He rejoined the Hawkeyes as head coach in 1999 and is Iowa's longest tenured head football coach.

### PERSONAL HISTORY

Off the field, family is the top priority for Ferentz. Ferentz and his wife, Mary, have been married for 42 years. They have five children: Brian, Kelly, Joanne, James, and Steven. They also have four granddaughters (Presley, Blakely, Connolly, and Jolie), and five grandsons (John, Forest, Nixon, Lincoln, and Beckett). All five of their children graduated from City High School in Iowa City and earned degrees from the University of Iowa; and each of the boys had the incredible experience of playing football at the University of Iowa with their father as head coach.

Kirk and Mary are very enthusiastic supporters of the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. They serve as advocates for the Children's Hospital, hosting and speaking at events across the state to raise awareness and support for the hospital. Kirk and Mary established the "Ferentz Family Pediatric Research and Education Endowment Fund" in 2007. In honor of their granddaughter, Mary and Kirk donated more than \$1 million in 2017 to establish the Savvy Elizabeth Ferentz Neonatology Research Fund. In addition, the Iowa Ladies' Football Academy has donated more than \$3 million to the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital, which opened across the street from Kinnick Stadium in December, 2016.

Ferentz has also been involved in supporting a number of community and university-related initiatives, including serving as the honorary chair of the University of Iowa's United Way campaign. Kirk and Mary have also contributed generously to the University of Iowa, including donations to the University's College of Liberal Arts. Another significant gift was a \$500,000 commitment to support the Iowa Football Legacy Campaign, which included two key projects benefitting the Hawkeye football program; the indoor practice facility; and the Stew and LeNore Hansen Football Performance Center.

Ferentz was born August 1, 1955, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He attended Upper St. Clair High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in English Education. He was a football captain and an academic all-Yankee Conference linebacker at Connecticut.

Ferentz received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut in May, 2009. He was inducted into the Upper St. Clair High School Hall of Fame in September, 2002, and the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in May, 2003.

### Coaching Career

| Team                | Position, Years  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Iowa                | HC, 1999-present |
| Baltimore/Cleveland | OL, 1993-98      |
| Maine               | HC, 1990-92      |
| Iowa                | OL, 1981-89      |
| Pittsburgh          | GA, 1980         |
| Worcester Academy   | OL, DC, 1978-79  |
| Connecticut         | SA, 1977         |

### Career Record

**Overall:** 180-127 (25 years)

**At Iowa:** 168-106 (22 years)

**Big Ten:** 103-77

- Ranks fourth all-time in Big Ten conference game wins (103), and overall wins (168)
- Ranks first all-time at Iowa in coaching victories with 168
- One of just seven Big Ten coaches ever to guide a team to 10 wins or more in three straight seasons

### Year-By-Year Record at Iowa

| Year           | Overall        | (Pct.)      | Big Ten       | (Pct.)      | Bowl                 |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 2020           | 6-2            | .750        | 6-2           | .750        | Music City           |
| 2019           | 10-3           | .769        | 6-3           | .667        | Holiday              |
| 2018           | 9-4            | .692        | 5-4           | .556        | Outback              |
| 2017           | 8-5            | .615        | 4-5           | .444        | Pinstripe            |
| 2016           | 8-5            | .615        | 6-3           | .667        | Outback              |
| 2015           | 12-2           | .857        | 8-0           | 1.000       | Rose                 |
| 2014           | 7-6            | .538        | 4-4           | .500        | TaxSlayer            |
| 2013           | 8-5            | .615        | 5-3           | .625        | Outback              |
| 2012           | 4-8            | .333        | 2-6           | .250        | ---                  |
| 2011           | 7-6            | .538        | 4-4           | .500        | Insight              |
| 2010           | 8-5            | .615        | 4-4           | .500        | Insight              |
| 2009           | 11-2           | .846        | 6-2           | .750        | Orange               |
| 2008           | 9-4            | .692        | 5-3           | .625        | Outback              |
| 2007           | 6-6            | .500        | 4-4           | .500        | ---                  |
| 2006           | 6-7            | .462        | 2-6           | .250        | Alamo                |
| 2005           | 7-5            | .583        | 5-3           | .625        | Outback              |
| 2004           | 10-2           | .833        | 7-1           | .875        | Capital One          |
| 2003           | 10-3           | .769        | 5-3           | .625        | Outback              |
| 2002           | 11-2           | .846        | 8-0           | 1.000       | Orange               |
| 2001           | 7-5            | .583        | 4-4           | .500        | Alamo                |
| 2000           | 3-9            | .250        | 3-5           | .375        | ---                  |
| 1999           | 1-10           | .091        | 0-8           | .000        | ---                  |
| <b>Overall</b> | <b>168-106</b> | <b>.613</b> | <b>103-77</b> | <b>.572</b> | <b>18 bowl games</b> |

### Coaching Honors

- 2015 Eddie Robinson FWAA Coach of the Year
- 2015 Dodd Trophy Coach of the Year
- 2015 Woody Hayes Coach of the Year (Columbus Touchdown Club)
- 2015 AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year
- 2015 Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2015 Hayes-Schembechler Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2015 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2015 Maxwell Club George Munger Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2015 Associated Press Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2009 AFCA Regional Coach of the Year
- 2009 Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2004 Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year
- 2002 Associated Press national Coach of the Year
- 2002 Walter Camp national Coach of the Year
- 2002 Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year
- Joins Bo Schembechler (Michigan) in being named Big Ten Coach of the Year more than three times



# **KIRK FERENTZ**

## **Post-Season Success**

- Has guided Iowa to 18 bowl invitations in 22 seasons
  - 2020 Music City Bowl
  - 2019 Holiday Bowl
  - 2019 Outback Bowl
  - 2017 Pinstripe Bowl
  - 2017 Outback Bowl
  - 2016 Rose Bowl
  - 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl
  - 2014 Outback Bowl
  - 2011 Insight Bowl
  - 2010 Insight Bowl
  - 2010 Orange Bowl
  - 2009 Outback Bowl
  - 2006 Alamo Bowl
  - 2006 Outback Bowl
  - 2005 Capital One Bowl
  - 2004 Outback Bowl
  - 2003 Orange Bowl
  - 2001 Alamo Bowl
- Nine bowl victories tied for second all-time among Big Ten coaches
- Has twice led Iowa to three straight bowl wins (2008-10 and 2017-19)
- Iowa appeared in four straight January bowls, 2002-05; four straight from 2013-16, and 11 overall under Ferentz
- Iowa was one of just eight schools in the nation to appear in six January bowl games between 2002-09
- Iowa has earned eight straight bowl invitations between 2013 and 2020, matching the longest bowl streak in school history (1981-88)

## **In The Final Rankings**

2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 16th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 15th (Coaches) \_\_\_\_\_ 15th (CFP)  
 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ 15th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 15th (Coaches) \_\_\_\_\_ 16th (CFP)  
 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ 25th (AP)  
 2015 \_\_\_\_\_ 9th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 10th (Coaches) \_\_\_\_\_ 5th (CFP)  
 2009 \_\_\_\_\_ 7th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 7th (USA Today)  
 2008 \_\_\_\_\_ 20th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 20th (USA Today)  
 2004 \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (USA Today)  
 2003 \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (USA Today)  
 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (AP) \_\_\_\_\_ 8th (USA Today)

## **As Iowa Offensive Line Coach**

**Overall record of 73-33-4 in nine seasons**

- 1988 Peach Bowl
- 1987 Holiday Bowl
- 1986 Holiday Bowl
- 1986 Rose Bowl
- 1984 Freedom Bowl
- 1983 Gator Bowl
- 1982 Peach Bowl
- 1982 Rose Bowl

## **First Round NFL Draft Selections**

- OL Tristan Wirfs, 2020 (13th selection, Tampa Bay)
- TE T.J. Hockenson, 2019 (8th selection, Detroit)
- TE Noah Fant, 2019 (20th selection, Denver)
- OL Brandon Scherff, 2014 (5th selection, Washington)
- OL Riley Reiff, 2012 (23rd selection, Detroit)
- DL Adrian Clayborn, 2011 (20th selection, Tampa Bay)
- OL Bryan Bulaga, 2010 (23rd selection, Green Bay)
- LB Chad Greenway, 2006 (17th selection, Minnesota)
- OL Robert Gallery, 2004 (2nd selection, Oakland)
- TE Dallas Clark, 2003 (24th selection, Indianapolis)

## **NFL Draft Highlights**

- 10 first round selections
- 10 second round selections
- 75 NFL Draft selections overall
- 88% of Iowa's senior starters the last 19 years were selected in the NFL Draft or signed to an NFL free agent contract
- Iowa ranks third among Big Ten leaders in number of players drafted (46) over the past 12 years

## **NFL Honors**

### **NFL Defensive Player of the Year (1)**

DB Bob Sanders, Indianapolis, 2007

### **NFL All-Pro Honors (12)**

TE T.J. Hockenson (Detroit)  
 TE George Kittle (San Francisco)  
 DB Desmond King (LA Chargers)  
 DL Mike Daniels (Green Bay)  
 DB Micah Hyde (Buffalo)  
 OL Brandan Scherff (Washington)  
 TE Dallas Clark (Indianapolis)  
 LB Chad Greenway (Minnesota)  
 DL Aaron Kampman (Green Bay)  
 PK Nate Kaeding (San Diego)  
 DB Bob Sanders (Indianapolis)  
 OL Marshal Yanda (Baltimore)

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### Consensus All-Americans (12)

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DT Daviyon Nixon, 2020   | DE Adrian Clayborn, 2010 |
| K Keith Duncan, 2019     | RB Shonn Greene, 2008    |
| DB Josh Jackson, 2017    | OL Robert Gallery, 2003  |
| LB Josey Jewell, 2017    | PK Nate Kaeding, 2003    |
| DB Desmond King, 2015    | OL Eric Steinbach, 2002  |
| OL Brandon Scherff, 2014 | TE Dallas Clark, 2002    |

### First Team All-Americans (20)

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| DT Daviyon Nixon, 2020 *   | LB Pat Angerer, 2009    |
| K Keith Duncan, 2019       | OL Bryan Bulaga, 2009   |
| OL Tristan Wirfs, 2019     | RB Shonn Greene, 2008   |
| TE T.J. Hockenson, 2018    | OL Robert Gallery, 2003 |
| DB Josh Jackson, 2017 *    | PK Nate Kaeding, 2003   |
| LB Josey Jewell, 2017 *    | QB Brad Banks, 2002     |
| DB Desmond King, 2016      | TE Dallas Clark, 2002   |
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| OL Brandon Scherff, 2014 * | OL Bruce Nelson, 2002   |
| OL Riley Reiff, 2011       | OL Eric Steinbach, 2002 |
| DE Adrian Clayborn, 2010   |                         |

*\* - unanimous, consensus*

### Big Ten Honors

#### Big Ten Most Valuable Player (2)

RB Shonn Greene, 2008  
QB Brad Banks, 2002

#### Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year (2)

RB Shonn Greene, 2008  
QB Brad Banks, 2002

#### Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year (1)

DL Daviyon Nixon, 2020  
LB Josey Jewell, 2017

#### Big Ten Player of the Year, by Position (19)

Daviyon Nixon, 2020 (defensive line)  
Tory Taylor, 2020 (punter)  
Keith Duncan, 2019 (kicker)  
Tristan Wirfs, 2019 (offensive line)  
T.J. Hockenson, 2018 (tight end)  
Amani Hooker, 2018 (defensive back)  
Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 2018 (return specialist)  
Josh Jackson, 2017 (defensive back)  
Josey Jewell, 2017 (linebacker)  
Desmond King, 2015 (defensive back)  
Brandon Scherff, 2014 (offensive line)  
Micah Hyde, 2012 (defensive back)  
Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2011 (wide receiver)  
Bryan Bulaga, 2009 (offensive line)  
Shonn Greene, 2008 (running back)  
Mitch King, 2008 (defensive line)  
Robert Gallery, 2003 (offensive line)  
Brad Banks, 2002 (quarterback)  
Eric Steinbach, 2002 (offensive line)

### National Honors

- Nine Hawkeyes have earned national Player of the Year honors on 10 occasions
  - T.J. Hockenson, 2018 John Mackey Award
  - Josey Jewell, 2017 Lott IMPACT Trophy
  - Desmond King, 2015 Jim Thorpe Award
  - Brandon Scherff, 2014 Outland Trophy
  - Shonn Greene, 2008 Doak Walker Award
  - Robert Gallery, 2003 Outland Trophy
  - Brad Banks, 2002 Davey O'Brien Award
  - Brad Banks, 2002 Associated Press Player of the Year
  - Dallas Clark, 2002 John Mackey Award
  - Nate Kaeding, 2002 Lou Groza Award
- Joe Moore Offensive Line Award, 2016

### Academic Honors

#### Academic All-America Honors (16)

- Anthony Nelson, second-team Academic All-America, 2018
- Anthony Nelson, first team Academic All-America, 2017
- Parker Hesse, second team Academic All-America, 2017
- Jordan Lomax, second team Academic All-America, 2015
- Mark Weisman, second team Academic All-America, 2014
- James Morris, NFF National Scholar-Athlete Award, 2013
- James Morris, first team Academic All-America, 2013
- Mike Klinkenborg, first team Academic All-America, 2007
- Adam Shada, first team Academic All-America, 2007
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- Mike Elgin, first team Academic All-America, 2006
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- Nate Kaeding, second team Academic All-America, 2002
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#### 384 Academic All-Big Ten honorees

### Assistant Coach Recognition

- Jim Reid, FootballScoop Linebacker Coach of the Year, 2013
- LeVar Woods, FootballScoop Linebacker Coach of the Year, 2013
- Norm Parker, AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year, 2011
- Norm Parker, Frank Broyles Award Finalist, 2005
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- Ron Aiken, AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year, 2002

## **ASSISTANT COACHES**



**Brian Ferentz**  
**Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends**  
**10th Year at Iowa**

Brian Ferentz, a three-year letterman as an offensive lineman at the University of Iowa, was named offensive coordinator following the 2016 season. He coached Hawkeye running backs in 2017 and tight ends in 2018. Ferentz served as Iowa's offensive line coach for five seasons (2012-16) and served as run

game coordinator in 2015 and 2016.

Brian joined the Hawkeye staff after spending the previous four years with the NFL's New England Patriots. He was recently recognized by ESPN.com as one of the top assistant coaches in the Big Ten Conference under the age of 40.

Following back-to-back narrow losses to open the 2020 season, Iowa won six straight games, all in Big Ten play, to complete the regular season. The Hawkeyes scored at least 26 points in each of the six wins. The winning streak included road wins at Minnesota, Penn State and Illinois, and trophy game victories over Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes were ranked 15th in the nation in the final CFP rankings and coaches poll, and 16th by the Associated Press.

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Iowa's offense in 2020, with first year starting quarterback Spencer Petras, led the Big Ten in red zone offense (0.917), ranked second in scoring (31.8) and third in fewest tackles for loss allowed (5.1). The Hawkeyes scored at least 25 points in all six wins in 2020. Sophomore running back Tyler Goodson, sophomore center Tyler Linderbaum and senior tackle Alaric Jackson earned first-team All-Big Ten honors.

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Iowa completed the 2018 season with a 9-4 mark and a final ranking of 25th in the Associated Press national rankings. The Hawkeyes earned a 27-22 Outback Bowl win over No. 18 Mississippi State to close the season with three straight wins. The four losses came by a total of 23 points and all were decided in the final minutes of play. Iowa tied for second in the Big Ten West Division.

Iowa won eight games in both 2016 and 2017, including a Pinstripe Bowl victory to conclude the 2017 campaign. The Hawkeyes posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2015, winning the West Division of the Big Ten Conference. Iowa participated in the 2016 Rose Bowl Game and the 2015 Big Ten Championship and ended the season in the top 10 in the final national rankings.

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Iowa's efficient offense in 2019 featured senior quarterback Nate Stanley and tackle Tristan Wirfs, the Big Ten's Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year. Wirfs earned first-team All-America honors from as many as three national outlets. Wirfs declared for the 2020 NFL Draft following his junior season and was a first-round selection (13th pick overall) of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Stanley completed his three-year career with a 27-12 record as the starting quarterback, passing for over 8,000 career yards. Iowa ranked first in the Big Ten in red zone offense, fewest turnovers and fewest fumbles lost, second in fourth down conversions and fourth in time of possession. He was selected by Minnesota in the seventh round of the 2020 NFL Draft.

The Iowa offense in 2018 set a school record for most points scored in road games. The Hawkeyes averaged 31.2 in all games, the ninth highest single-season total in school history. Stanley led the Iowa offense, passing for 2,852 yards. Stanley threw 26 touchdown passes in both 2017 and 2018, setting a school record for scoring passes over a two-year period. Stanley ranks among Iowa's career leaders in passing yards (8,302), total offense (8,198) and passing touchdowns (68).

Tight end T.J. Hockenson earned the John Mackey Award as the top tight end in the nation and was named the Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year in the Big Ten. Iowa's tight ends combined for 90 receptions for 1,330 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Hockenson was the eighth player selected in the 2019 NFL Draft (Detroit) and earned Pro Bowl honors in 2020, while Noah Fant was the 20th player selected in the first round (Denver). It marks the only time in the history of the NFL Draft that two tight ends from the same program have been selected in the first round. Senior tight end Nate Wieting was signed to a free agent contract by the Cleveland Browns immediately following the 2020 NFL Draft.

The 2017 Iowa offense featured 1,000-yard rusher in senior Akrum Wadley, and a first year starting quarterback in Stanley, who passed for over 2,400 yards. Senior offensive lineman Sean Welsh earned first team All-Big Ten honors, while redshirt freshman lineman Alaric Jackson earned freshman All-America recognition.

The Iowa offensive line earned the 2016 Joe Moore Award, which is presented to the best offensive line in college football. Iowa boasted two players who rushed for over 1,000 yards in the same season for the first time in school history, as Wadley and senior LeShun Daniels, Jr., each surpassed 1,000 yards. Iowa was a finalist for the award in 2015.



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Four members of Iowa's 2016 offensive line earned All-Big Ten recognition, including Boettger, Cole Croston, Daniels, and Welsh. Croston signed a free agent contract with the New England Patriots following the 2017 NFL Draft and was on the active roster the entire 2017 season. In 2015, guard Jordan Walsh earned first team all-Big Ten honors, while center Austin Blythe was one of three finalists for the Rimington Award and a second team selection.

Iowa's offense in 2015 averaged 30.9 points and 386.1 yards total offense, including 181.7 rushing and 204.4 passing yards per game. Iowa ranked in the top 25 nationally in fourth down conversions, fewest penalties, and fewest turnovers.

Left tackle Brandon Scherff won the 2014 Outland Trophy, was the Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten and earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. Scherff was the fifth player selected in the 2015 NFL Draft (Washington Redskins), while right tackle Andrew Donnal was selected by the St. Louis Rams in the fourth round. Scherff was named to the NFL Pro Bowl in 2017 and 2020.

Iowa's offensive line in 2013 led the way for an offense that averaged 377 yards total offense, including 180 rushing yards and 197 passing yards. The Hawkeye offensive line allowed just 15 sacks in 13 games, a total that led the Big Ten and tied for 12th best in the nation. Iowa won eight games while participating in the 2014 Outback Bowl.

Iowa's offensive line featured the same five starters in all 13 games in 2013, with four of those Hawkeyes earning Big Ten honors. Scherff was a first team selection, while right tackle Brett Van Sloten was second team and Blythe and left guard Conor Boffeli each were named honorable mention. Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked eighth in the nation in fewest penalties per game. Boffeli and Van Sloten signed NFL free agent contracts immediately following the 2014 NFL Draft.

Senior center James Ferentz and senior tackle/guard Matt Tobin led Iowa's offensive line in 2012, as both players earned all-Big Ten recognition. In addition, Blythe earned FWAA Freshman All-America honors. Iowa's offensive line put together a string of four consecutive games without allowing a quarterback sack and allowed less than two sacks in six of 12 games overall.

Brian, the son of head coach Kirk Ferentz, served as New England's tight ends coach in 2011, helping the Patriots win the AFC championship and a spot in the 2012 Super Bowl. Brian was an offensive assistant coach in 2010, working exclusively with the tight ends. He spent 2009 as a coaching assistant after serving as a scouting assistant for the Patriots during the 2008 season.

Under his direction, two Patriot rookie tight ends made a big impact in 2010. The New England duo ranked first and second, among all rookie tight ends with 10 and six touchdown catches, respectively. They became the first pair of rookie tight ends with at least five touchdowns in the same season in NFL history. Rob Gronkowski's 10 touchdown receptions rank second in NFL history for a rookie tight end, as only Mike Ditka (12) had more touchdowns as a rookie.

Gronkowski set additional records in 2011, including individual records for receiving touchdowns by a tight end (17), total touchdowns by a tight end (18) and receiving yards by a tight end (1,327). As a tandem, the Patriot tight ends also set three NFL single season records: total touchdowns by a tight end tandem (24), receptions by a tight end tandem (169) and total yards by a tight end tandem (2,237).

Brian played both offensive guard and center during his Iowa career. He earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors as a senior in 2005 and was academic All-Big Ten in 2003. He was a team captain as a senior and played on Iowa teams that were among the most successful in school history. Brian was part of two Big Ten championship teams (2002 and 2004).

Ferentz started at center in every game as a senior in 2005. He started eight games at right guard in 2004 as the Hawkeyes earned a share of the Big Ten title and a bid to the Capital One Bowl. Iowa won each of the eight games he started after he missed the first four games of the year due to injury. Ferentz earned the starting center position as a sophomore and started five games before missing the second half of the season due to injury.

During his tenure as a player, Iowa participated in the BCS FedEx Orange Bowl, two Outback Bowls, and a Capital One Bowl, compiling an overall record of 38-12. The Hawkeyes defeated Florida in the 2004 Outback Bowl and defending national champion LSU in the 2005 Capital One Bowl.

Ferentz was a member of Iowa's Leadership Council and as a senior was the recipient of the Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat Award". The annual award goes to the Hawkeye player who gives extraordinary effort on the field. He was recognized with the "Next Man In" award as a junior.

Brian was selected to participate in the 2006 Hula Bowl following his Hawkeye career. He signed a free agent contract with Atlanta and was a member of the Falcons practice squad in 2006. He was with the New Orleans Saints throughout their 2007 training camp.

He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Iowa in 2006.

Ferentz was born March 28, 1983, in Iowa City. He and his wife, Nikki, have three daughters, Presley, Connolly and Jolie, and a son, John.

## ***FERENTZ' COACHING CAREER***

| <b>Team</b> | <b>Position, Years</b>            |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Iowa        | OC, TE, 2018-present              |
| Iowa        | OC, RB, 2017                      |
| Iowa        | OL, Run Game Coordinator, 2015-16 |
| Iowa        | OL, 2012-2014                     |
| New England | TE's, 2011                        |
|             | Off. Ast., TE's, 2010             |
|             | Coaching Ast., 2009               |
|             | Scouting Ast., 2008               |

## **ASSISTANT COACHES**



**Phil Parker**  
**Defensive Coordinator**  
**Secondary Coach**  
**23rd Year at Iowa**

Phil Parker, who served as defensive backs coach at the University of Iowa for 13 seasons, is in his 10th season as defensive coordinator. He returned to coaching Iowa's defensive secondary in 2013 as well. Parker was named by Rivals.com in March, 2011, as a first-team

member of its College Football Assistant Coach Dream Team.

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Iowa's defense in 2020 led the nation in allowing opponents just 4.3 yards per play. The Hawkeyes ranked among the national leaders in several additional categories, including scoring (16.0, 7th), pass efficiency defense (110.1, 9th), rushing defense (107.6, 11th), total defense (313.8, 12th), red zone defense (.727, 12th), and interceptions (11, 19th).

Junior tackle Daviyon Nixon earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. He was named the Big Ten's defensive lineman and defensive player of the year while earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. He was a finalist for both the Outland Trophy and Nagurski Award. Senior end Chauncey Golston also earned first-team All-Big Ten honors.

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Iowa tied for second in the nation in interceptions (20) in 2018 after leading the nation in 2017 with 21. Iowa's 64 thefts over the past four seasons share the national lead. The 2019 Hawkeye defense ranked among the top 17 in the nation in scoring defense (5th, 14.0), first downs allowed (9th, 16.6), total defense (12th, 308.2), rushing defense (14th, 112.5), turnover margin (14th, 0.7), and pass efficiency defense (17th, 116.0).

Defensive end A.J. Epenesa earned multiple All-America honors, first-

team All-Big Ten recognition, and was the defensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl win over Southern California. Defensive backs Michael Ojemudia and Geno Stone each earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. Epenesa and Stone, both juniors in 2019, declared for the 2020 NFL Draft.

Epenesa was selected in the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft (Buffalo), while Ojemudia was selected in the third round by Denver and Stone was taken by Baltimore in the seventh round. In addition to the three draft selections, linebacker Kristian Welch (Baltimore) and tackle Cedrick Lattimore (Seattle) signed free agent contracts immediately following the draft. Sixteen Iowa defensive backs coached by Parker have been selected in the NFL draft.

Iowa, in 2018, ranked seventh nationally in total defense (293.6), eighth in turnovers gained (27) 11th in scoring defense (17.8) and 12th in rushing defense (109.5). Iowa's defense was second in the Big Ten in red zone defense and third in total sacks (35).

In 2018 junior defensive back Amani Hooker was named the Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year, marking the fourth Hawkeye to earn that honor since 2012 (Josh Jackson, 2017, Desmond King, 2015, Micah Hyde, 2012). Hooker earned first-team All-Big honors and second-team All-America recognition, and declared for the NFL Draft following his junior season. Epenesa earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and defensive end Anthony Nelson was named to the second team.

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The Hawkeye defense led the nation with 21 interceptions in 2017, led by defensive back Josh Jackson, who led the nation individually with eight interceptions to match Iowa's single-season record. Jackson and linebacker Josey Jewell each earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. The Hawkeyes ranked 17th in the nation in scoring defense (19.9), and matched a school record with four interception return touchdowns.

Jackson, in his first year as a starter, also led the nation in passes defended, ranked second in interception return yards and return touchdowns, and ranked fourth in pass break-ups. He had two interception returns for touchdowns and tied Iowa's single-game record with three interceptions in a 55-24 win over third-ranked Ohio State.

Jewell led the Big Ten in tackles for the second time in three seasons (he was second as a junior) and ranked fourth in the nation in tackles per game (11.3). He was named the Big Ten Conference linebacker and defensive Player of the Year, while Jackson was named Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year. Jewell also earned the Lott IMPACT Trophy and was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy, while Jackson was a finalist for the Thorpe Award.

Jackson declared for the 2018 NFL Draft following his junior season and was a second round selection of the Green Bay Packers. Jewell was a fourth round selection of the Denver Broncos.

Jewell also led the Hawkeye defense in 2016, along with All-America defensive back Desmond King. The Hawkeyes ranked 13th in the nation in scoring defense and red zone defense, 19th in pass efficiency defense, and 23rd in total defense.

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The play of the defense has been a key part of Iowa's success. King earned first team All-Big Ten honors in both 2015 and 2016 and was a unanimous consensus All-American in 2015. King was a fifth round selection in the 2017 NFL Draft.

Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked 10th in the nation with 19 interceptions in 2015, with four of those being returned for touchdowns. The Hawkeyes were also among the national leaders in pass break-ups (ninth), turnover margin (11th), turnovers gained (13th), and rushing defense (15th).

Iowa ranked second in the Big Ten and seventh nationally in pass defense in 2014 with a defensive line-up that included three new linebackers and two first-year starters in the secondary. Seven Hawkeye defensive players earned all-Big Ten recognition.

The Hawkeyes collected eight wins in 2013, including a 5-3 Big Ten record to tie for second in the Legends Division. Iowa earned a spot in the 2014 Outback Bowl behind a defense that ranked among the national leaders in total defense (sixth), first downs allowed (seventh) pass defense (ninth), scoring defense (ninth), pass efficiency defense (17th) and rushing defense (19th).

Cornerback B.J. Lowery, a first team selection, was one of eight Hawkeye defensive players to earn All-Big Ten recognition in 2013, while King was named to several All-Freshman honor teams as a true freshman.

Following the 2012 season, Hyde was named the recipient of the Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year in the Big Ten Conference, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors. Hyde was selected by Green Bay in the fifth round of the NFL Draft and has had seven very productive seasons in the NFL with Green Bay and Buffalo.

Iowa's secondary in 2011 was led by senior Shaun Prater, who earned first-team All-Big Ten honors for the second straight season, while Hyde earned second team honors. Over the past 11 seasons, Iowa ranks among the national leaders with 181 interceptions. Prater was selected by Cincinnati in the fifth round of the 2012 NFL Draft, while Jordan Bernstine was selected by Washington in the seventh round.

The defensive secondary played a key role in Iowa's success in 2010. Iowa was second in the Big Ten in pass efficiency defense (115.1) and interceptions (19). Iowa tied for 11th in the nation in interceptions, returning four thefts for touchdowns. Prater and safety Tyler Sash were both named first-team All-Big Ten, while Brett Greenwood earned second team honors and Hyde was honorable mention.

Sash started the final 34 games of his career and ranks fifth in career

interceptions. He declared for the NFL following his junior season in 2010 and was a sixth round selection of the New York Giants. Sash earned a Super Bowl ring in his rookie season with the Giants in 2011.

In 2009, Iowa ranked third in the nation in pass efficiency defense and fourth in pass defense, leading the Big Ten in both categories. The Hawkeyes tied for fifth nationally with 21 interceptions while ranking eighth in scoring defense and 10th in total defense. Sash and cornerback Amari Spivey both earned first-team All-Big Ten recognition, and Greenwood was a second team selection. Spivey declared for the NFL Draft following his junior season in 2009 and was selected in the third round by the Detroit Lions.

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Under Parker's direction, safety Bob Sanders became the ninth Iowa player to earn first team all-Big Ten honors for three seasons (2001, 2002, and 2003). Sanders earned second team All-America honors in 2003 and was taken by Indianapolis in the second round of the 2004 NFL Draft. He ranks 11th in career tackles (348). Sanders earned All-Pro recognition with the Colts in 2005 and was selected to the Pro Bowl. He was a key contributor again in 2006 as the Colts won the Super Bowl. He was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 2007 and was again an All-Pro selection.

Senior cornerback Charles Godfrey led the Iowa secondary in 2007, recording five interceptions and 65 tackles. He earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. Godfrey was selected in the third round of the 2008 NFL Draft, being selected by the Carolina Panthers. He enjoyed an eight-year NFL career.

In 2006, senior safeties Marcus Paschal and Miguel Merrick combined for 149 tackles to lead the Hawkeye secondary. Paschal was a second team all-Big Ten selection and signed a free agent contract with Philadelphia. Merrick signed a free agent contract with San Diego.

In 2005, senior cornerback Antwan Allen was the only player in the nation to start in four straight January bowl games. He ended his career with 235 tackles and eight interceptions. Jovon Johnson, at the opposite corner, also started throughout his career. He ranks third in career interceptions (17) and had 181 career tackles. Johnson played with the Pittsburgh Steelers and New York Jets in the NFL before a productive career in the Canadian Football League. He was the CFL's Most Outstanding Defensive Player in 2011, becoming the first defensive back to win the award. He is a two-time CFL All-Star.

Safeties Derek Pagel and Sean Considine joined the Iowa program as walk-ons and earned their way into the starting line-up. Each helped the Hawkeyes win a Big Ten title as seniors and both were NFL Draft selections. Pagel earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2002 was selected in the fifth round of the 2003 draft. Considine was a fourth round selection in 2005 after earning honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition. He joined the Baltimore Ravens in 2012 and played a key role on special teams for the Super Bowl champions.

In 1999, Iowa's secondary was led by the play of safety Matt Bowen.



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Bowen led the team in tackles as both a junior and senior. He was voted second-team All-Big Ten and was a sixth round selection of the St. Louis Rams in the NFL Draft. Bowen played several seasons in the NFL (Washington and Buffalo) following his college career.

Parker was the defensive backfield coach at Toledo for 11 seasons prior to joining the Iowa staff. During his tenure at Toledo, Parker coached 10 all-conference selections and helped the Rockets win conference division championships in 1997 and 1998. Three of his Toledo players, Darren Anderson, Clarence Love and Kelly Herndon, went on to play in the NFL. Anderson and Love were NFL Draft selections, while Herndon signed as a free agent and played in the 2006 Super Bowl with Seattle. In 1998, Toledo ranked 19th in the nation in scoring defense.

Toledo won Mid-American Conference championships in 1990 and 1995 and competed in the 1995 Las Vegas Bowl. Toledo ranked 12th in the nation in total defense in 1990 and ninth in pass efficiency defense and 11th in rushing defense in 1992. In 1995 Toledo completed an undefeated season and was ranked 22nd in the final UPI poll and 24th in the CNN poll after leading the nation in turnover margin. Toledo also finished second to perennial power Marshall twice when Parker was a member of the Rocket staff.

Parker served as a graduate assistant coach for one year at Michigan State. He was on the Spartan staff in 1987 when MSU won the Big Ten title and defeated Southern California in the 1988 Rose Bowl.

Phil was a standout defensive back at Michigan State, earning first team all-Big Ten honors in 1983, 1984 and 1985. Parker was named defensive MVP at Michigan State in 1983 and 1985 and was invited to the Hula Bowl following his senior season. During his MSU career the Spartans competed in the 1984 Cherry Bowl and the 1985 All-American Bowl. Parker was named Most Valuable Player in the Cherry Bowl.

Parker earned his B.S. degree from Michigan State in 1986.

Parker was born March 13, 1963, in Lorain, Ohio. Phil and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Tyler and Paige.



**LeVar Woods**  
Special Teams Coordinator  
14th Year at Iowa

LeVar Woods, a three-year football letterman at the University of Iowa and a veteran of seven seasons in the National Football League, was named special teams coordinator in March 2017, after previously assisting with the Hawkeye special teams.

Woods handles all phases of Iowa's special teams after coaching Hawkeye tight ends for three seasons. Woods coached Iowa linebackers for three seasons (2012-14) and previously served as an administrative assistant with the Iowa program (2008-11).

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Iowa's special teams played a key role in the 2020 success. Freshman punter Tory Taylor was named the Big Ten Punter of the Year. He was named first-team Freshman All-America by the FWAA and second-team All-America by The Athletic and was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award.

Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked fifth nationally in net punting (42.9), while also ranking fifth in the nation in kickoff return coverage (15.7). Kicker Keith Duncan ended his career as Iowa's career leader in field goal percentage (82.5 percent) and is Iowa's career leader with 20 field goal from 40 yards and beyond. Duncan ranks fourth in career field goals (52) and sixth in career scoring (252).

Taylor earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and Duncan was named to the third team. Junior punt return specialist Charlie Jones and senior kickoff return specialist Ihmir Smith-Marsette each earned All-Big Ten honors as well.

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## PARKER'S COACHING CAREER

| Team           | Position, Years      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Iowa           | DC, DB, 2013-present |
| Iowa           | DC, 2012             |
| Iowa           | DB, 1999-2011        |
| Toledo         | DB, 1988-98          |
| Michigan State | GA, 1987             |



# **ASSISTANT COACHES**

Along with winning its most recent three bowl games, Iowa also participated in the 2017 Outback Bowl, 2016 Rose Bowl Game, 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl and 2014 Outback Bowl. The Hawkeyes have ranked in the final top 10 of both major polls five times in the past 19 seasons.

Iowa has appeared in 11 January bowl games since 2001 and has recorded January bowl wins over Florida (2004 Outback), Louisiana State (2005 Capital One), South Carolina (2009 Outback), Georgia Tech (2010 Orange), and Mississippi State (2019 Outback).

Iowa has won 157 games over the past 19 seasons, including 96 Big Ten games. Along with the 2015 division title, the Hawkeyes earned a share of the Big Ten title in both 2002 and 2004 and tied for second in 2009. Iowa has finished in the Big Ten's first division in 18 of the past 20 years.

The Hawkeyes posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2015, winning the West Division of the Big Ten Conference. Iowa participated in the 2016 Rose Bowl Game and the 2015 Big Ten Championship and ended the season in the top 10 in the final national rankings.

Iowa's special teams were led in 2019 by kicker Keith Duncan and kickoff return specialist and wide receiver Ihmir Smith-Marsette. Duncan earned consensus first-team All-America honors and was one of three finalists for the Lou Groza Award. Duncan led the nation with 29 field goals (34 attempts), a total that ranks sixth-best in NCAA history. Duncan was named the Bakken-Andersen Kicker of the Year in the Big Ten while ranking 16th in the nation in scoring (119 points).

Smith-Marsette led the Big Ten and ranked second in the nation with two kickoff return touchdowns. He had touchdown returns in back-to-back wins over Nebraska (95 yards) and Southern California (98 yards). Smith-Marsette was named the offensive MVP of the Holiday Bowl, becoming the second Iowa player in school history with a rushing, receiving and kick return touchdown in the same game.

Smith-Marsette helped Iowa's kick return team rank sixth in the nation (26.6), while Iowa was also eighth nationally in kickoff coverage (17.2). Smith-Marsette ranks second in the Big Ten Conference for career kickoff return average (28.7) and ranks 10th at Iowa for all-purpose yards (3,415). He scored 20 career touchdowns.

The 2018 Hawkeyes led the Big Ten and ranked second nationally in kickoff returns, with Smith-Marsette ranking second in the individual rankings with a 29.5 average. Smith-Marsette was named the Rodgers-Dwight Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year. Iowa led the league in kickoff returns for three straight seasons before ranking second in 2019.

Iowa ranked second in the Big Ten in punt return average (10.6), and eighth in the nation in kickoff return coverage (16.4) in 2018. Senior Kyle Groeneweg ranked second in the Big Ten and 19th in the nation in punt return average (9.9).

In addition, senior kicker Miguel Recinos earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition. Recinos led Iowa in scoring with 98 points, connecting on all 47 PAT attempts and 17-22 field goals. Recinos ranks 15th in career scoring with 180 points, including all 93 career PAT attempts.

Iowa's special team highlights in 2017 included ranking sixth nationally in kick return defense (17.08), 15th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.44) and 25th in punt return defense (4.65). Senior running back Akrum Wadley set an Iowa bowl record with 171 yards on five kickoff returns in the Pinstripe Bowl victory.

Iowa tight ends also had an impressive season. Sophomore Noah Fant led all FBS tight ends with an average of 16.5 yards per catch, and his 11 touchdown receptions tied as the top figure among tight ends. The 11 touchdowns are also a record for Iowa tight ends. In addition, redshirt freshman T.J. Hockenson added 24 receptions for 320 yards and three touchdowns. Fant earned third-team All-Big Ten recognition.

Fant and Hockenson each declared early for the 2019 NFL Draft. Hockenson was the eighth pick in the first round (Detroit), while Fant followed as the 20th selection overall. Iowa is the first school ever to have two tight ends selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

Senior George Kittle led the Iowa tight ends in 2016 with 22 receptions for 314 yards, while sharing the team lead with four touchdown receptions. Despite missing two full games and parts of others due to injury, Kittle earned All-Big Ten honorable mention recognition. He participated in the Senior Bowl and the NFL Combine following the season and was selected by San Francisco in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft. Kittle set an NFL tight end receiving record in 2018, earning All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. He surpassed 1,000 receiving yards for a second straight season in 2019 while repeating as an NFL All-Pro selection.

Iowa's special teams also performed well in 2016, led by return specialist Desmond King, who ranked second in the Big Ten in kickoff returns and third in punt returns. As a team Iowa led the conference and ranked seventh nationally in kickoff returns (25.9), while ranking second in the Big Ten and 11th nationally in punt returns (12.5). King earned NFL All-Pro recognition in 2018 with the Chargers.

Iowa's offense in 2015 averaged 30.9 points and 386.1 yards total offense, including 181.7 rushing and 204.4 passing yards per game. Iowa ranked in the top 25 nationally in fourth down conversions, fewest penalties, and fewest turnovers.

Iowa's tight end continued to play a key role in the offense in 2015, as Henry Krieger Coble and Kittle combined for 55 receptions for 695 yards and seven touchdowns. Krieger Coble signed a free agent contract with Denver following the 2016 NFL Draft and was a member of the Los Angeles Rams practice squad in 2018. Jake Duzey, who missed the majority of his senior season in 2015 due to injury, earned an invitation to mini-camp with Indianapolis in 2017.

Woods coached Iowa linebackers in 2014, as the Hawkeye defense ranked seventh in the nation in pass defense and 22nd in total defense. Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked second in the nation in fewest penalties and penalty yards. In his first year as a starter, linebacker Quinton Alston ranked second on the team in tackles and earned second team All-Big Ten honors.

In 2013, Woods joined with Jim Reid in coaching three senior linebackers who served as the leaders of Iowa's defense. Anthony Hitchens, Christian Kirksey, and James Morris each recorded over 100 tackles while earning All-Big Ten recognition. The trio each recorded over 250 career tackles and combined for 950 total tackles in helping Iowa appear in three bowl games.

Kirksey was selected in the third round of the 2014 NFL Draft by Cleveland, while Hitchens was selected by Dallas in the fourth round. Hitchens has started in the NFL for four seasons, serving as a team captain for the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs in 2019. Kirksey has been a starter in the NFL the past four seasons but missed the majority of 2019 due to injury. Morris signed an NFL free agent contract with New England immediately following the draft and was with the Super Bowl champions throughout the season. He spent the majority of the 2015 season with the New York Giants.

# ASSISTANT COACHES

Due to the play of the Iowa defense, Reid and Woods were named by FootballScoop as national Linebackers Coaches of the Year. Iowa earned a spot in the 2014 Outback Bowl behind a solid defense that ranked among the national leaders in total defense (sixth), first downs allowed (seventh) pass defense (ninth), scoring defense (ninth), pass efficiency defense (17th) and rushing defense (19th). The Hawkeyes recorded eight wins, including five in the Big Ten to tie for second in the Legends Division.

Under the direction of Woods, Iowa's linebackers also held the top three spots on the tackle chart in 2012. Hitchens not only led Iowa in tackles, but also led the Big Ten and ranked sixth in the nation. Morris ranked third in the Big Ten and 13th nationally. Kirksey was third on the team in tackles, while ranking second in the nation with four recovered fumbles. He was also one of eight players in the nation with two touchdowns on interception returns.

Woods served as Iowa's defensive line coach in the 2011 Insight Bowl. Despite the loss to 14th-ranked Oklahoma, the Hawkeye defense held the Sooners to a season-low 275 yards total offense and just 114 net rushing yards. Iowa linemen recorded four tackles for loss, two sacks and an interception.

As an administrative assistant, Woods assisted the coaching staff in compiling statistical information, gathering information on opponents and recruits, and assisting in the day-to-day operation of the football office.

During his NFL playing career, Woods played for Arizona, Chicago, Detroit, and Tennessee. Woods signed with the Cardinals as a free agent in 2001 and spent the first four years of his career in Arizona.

In 88 career games Woods totaled 168 tackles, 2.5 QB sacks, four fumble recoveries and one forced fumble.

Woods teams with fellow NFL player Kyle Vanden Bosch (both are graduates of West Lyon HS in Inwood, Iowa) in hosting a youth football camp in their hometown. He has also founded the LeVar Woods Football Academy in Okoboji, Iowa, teaching fundamentals and techniques to youth and high school athletes.

During his stint with the Cardinals, Woods was named a finalist for both the Byron "Whizzer" White and Walter Payton Man of the Year awards, recognizing his contributions to charity.

Woods has been involved with several charitable organizations throughout his career, including the Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids foundation, Homeward Bound, Soup Kitchen, Youth Christmas shopping trips and, Milk and Cookies Youth Reading Program, along with speaking engagements to elementary school children. Woods has also been instrumental in developing the Hawkeye Readers youth reading program in conjunction with the Iowa City: UNESCO City of Literature, which helps promote the importance of literacy to children.

He has also been involved with the NFL's Executive and Entrepreneurship programs through the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, the Kellogg Business School at Northwestern University, and the Stanford School of Business.

Woods lettered as a member of the Hawkeye football team from 1998-2000. He was a two-year starter at outside linebacker, totaling 165 career tackles, including 18 tackles for loss and four sacks.

He was a team captain as a senior in 2000 and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors from both league coaches and media after recording 97 tackles. He was selected for the Blue-Gray All-Star game following his senior season.

Along with serving as defensive team captain, Woods was co-Most Valuable Player and the recipient of the Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat Award", given each year to the Hawkeye player who gives extraordinary effort on the field.

Woods attended West Lyon HS in Inwood, Iowa, where he earned all-state honors and was the Class 2A Player of the Year as a senior. He rushed for 1,226 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior, while totaling 50 tackles, nine QB sacks and two recovered fumbles as a defensive end.

He earned his degree in elementary education from the University of Iowa in December 2000.

Woods was born March 15, 1978, in Cleveland, Ohio. LeVar and his wife, Meghann, have three children, daughters Sydney and Whitney, and a son, Mason.

## WOODS' COACHING CAREER

| Team | Position, Years   |
|------|-------------------|
| Iowa | STC, 2018-present |
| Iowa | STC, TE, 2017     |
| Iowa | TE, ST, 2015-2016 |
| Iowa | LB, ST, 2012-14   |
| Iowa | AA, 2008-11       |

# ASSISTANT COACHES



## George Barnett

**Offensive Line Coach**  
**First Year at Iowa**

George Barnett joined the Iowa football staff as offensive line coach in March, 2021. Barnett joins the Hawkeye football program after being named offensive line coach at Tulane University in December, 2020. Barnett has over 20 seasons of offensive line coaching experience at the collegiate level.

Barnett previously was on the coaching staff at Miami, Ohio for seven seasons. Barnett joined the Miami program as co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach (2014-15). He was later elevated to assistant head coach/co-offensive coordinator/offensive line coach in 2016. Miami earned an invitation to the 2016 St. Petersburg Bowl.

During his seven seasons at Miami, Barnett coached seven All-Mid-American Conference award winners, including Tommy Doyle (first team) and Danny Godlevske (third team) in 2019. In 2016, Collin Buchanan was invited to the NFL Combine and later signed a free agent contract with New Orleans.

In Barnett's final season at Miami in 2020 the Redhawks averaged just under 400 yards total offense, while ranking second in the conference by allowing just four sacks.

In 2019, despite starting a pair of true freshmen up front, the offensive line averaged 130.9 rushing yards per game and allowed just 31 sacks in 14 games as the RedHawks won the MAC Championship and participated in the Lending Tree Bowl. In 2018, Miami averaged 159.8 rushing yards per game and allowed just 20 sacks. The Redhawks averaged over 200 rushing yards per game in conference games.

Prior to his stint at Miami, Barnett was the offensive line coach and running game coordinator at Illinois State for four seasons. He was named offensive coordinator prior to the 2013 season for the Redbirds. Illinois State participated in the FCS Playoffs in 2012.

In his time with the Redbirds the offense averaged 145.7 yards per game on the ground and allowed just 1.3 sacks per game. In 2011 the Redbird offensive line allowed only six sacks in 11 contests, as the team averaged 183.4 rushing yards per game while posting a 7-4 record. The six sacks allowed that season ranked third-best in the country and the Redbirds produced their first 1,000-yard rusher since 2006.

Prior to Illinois State, Barnett had a two-year stint as the offensive line coach at Division II powerhouse Grand Valley State, which advanced to the 2009 NCAA Division II national title game. In his two seasons at GVSU as offensive line coach, he helped the Lakers' offense become one of the best in the country.

In 2009, GVSU ranked third in the country in sacks allowed (.60), giving up just nine sacks in 15 games. The Lakers also ranked 11th in the country in rushing offense (227.5 ypg), 12th in total offense (450.1 ypg) and 14th in scoring offense (35.8 ppg). Barnett also mentored senior Nick McDonald, who was a consensus Division II All-American and the GLIAC Offensive Lineman of the Year.

In 2008, Barnett guided the GVSU offensive line unit that saw all five of its starters earn All-GLIAC honors. The Lakers finished the season ranked 10th in the nation in scoring (38.5 ppg), 13th in sacks allowed (1.08), 14th in rushing (228.4 ypg) and 25th in total offense (429.0 ypg).

Barnett moved to Grand Valley State after a three-year stint as offensive line coach at Indianapolis. The Greyhound offense increased its production every season behind the Barnett-led offensive line.

Grand Valley State advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs in both 2008 and 2009.

Indianapolis recorded four-year highs in passing yards (234.1 ypg), rushing offense (189.2 ypg) and total offense (423.3 ypg) in 2007.

Barnett spent the 2004 season as a graduate assistant coach at Illinois, working under Harry Hiestand with the Illini offensive line. Barnett began his coaching career and taught for five years at Mattoon (Ill.) High School from 1999-2003. He served as assistant head coach for the Green Wave's state semifinalist team in 2003, working as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Barnett earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1998 from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. He was a four-year football letterman and earned all-conference recognition.

Barnett was born Jan. 17, 1976, and is a native of Tuscola, Illinois. George and his wife, Lori, have two children, Elle and James.

## **BARNETT'S COACHING CAREER**

| <b>Team</b>        | <b>Position, Years</b>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Iowa               | OL, 2021-present        |
| Tulane             | OL, Dec.-March, 2020    |
| Miami, Ohio        | AHC, Co-OC, OL, 2016-20 |
| Miami, Ohio        | Co-OC, OL, 2014-15      |
| Illinois State     | OC, OL, 2013            |
| Illinois State     | OL, 2010-12             |
| Grand Valley State | OL, 2008-09             |
| Indianapolis       | OL, 2005-07             |
| Illinois           | GA, 2004                |
| Mattoon, Ill. HS   | AHC, OL, 1999-03        |

## **ASSISTANT COACHES**



**Kelvin Bell**  
**Defensive Line Coach**  
**Ninth Year at Iowa**

Kelvin Bell, a former member of the University of Iowa football team, is in his third season as Iowa's defensive line coach. Bell was named recruiting coordinator and defensive assistant coach in February, 2016. Bell also held the position of director of on-campus recruiting for two years (2014-15). He served as a graduate assistant coach for two years (2012-13), assisting with special teams.

Throughout his coaching stint at Iowa, Bell has been involved in all aspects of prospect identification, working with the coaching staff in off-campus recruiting efforts, and coordinated all aspects of on-campus recruiting activities.

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Iowa's defense in 2020 led the nation in allowing opponents just 4.3 yards per play. The Hawkeyes ranked among the national leaders in several additional categories, including scoring (16.0, 7th), pass efficiency defense (110.1, 9th), rushing defense (107.6, 11th), total defense (313.8, 12th), red zone defense (.727, 12th), and interceptions (11, 19th).

Junior tackle Daviyon Nixon earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. He was named the Big Ten's defensive lineman and defensive player of the year while earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. He was a finalist for both the Outland Trophy and Nagurski Award. Senior end Chauncey Golston also earned first-team All-Big Ten honors, while end Zach VanValkenburg earned second-team honors.

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The 2019 Hawkeye defense ranked among the top 17 in the nation in scoring defense (5th, 14.0), first downs allowed (9th, 16.6), total defense (12th, 308.2), rushing defense (14th, 112.5), turnover margin (14th, 0.7), and pass efficiency defense (17th, 116.0). The Hawkeyes ranked in the top five nationally in fewest penalties and fewest penalty yards. Iowa opponents have averaged less than 20 points per game in each of the last five seasons.

Iowa, in 2018, ranked seventh nationally in total defense (293.6), eighth in turnovers gained (27) 11th in scoring defense (17.8) and 12th in rushing defense (109.5). Iowa's defense was second in the Big Ten in red zone defense and third in total sacks (35).

Junior defensive end A.J. Epenesa earned first and second-team All-America honors while leading Iowa in sacks for the second straight season in 2019. Epenesa earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and was the defensive MVP in Iowa's holiday Bowl win over Southern California. Epenesa, who declared for the 2020 NFL Draft, had 2.5 sacks vs. Southern California as Iowa allowed the Trojans just 22 net rushing yards. Junior end Chauncey Golston and senior tackle Cedrick Lattimore earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition.

Epenesa was selected by Buffalo in the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft. In addition, Lattimore signed a free agent contract with Seattle immediately following the draft.

In 2018, Epenesa earned first-team all-Big Ten honors and defensive end Anthony Nelson was named to the second team. End Parker Hesse and tackle Matt Nelson earned honorable mention recognition. Anthony Nelson declared for the NFL Draft following his junior season and was selected by Tampa Bay in the fourth round. Matt Nelson, Hesse and Sam Brincks were all invited to NFL workouts immediately following the draft.

The 2017 Iowa defense ranked 17th in the nation in scoring defense (19.9). Anthony Nelson earned second team All-Big Ten and first team Academic All-America honors, while senior tackle Nathan Bazata was honorable mention All-Big Ten.

The 2016 Hawkeyes ranked 13th in the nation in scoring defense and red zone defense, 19th in pass efficiency defense, and 23rd in total defense. Tackle Jaleel Johnson earned first team All-Big Ten honors, while Bazata and Hesse earned honorable mention recognition.

Johnson and Faith Ekakitie, also a senior tackle in 2016, have moved to the professional football ranks. Johnson was a fourth round selection of the Minnesota Vikings in the 2017 NFL Draft, while Ekakitie was the first player selected in the 2017 CFL Draft (Winnipeg).



# ASSISTANT COACHES

Bell interned with four NFL organizations (Minnesota Vikings, 2013; New York Giants, 2014; Miami Dolphins and Cincinnati Bengals, 2015) as part of the Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship.

Bell joined the Iowa staff after serving as an assistant coach at Trinity International University, where he served as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator in 2011. Two of his offensive linemen earned all-conference honors in 2011.

Bell served two seasons (2008-09) as offensive line coach at Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska. He helped lead the Wildcats to their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs in 2008 while posting a two-year record of 17-6. Bell coached five offensive linemen who went on to earn all-conference, all-region and All-America honors.

Before coaching at WSC, Bell coached the offensive line at Cornell College for two seasons (2006-2007). He gained his first coaching experience at Regina High School in Iowa City (2004-06), where he served as junior high coach, varsity weight room supervisor, and assistant varsity coach. Regina earned its first-ever state football championship in 2005 after reaching the semifinals in 2004.

Bell first joined the Iowa program as a defensive lineman in 2000. He redshirted in his first year at Iowa and later had his career cut short due to injury. As a prep, he earned first team all-conference honors for three straight seasons as an offensive and defensive lineman. He earned all-district, all-region and all-county recognition as a senior.

Bell earned his B.A. in mathematics, with a computer science concentration, from the University of Iowa in 2005. He earned his master's degree in sports management in 2014.

Bell is a native of Olive Branch, Mississippi. His wife's name is Natalee.



## Ladell Betts

**Running Backs Coach  
First Year at Iowa**

Former University of Iowa running back Ladell Betts, the second leading rusher in Iowa football history, was named running backs coach in March, 2021.

Betts joined the Hawkeye coaching staff after serving as head coach at Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He served

as the head coach at Pine Crest for two seasons and was previously the offensive coordinator (2016-18).

Betts previously was the offensive coordinator at Boca Raton High School for two years (2014-15) after coaching running backs at Coral Spring Christian Academy in 2013. Pine Crest posted an undefeated season in 2020 and Boca Raton posted a 10-3 mark in 2015. Betts was offensive coordinator with the NFL Prep 100 Series from 2011-14.

Following his Iowa career, Betts was selected by Washington in the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft. Betts played in the NFL for nine seasons, including eight with Washington and his final season with the New Orleans Saints. Betts played in 111 career NFL games, rushing for 3,326 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also had 1,646 career receiving yards and three touchdown receptions, along with 2,085 career kickoff return yards. His best single season included 1,154 rushing yards and 445 receiving yards in 2006. His career totals include 7,057 all-purpose yards.

Betts concluded his Iowa career in 2001 as a four-year letterman and is the only running back in program history to lead the team in rushing four straight years. Betts ranks second in career rushing yards (3,686), fourth in all-purpose yards (4,397) and 19th in career scoring (162).

Betts rushed for over 1,000 yards in his final two seasons (2000-01). He gained 1,090 yards as a junior and 1,060 as a senior. He scored 25 career rushing touchdowns, including 10 in his final season. His career totals also include 702 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

Betts earned second-team All-Big Ten honors as a junior and senior. He was elected a team captain in 2001 and shared team Most Valuable Player honors in 1999 and 2001. Betts was a three-year member of the Leadership Committee during his Iowa career and served as an Ambassador with the University of Iowa Foundation during his final semester as a Hawkeye.

Betts earned his bachelor's degree from Iowa in 2001 and completed the Business Management and Entrepreneurship Program through the Aresty Institute of Executive Education & The Wharton Sports Business Initiative.

Betts is a native of Blue Springs, Missouri. He and his wife, Shatarah, are the parents of five daughters, Tamryn, Saire, Soleil, Saavi, and Suraj, and one son, Torino.

### BELL'S COACHING CAREER

| Team                           | Position, Years  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Iowa                           | DL, 2019-present |
| Iowa                           | AC, RC, 2016-18  |
| Iowa                           | OCR, 2014-15     |
| Trinity International          | OL/RGC, 2011     |
| Wayne State                    | OL, 2008-09      |
| Cornell College                | OL, 2006-07      |
| Regina High School (Iowa City) | AC, 2004-06      |

### BETTS' COACHING CAREER

| Team                            | Position, Years  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Iowa                            | RB, 2021-present |
| Pine Crest School               | HC, 2019-20      |
| Pine Crest School               | OC, 2016-18      |
| Boca Raton HS                   | OC, 2014-15      |
| Coral Springs Christian Academy | RB, 2013         |

## **ASSISTANT COACHES**



### **Kelton Copeland**

**Wide Receivers Coach**  
**Fifth Year at Iowa**

Kelton Copeland was named wide receivers coach at the University of Iowa in February, 2016. Copeland joined the Hawkeye coaching staff after coaching at Northern Illinois the previous four seasons.

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Iowa's offense in 2020 led the Big Ten in red zone offense (0.917) and ranked second in scoring (31.8). The Hawkeyes scored at least 25 points in all six wins. Among wide receivers, senior Ihmir Smith-Marsette earned honorable mention all-Big Ten honors (25-345-4 TDs), while senior Brandon Smith recorded 23 receptions for 231 yards and two scores. Smith-Marsette totaled over 1,600 career receiving yards and ranks 10th with 3,415 career all-purpose yards. Smith totaled over 1,000 career receiving yards.

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Iowa's efficient offense in 2019 featured senior quarterback Nate Stanley completing just under 60 percent of his passes to a talented and deep wide receiver corp. Redshirt freshman Nico Ragaini (46-439) and Smith-Marsette (44-722) each had over 40 receptions, while Smith (37-439) and redshirt freshman Tyrone Tracy, Jr. both totaled over 35 receptions.

Iowa's offense in 2018 also featured Stanley, who tossed 26 touchdown passes for the second straight year. The improved play of Iowa's wide receivers played a big role as the Hawkeyes averaged 31.2 points per game, including a school-record 42.8 points per game in five Big Ten road games.

Senior wide receiver Nick Easley led Iowa with 52 receptions in 2018. He was named MVP of the 2019 Outback Bowl after grabbing eight receptions for 104 yards and two touchdowns. Easley surpassed 100 career receptions and 1,000 career receiving yards in his two seasons under Copeland's direction. He signed a free agent contract with Buffalo following the 2019 NFL Draft.

The Hawkeyes won eight games in 2017, including a 27-20 win over Boston College in the Pinstripe Bowl. In addition to the bowl victory the Hawkeyes won three of four rivalry trophy games while facing one of the toughest schedules in the nation.

Wide receiver Matt VandeBerg played his final two seasons under Copeland, returning from injury as a junior to record 28 receptions for 384 yards and two touchdowns in 2017. He had at least one reception in his final 32 games. His 134 career receptions rank 10th in school history and he ranks 15th in career receiving yards (1,686).

Copeland served as wide receivers coach and specials teams coordinator at Northern Illinois in 2016 after coaching the NIU running backs from 2013-15. Northern Illinois had a first team all-conference selection at both wide receiver and as return specialist while leading the conference in both kickoff returns and kickoff coverage in 2016.

In 2015, Northern Illinois running back Joel Bouagnon earned first team all-conference honors after rushing for 1,285 yards and 18 touchdowns. NIU averaged 190.1 rushing yards per game while playing in the conference title game for the sixth straight year and earning an eighth straight bowl invitation.

The Northern Illinois offense rushed for 3,488 yards and 36 touchdowns in 2014, as three running backs each averaged over five yards per carry. In 2013 the Huskies featured two players who each rushed for over 1,000 yards, including quarterback Jordan Lynch, a Heisman Trophy finalist.

Copeland joined the Northern Illinois staff after coaching wide receivers at South Dakota for two seasons (2011-12).

He was on the staff at Coffeyville Community College from 2007-10, coaching wide receivers (2008-10) and the defensive secondary (2007). Coffeyville advanced to the Region IV playoffs in three different seasons, while boasting one of the top offenses in the Jayhawk Conference in 2010. Copeland was promoted to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Coffeyville prior to accepting the position at South Dakota.

Copeland coached defensive backs at Northwood University in 2006, helping Northwood reach the Division II playoffs. He was on the coaching staff at Emporia State University from 2003-05, coaching linebackers, running backs, and wide receivers, while also working with special teams. He also served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

# ASSISTANT COACHES

As a player at Emporia State from 1999-02, Copeland was the starting quarterback and a team captain for three seasons. He set school records for rushing yards by a quarterback in a season and career, leading the team in total offense as both a junior and senior. He ranked third all-time in total offense and fourth in passing yards following his final season.

A native of Miami, Florida, Copeland attended Southridge High School. He graduated from Emporia State University in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in recreation.

Copeland was born June 9, 1980. He is married to the former Bridgette Eldridge, and the couple have three daughters, Marlea, Devyn and Kabryn.

## COPELAND'S COACHING CAREER

| Team                 | Position, Years     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Iowa                 | WR, 2017-present    |
| Northern Illinois    | WR, ST, 2016        |
| Northern Illinois    | RB, 2013-15         |
| South Dakota         | WR, 2011-12         |
| Coffeyville CC       | WR, 2008-10         |
| Coffeyville CC       | DB, 2007            |
| Northwood University | DB, 2006            |
| Emporia State        | LB, WR, RB, 2003-05 |



## Jay Niemann

**Assistant Defensive Line Coach**  
**Defensive Recruiting Coordinator**  
**Third Year at Iowa**

Jay Niemann was named assistant defensive line coach and defensive recruiting coordinator in May, 2019. Niemann joined the Hawkeye coaching staff after serving as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Rutgers University for three seasons (2016-18).

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Junior tackle Daviyon Nixon earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. He was named the Big Ten's defensive lineman and defensive player of the year while earned first-team All-Big Ten honors. He was a finalist for both the Outland Trophy and Nagurski Award. Senior end Chauncey Golston also earned first-team All-Big Ten honors, while end Zach VanValkenburg earned second-team honors.

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Junior defensive end A.J. Epenesa earned first and second-team All-America honors while leading Iowa in sacks for the second straight season in 2019. Epenesa earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and was the defensive MVP in Iowa's Holiday Bowl win over Southern California. Epenesa, who declared for the 2020 NFL Draft, had 2.5 sacks vs. Southern California as Iowa allowed the Trojans just 22 net rushing yards. Golston and senior tackle Cedrick Lattimore earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition.

# ASSISTANT COACHES

Along with his three seasons at Rutgers, Niemann was the defensive coordinator at Northern Illinois from 2011-15. He coached linebackers at Rutgers and safeties at Northern Illinois and was the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Hardin-Simmons from 2008-10.

Niemann's 2018 defense at Rutgers ranked 19th in the nation and fourth in the Big Ten in pass defense, allowing opponents 186.7 yards per game. The Scarlet Knights ranked 45th in the nation in pass defense efficiency, with a rating of 123.29, and 46th in the nation in red-zone defense (.814).

Three Rutgers defenders earned postseason honors from the Big Ten. Senior safety Saquan Hampton and senior linebacker Trevor Morris earned honorable mention recognition, and senior cornerback Isaiah Wharton received the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. Two Scarlet Knights ranked among Big Ten leaders in tackles in 2018. Morris ranked No. 3, averaging 9.1 tackles per game, and senior linebacker Deonte Roberts ranked No. 11, averaging 7.9 tackles.

Niemann's Scarlet Knight defense in 2017 was key in victories over Purdue (14-12), Illinois (35-24) and Maryland (31-24). Rutgers' defense ranked No. 48 in the nation in fewest opponent first downs allowed (243) and No. 55 in fewest passing yards allowed (216.8). In Niemann's first season at Rutgers the Scarlet Knights ranked No. 6 in the nation in red zone defense (.727) and 18th in passing yards allowed per game (186.5).

Niemann's top defensive player at NIU was safety Jimmie Ward, who was selected by San Francisco in the first round of the 2014 NFL Draft. The 30th overall pick, Ward led the Huskies in tackles in each of his final two seasons. In all, Niemann's Huskie defense produced seven players who signed with NFL teams

In 2015, NIU ranked eighth in the nation in turnovers gained (29) and fourth in interceptions (22). Sophomore cornerback Shawun Lurry led the FBS with nine interceptions and earned multiple All-America honors. The defensive unit posted 26 sacks with 15 different players involved in at least a half sack.

Six NIU defensive players earned All-MAC honors in 2014 as six opponents were held to 17 points or less. In 2012, the NIU defense held five opponents to nine points or less en route to a second straight MAC title and a historic berth in the Orange Bowl at the conclusion of the season. In the 2011 MAC Championship game, the NIU defense shut out Ohio in the second half en route to a 23-20 victory, the school's first MAC football title in 28 years.

Northern Illinois won the Mid-American Conference West Division all five seasons (2011-15) Niemann was on the staff, capturing the MAC Championship three times (2011, '12 and '14). The Huskies played in a bowl game each of those five seasons. Northern Illinois won the 2011 GoDaddy Bowl and played in the Orange Bowl following the 2012 season.

During his tenure at Hardin-Simmons, Niemann helped turn a defense that ranked last in the nation prior to his arrival into the No. 2 unit in the American Southwest Conference in 2009. He helped guide Hardin-Simmons to the first round of the 2008 NCAA Division III playoffs.

Niemann served as the head coach at Simpson College from 2002-07. Niemann compiled a 32-29 record in his six seasons (2002-07) as head coach at Simpson. He led the Storm to the 2003 NCAA Division III Playoffs while also serving as defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. He was named the 2003 Iowa Conference Coach of the Year.

Niemann was on the Northern Iowa coaching staff from 1997-2001. He was defensive coordinator in 1999 and 2000, and coached the secondary (1997, 2001), and linebackers (1998-2000). The Panthers advanced to the semifinals of the 2001 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

Prior to his arrival at UNI, Niemann spent eight seasons at Drake University (1989-96), where he was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach. He was promoted to assistant head coach in 1995. In his final three seasons, the Bulldog defense ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense, pass efficiency defense and total defense.

Niemann coached linebackers and special teams in 1985 at Western Washington while pursuing his master's degree. Niemann accepted a graduate assistant position at Washington in 1986, working with the Husky linebackers and defensive backs while coaching under Washington legends Don James and Jim Lambright.

Niemann completed his bachelor's degree in physical education from Iowa State in 1983, and received his master's degree in educational administration from Western Washington in 1989. He played linebacker at Iowa State from 1979-82 after earning all-state honors as a prep at Avo-Ha Community High School in Avoca, Iowa.

Jay and his wife, Lou Ann, have two sons, Ben and Nick. Both Ben and Nick were involved in the Iowa football program. Ben was a letterman from 2014-17 and has been a key defensive contributor for the Kansas City Chiefs for three seasons. The Chiefs won the Super Bowl following the 2019 season and returned to the Super Bowl last season. Nick completed his senior season as a Hawkeye linebacker in 2020.

## NIEMANN'S COACHING CAREER

| Team               | Position, Years             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Iowa               | Asst. DL, ORC, 2019-present |
| Rutgers            | DC, LB, 2016-18             |
| Northern Illinois  | DC, Safeties, 2011-15       |
| Hardin-Simmons     | Co-DC, DB, 2008-10          |
| Simpson College    | HC, 2002-07                 |
| Northern Iowa      | DC, LB, 1999-00             |
| Northern Iowa      | LB, 1998                    |
| Northern Iowa      | Secondary, 1997, 2001       |
| Drake              | Asst. HC, DC, DB, 1995-96   |
| Drake              | DC, DB, 1989-94             |
| Washington         | GA, DB, LB, 1986-88         |
| Western Washington | STC, LB, 1985               |



# ASSISTANT COACHES



**Ken O'Keefe**  
Quarterbacks Coach  
17th Year at Iowa

Ken O'Keefe was named University of Iowa quarterbacks coach in February, 2017, returning to the Iowa coaching staff after previously serving as offensive coordinator for 13 seasons (1999-2011). O'Keefe also served as Iowa's quarterback coach for 12 seasons, after coaching Hawkeye wide receivers in his first year on the staff.

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Iowa was bowl eligible in the final 11 seasons O'Keefe was previously on staff, ranking in the top 10 in the final national rankings on four occasions. Iowa won six bowl games between 2001 and 2010 with O'Keefe on staff.

Senior quarterback Nate Stanley led the Iowa offense in 2019 as the Hawkeyes ranked in the top three in the Big Ten in several offense categories, including first in fewest fumbles and fewest turnovers lost, red zone offense, and fourth down conversions. Stanley is just the second three-year permanent team captain in program history (LB Josey Jewell).

Stanley completed his three-year career with a 27-12 record as the starting quarterback. He ranks second in career passing yards (8,302), passing touchdowns (68), pass completions (673) and pass attempts (1,155), while ranking third in total offense. He is just the second Iowa signal caller to win three bowl games and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten for the second time in his career (2017). Stanley was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the seventh round of the 2020 NFL Draft and was on the Viking practice squad throughout the 2020 season.

The Iowa offense in 2018 set a school record for most points scored in road games (42.8). The Hawkeyes averaged 31.2 in all games, the ninth highest single-season total in school history. Stanley led the Iowa offense, passing for 2,852 yards. Stanley threw 26 touchdown passes in both 2017 and 2018, setting a school record for scoring passes over a two-year period.

Iowa's offense in 2017 was sparked by Stanley, who earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors in his first year as a starter. Stanley passed for 2,437 yards, with 26 touchdowns and just six interceptions. The 26 scoring strikes ranks second best in a single season.

Additional top performing Iowa quarterbacks tutored by O'Keefe include Kyle McCann, Brad Banks, Nathan Chandler, Drew Tate, Ricky Stanzi, and James Vandenberg. Quarterbacks coached by O'Keefe own five of the top 10 single-season passing performances in school history. Stanley (second), Tate (third), Stanzi (fourth), Vandenberg (eighth), McCann (11th) and Banks (13th) rank among Iowa's career passing leaders.

As a senior in 2001, McCann led the Hawkeyes to their first bowl game under Ferentz, a win over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl. McCann ranked second in the Big Ten in pass efficiency in 2001 while completing 66.3 percent of his attempts and passing for over 2,000 yards in his only season as a starter.

The following season, Banks led the Hawkeyes to a share of the Big Ten title as a senior. Banks placed second in Heisman Trophy balloting, winning the Davey O'Brien Award as the top quarterback in the nation. He was the Associated Press Player of the Year and was named Most Valuable Player in the Big Ten Conference after leading the nation in pass efficiency.

Seven Iowa players were named to the All-Big Ten first offensive unit in 2002. That included players named Offensive Player of the Year (Banks), and Offensive Lineman of the Year (Eric Steinbach). Four offensive players, Banks, Steinbach, tight end Dallas Clark and center Bruce Nelson, earned first-team All-America honors.

# ASSISTANT COACHES

Chandler took over for Banks in 2003 and promptly guided the Hawkeyes to a 10-3 overall record, including a win over Florida in the 2004 Outback Bowl. Chandler passed for over 2,000 yards in his only season as a starter.

Tate burst on the scene as a sophomore in 2004, leading Iowa to a share of the Big Ten title. He earned first-team All-Big Ten honors while passing for over 2,700 yards and 20 touchdowns. Tate is second in career passing yards (8,292), TD passes (61), completions (665), attempts (1,090), and total offense (8,427). He also completed a 56-yard scoring strike on the last play of the game to lead Iowa to a win over LSU in the 2005 Capital One Bowl.

Stanzi set Iowa's school record for passing efficiency (157.6) in 2010, passing for over 3,000 yards and 25 touchdowns, with just six interceptions. He passed for over 2,400 yards in his first full season as a starter in 2009, leading Iowa to a second place finish in the Big Ten and to an Orange Bowl win over Georgia Tech.

O'Keefe's worked with Vandenberg in 2011, who was in his first year as a starter. Vandenberg passed for 3,083 yards and 28 touchdowns, with both totals ranking third-best for a single season in school history.

Offensive linemen Bryan Bulaga and Dace Richardson, along with tight end Tony Moeaki, earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2009. Bulaga was named Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year. Bulaga was a first round selection in the 2010 NFL Draft, while Moeaki was a third round selection.

Iowa's offense in 2008 featured the Doak Walker Award winner in running back Shonn Greene. Iowa ranked fourth in the Big Ten in both rushing offense and pass efficiency while averaging over 370 yards total offense per game. The Hawkeyes ranked second in scoring offense (30.3) and first downs, and third in time of possession.

Along with being honored as the top running back in the nation, Greene was named the Big Ten Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Greene (third round), OL Seth Olsen (fourth) and TE Brandon Myers (sixth) were all selected in the 2009 NFL Draft.

From 2004-06 Tate ranked as one of the nation's top signal callers. He ranks high in the Iowa record book for just about every passing stat. Tate signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Rams following his Hawkeye career, and enjoyed a lengthy and productive career in the Canadian Football League.

The 2006 Hawkeyes finished second in Big Ten pass offense and third in total offense. Under O'Keefe's direction, the 2005 Hawkeyes ranked first in the Big Ten in red zone offense and third in passing offense (258.7). In 2004, Iowa ranked second in the Big Ten in passing offense, passing efficiency, and red zone offense, posting a 10-2 record while winning the Big Ten title.

Twenty Hawkeye offensive players under O'Keefe were selected in the NFL Draft. Four of the top seasons in Iowa history, for average passing yards per game, occurred under O'Keefe's direction.

O'Keefe left Iowa following the 2011 season, joining the Miami Dolphins staff for five seasons. He was named Miami's wide receivers coach in February, 2012, and served in that role prior to being named senior offensive assistant in 2015. He served as senior football research analyst in 2016.

Under O'Keefe, wide receiver Jarvis Landry set the Miami rookie record with 84 receptions in 2014, the fourth-most by any player in a single season in team history. Landry surpassed that mark with 110 receptions in 2015 and caught more passes (194) than any other player in league history during the first two seasons of their career.

Wide receiver Brian Hartline had the two best seasons of his seven-year career under O'Keefe. Hartline totaled 74 receptions for 1,083 yards in 2012 and added 76 receptions for 1,016 yards and a career-high four touchdowns in 2013.

O'Keefe was the head coach at Fordham University in 1998. He served as head coach at Allegheny College for eight seasons (1990-97). His career head coaching record of 83-17-1 included a 79-10-1 mark at Allegheny, where his team won five North Coast Athletic Conference titles and the 1990 NCAA Division III national title. O'Keefe led Allegheny to four undefeated regular seasons (1990, 1991, 1994 and 1996), and six NCAA playoff appearances. He was named NCAA Division III Coach of the Year in 1990.

In 1985, O'Keefe coached Fort Worth (Texas) Country Day School. From 1978-84, he led Worcester (Mass.) Academy to a 37-11 record and three New England Class A prep championships. O'Keefe started his coaching career as an assistant coach at the University of New Haven from 1976-77.

O'Keefe earned his B.A. degree in history from John Carroll University in 1975, where he played football and baseball. He was a three-year starter at wide receiver while at John Carroll.

O'Keefe was born Aug. 18, 1953, in Milford, Connecticut. He and his wife, Joanne, have two children, Meghan and Brendan.

## O'KEEFE'S COACHING CAREER

| Team              | Position, Years   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Iowa              | QB, 2017-present  |
| Miami Dolphins    | 2012-16           |
| Iowa              | OC, QB, 2000-2011 |
| Iowa              | OC, WR, 1999      |
| Fordham           | HC, 1998          |
| Allegheny College | HC, 1990-97       |
| Allegheny College | OL, OC, 1986-89   |
| High school coach | 1978-85           |
| New Haven         | AC, 1976-77       |

# **ASSISTANT COACHES**



**Seth Wallace**  
**Assistant Defensive Coordinator**  
**Linebackers Coach**  
**11th Year at Iowa**

Seth Wallace was named linebackers coach at the University of Iowa in January, 2016, and was named assistant defensive coordinator in July, 2017. He served as Iowa's recruiting coordinator in 2014 and 2015, while also coaching cornerbacks and nickelbacks in 2015, and working with the defensive line in 2014. Wallace previously served as a graduate assistant coach on the Iowa staff for three seasons (2006-08).

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Senior linebacker Kristian Welch led the Iowa defense in 2019, recording 87 tackles to lead the team despite missing three full games. Welch earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. He signed a free agent contract with Baltimore immediately following the 2020 NFL Draft and was with the Ravens throughout the season.

Iowa's linebackers were an inexperienced crew in 2018 but contributed greatly to Iowa's high national ranking in several team categories. Amani Hooker, splitting time between safety and outside linebacker, earned All-America recognition while being named the Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year. Hooker declared for the NFL following his junior season and was selected in the fourth round of the 2019 NFL Draft by Tennessee.

The Hawkeye defense led the nation with 21 interceptions in 2017, led by defensive back Josh Jackson, who led the nation individually with eight interceptions to match Iowa's single-season record. Jackson and linebacker Josey Jewell each earned unanimous consensus All-America honors. The Hawkeyes ranked 17th in the nation in scoring defense (19.9), allowing less than 20 points per game for the third consecutive season. Iowa matched a school record with four interception return touchdowns.

Jewell led the Big Ten in tackles for the second time in three seasons (he was second as a junior) and ranked fourth in the nation in tackles per game (11.3). He earned unanimous consensus All-America honors and was named the Big Ten Conference linebacker and defensive Player of the Year. Jewell earned the Lott IMPACT Trophy and the Jack Lambert Trophy and was a finalist for the Nagurski Trophy.

Jewell became the third Hawkeye selected in the 2018 NFL Draft when he was selected in the fourth round by the Denver Broncos. Ben Niemann, also a three-year starter for the Hawkeyes, has been a key defensive contributor for the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs for the past two seasons.

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# ASSISTANT COACHES

Iowa ranked first in the Big Ten and 10th in the nation in pass interceptions in 2015, while also ranking in the top 20 nationally in pass break-ups, turnover margin, turnovers gained, and rushing defense. Seven defensive players earned All-Big Ten recognition.

In 2014, Wallace assisted with an Iowa defense that ranked seventh in the nation in pass defense and 22nd in total defense. Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked second in the nation in fewest penalties and penalty yards. Senior tackles Carl Davis and Louis Trinca-Pasat, along with junior end Drew Ott, were each named second-team All-Big Ten.

Wallace returned to the Iowa staff from Valdosta State University, where he served as defensive coordinator from 2010-13. Wallace coached the Valdosta State defensive line in 2013 and the defensive backs from 2009-2012. He joined the Valdosta State staff after his three-year stint with the Iowa program.

In his 19 seasons coaching on the collegiate level, Wallace has served as both offensive and defensive coordinator, coached defensive backs, defensive line, and wide receivers, along with holding special teams duties in 13 seasons.

Iowa won the Outback Bowl following the 2008 season and also played in the 2006 Alamo Bowl. Valdosta State appeared in the NCAA Division II playoffs in 2010 and won the national title in 2012, while Coe College advanced to the Division III quarterfinals in 2002. He has coached 14 players who have earned All-America recognition and 18 players who have gone on to play professional football.

Wallace helped Valdosta State win the 2012 NCAA Division II national title with a 12-2 overall record. Valdosta State won the 2010 Gulf South Conference title and advanced to the NCAA playoffs. Since 2010, Valdosta State has ranked in the top 25 percent nationally in several defensive categories, including scoring defense, pass efficiency defense, red zone defense, interceptions and turnovers gained.

In both 2010 and 2011, Valdosta State ranked in the top three in the conference in seven defensive categories. The Valdosta State defense scored seven touchdowns and recorded three safeties. Valdosta State special teams led the league in kickoff coverage in 2010 and ranked second in 2011.

During his previous time on the Iowa coaching staff, Wallace worked with the Iowa defense, primarily the defensive secondary. The Hawkeyes posted a 9-4 record in 2008, including a win over South Carolina in the 2009 Outback Bowl. Iowa ranked fourth in the nation while tying a school record with 23 interceptions in 2008. Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked fifth nationally in pass efficiency defense (98.3) and scoring defense (13.0). Iowa also led the Big Ten in fewest touchdowns allowed, turnovers gained, pass efficiency defense and punt return defense.

Wallace also gained college coaching experience at Lake Forest College (2003-05) in Lake Forest, Illinois, and Coe College (2001-02) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was offensive coordinator at Lake Forest in 2004 and 2005 as the team set school records for passing offense and total offense.

Lake Forest posted an 8-2 record in 2004 after a 7-3 mark the previous season. Wallace was defensive secondary coach and special teams coordinator in 2003 as Lake Forest led the conference in scoring defense, pass defense and total defense.

Wallace began his coaching career at Coe College in 2001, serving as wide receivers and tight ends coach, while assisting with special teams for two seasons. Coe posted a 10-2 record in 2002, winning the Iowa Conference title while ranking 14th nationally in Division III. The 10 wins set a school record for single season victories as Coe ranked first in the league in total offense in 2002 and first in passing offense in 2001. The Kohawks ranked first in the league and second in the nation in kickoff returns in 2001 and first and 11th in that category, respectively, the following season.

Wallace attended Grinnell High School in Grinnell, Iowa, and was a four-year letterman (1997-2000) in football at Coe College. He was a team captain and twice earned all-conference honors as a wide receiver at Coe. He led the league in receiving in 2000 and ranks in the top four at Coe in season and career receiving. Wallace led the nation in punt returns in 1997 and is Coe's career leader. He earned all-state honors as a prep and competed in the Iowa Shrine Bowl following his senior season.

Wallace earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Coe College in 2001 and his master's degree in sports management from the University of Iowa in 2008.

Wallace was born Jan. 8, 1979, in Danville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Erica, have a son, Landry, and a daughter, Maci.

## WALLACE'S COACHING CAREER

| Team           | Position, Years                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Iowa           | ADC, LBs, 2017-present         |
| Iowa           | LBs, 2016                      |
| Iowa           | Cornerbacks, nickelbacks, 2015 |
| Iowa           | RC, ADL, 2014                  |
| Valdosta State | DC, 2011-13                    |
| Valdosta State | DL, 2013                       |
| Valdosta State | DB, 2009-12                    |
| Iowa           | GA, 2006-08                    |
| Lake Forest    | OC, ST, 2004-05                |
| Lake Forest    | DB, ST, 2003                   |
| Coe College    | WR, TE, ST, 2001-02            |



# **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**



**Raimond Braithwaite**  
**Strength and Conditioning Director**  
**17th Year at Iowa**

Raimond Braithwaite is in his 17th year as a member of the strength and conditioning staff with the University of Iowa football program. He was named director in March, 2021, after being named interim director in June, 2020. Braithwaite was a member of the Iowa staff from 2002-04 and rejoined the Hawkeye program after serving as the head strength and conditioning coach at Delaware State (2005-07).

Following back-to-back narrow losses to open the 2020 season, Iowa won six straight games, all in Big Ten play, to complete the regular season. The Hawkeyes were ranked 15th in the nation in the final CFP rankings and coaches poll, and 16th by the Associated Press.

Iowa has won three straight postseason games and 12 straight nonconference games. The Hawkeyes were selected to compete in the 2020 Music City Bowl, but that event was canceled. Iowa's streak of eight straight bowl invitations matches the longest in school history.

Iowa won 47 games from 2015-19, the highest total in school history over any five-year period, and a total that ranked ninth nationally. Iowa won its final four games in 2019 and ranked 15th in the nation in the final Associated Press and coaches polls.

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Iowa completed the 2018 season with a 9-4 mark and a final ranking of 25th in the Associated Press national rankings. The Hawkeyes earned a 27-22 Outback Bowl win over No. 18 Mississippi State to close the season with three straight wins. The four losses came by a total of 23 points and all were decided in the final minutes of play. Iowa tied for second in the Big Ten West Division.

The Hawkeyes posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2015, winning the West Division of the Big Ten Conference. Iowa participated in the 2016 Rose Bowl Game and the 2015 Big Ten Championship and ended the season in the top 10 in the final national rankings.

Along with winning its most recent three bowl games, Iowa also participated in the 2017 Outback Bowl, 2016 Rose Bowl Game, 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl and 2014 Outback Bowl. The Hawkeyes have ranked in the final top 10 of both major polls five times in the past 19 seasons.

Iowa has won 157 games over the past 19 seasons, including 96 Big Ten games. Along with the 2015 division title, the Hawkeyes earned a share of the Big Ten title in both 2002 and 2004 and tied for second in 2009. Iowa has finished in the Big Ten's first division in 18 of the past 20 years.

At Delaware State, Braithwaite helped lead the Hornets to a 25-9 record in three seasons. In 2007, Delaware State finished 10-2, the best season in school history. The Hornets also won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with a perfect 8-0 record. Delaware State was ranked as high as eighth during the season and finished the season ranked 15th after a loss to Delaware in the first round of the playoffs. Delaware State was 7-4 in 2005 and 8-3 in 2006.

Braithwaite assisted in opening a new 10,000 square-foot weight facility at Delaware State, which is one of the largest in the region. Delaware State was coached by Al Lavan, who served on the Baltimore Ravens staff with Iowa Coach Kirk Ferentz. Lavan finished as the runner-up for national Coach of the Year honors in 2007.

Braithwaite first joined the Iowa football program after serving as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at Florida State University during the 2002 spring. Braithwaite worked with the football and women's golf teams at Florida State, where his responsibilities included lifting technique instruction, organization of football lifting groups, assisting in the administration of torso development and dynamic warm-up to football lifting groups and assisting in the maintenance of equipment in the weight room facility.

Braithwaite served as an intern at Florida State during the fall of 2001, assisting in the instruction of workout programs for various FSU athletic teams, including football, softball and men's and women's golf.

Braithwaite earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Science from the University of West Florida in 1999 and earned his master's degree in Science in Exercise Physiology from Florida State University in 2001.

Raimond is a certified member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa).

Raimond was born Nov. 11, 1977, in Queens, New York. Raimond and his wife, Jenny, have four children, Conner, Cameron, Maxine, and Kingston.



**Paul Federici**  
**Director of Football Operations**  
**18th Year at Iowa**

Paul Federici is in his 18th year working with the University of Iowa football program. Federici is in his 13th year as director of football operations after serving as director of athletic training services for five years.

Federici coordinates many of the off the field logistics, as well as practice schedules and other football related items, for head coach Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeye football program.

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Iowa has appeared in 11 January bowl games since 2001 and has recorded January bowl wins over Florida (2004 Outback), Louisiana State (2005 Capital One), South Carolina (2009 Outback), Georgia Tech (2010 Orange), and Mississippi State (2019 Outback).

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In his first season as director of football operations, Federici assisted with the planning, coordination and implementation of Iowa's daily operation and travel plans as the Hawkeyes concluded the 2009 season with a 24-14 win in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl and a national ranking of seventh in the nation.

Federici has assisted in 16 bowl games during his career, including the 2001 Senior Bowl, 2005 Capital One Bowl, 2006, 2009, 2014, 2017 and 2019 Outback bowls, 2006 Alamo Bowl, 2010 Orange Bowl, both the 2010 and 2011 Insight bowls, the 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl, 2016 Rose Bowl, 2017 Pinstripe Bowl, 2019 Holiday Bowl, and 2020 Music City Bowl before its cancelation.

Federici also served as a championship team operations liaison at the college football playoff national championship games from 2015-19.

Federici joined the Iowa Athletic Department staff in 2004 after serving as the head athletic trainer for the Seattle Seahawks for five seasons. Prior to joining the Seahawks in January, 1999, Federici was the head athletic trainer at Vanderbilt University from 1994-99.

As an assistant athletic trainer at Vanderbilt from 1987-1993, Federici worked with football, baseball, men's basketball and men's and women's golf teams. He was named head athletic trainer for the Commodores in 1994 and was recognized as the College Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society that year.

Certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association in 1985, Federici served as a test site administrator and host athletic trainer for the N.A.T.A. Board of Certification examinations from 1991-95. He has volunteered for the Tennessee State Amateur Games, the LPGA Sara Lee Tournament at Hermitage Golf Club, and the Senior PGA Bell South Tournament at Springhouse Golf Club. Federici was a case study presenter at the 2001 A.O.S.S.M. meeting in Phoenix, Ariz., as well as the 2002 N.A.T.A. June Symposium in Dallas, Texas.

While at Vanderbilt, Federici served on several athletic department committees, including the Mission/Vision planning team, the External Communications Committee, the Management Team of Department Heads, and the Sports Nutrition Planning Team.

Federici earned his B.S. degree in Health Education from Penn State University in 1985 and his M.Ed. in Health Promotion/Education from Vanderbilt in 1991.

Federici was born in Findlay, Ohio, and grew up in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Teddie, have a son, Noah.



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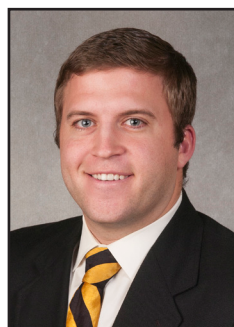
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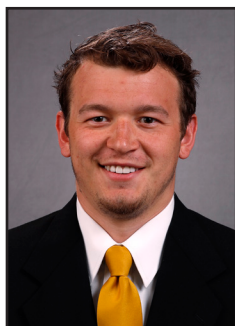
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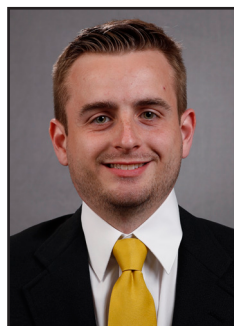
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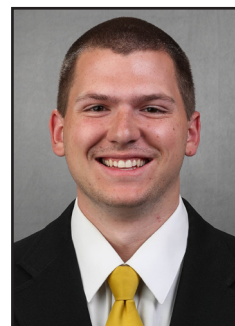
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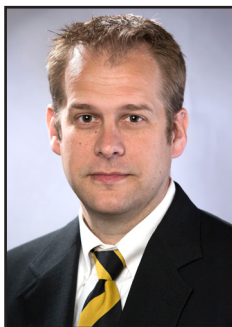
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# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL SPRING DEPTH CHART

## OFFENSE

| POS. | NO. |     | NAME               | HT.  | WT. | YR.  | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)                  |
|------|-----|-----|--------------------|------|-----|------|---|
| WR   | 3   | **  | Tyrone Tracy, Jr.  | 5-11 | 203 | Jr.  | Indianapolis, Ind. (Decatur Central)    |
|      | 19  | **  | Max Cooper         | 6-0  | 192 | Sr.  | Waukesha, Wis. (Catholic Memorial)      |
| TE   | 84  | **  | Sam LaPorta ^      | 6-4  | 249 | Jr.  | Highland, Ill. (Highland)               |
|      | 85  |     | Luke Lachey        | 6-6  | 237 | #Fr. | Columbus, Ohio (Grandview)              |
| LT   | 79  | **  | Jack Plumb         | 6-7  | 293 | Jr.  | Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)              |
|      | 78  |     | Mason Richman      | 6-6  | 289 | #Fr. | Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley)             |
| LG   | 64  | **  | Kyler Schott       | 6-2  | 293 | Sr.  | Coggon, Iowa (North Linn)               |
|      | 76  |     | Tyler Elsbury      | 6-5  | 302 | #Fr. | Byron, Ill. (Byron)                     |
| C    | 65  | **  | Tyler Linderbaum   | 6-3  | 289 | Jr.  | Solon, Iowa (Solon)                     |
|      | 60  |     | Noah Fenske        | 6-4  | 307 | So.  | New Hampton, Iowa (New Hampton)         |
| RG   | 63  | *   | Justin Britt       | 6-4  | 293 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)     |
|      | 75  |     | Josh Volk          | 6-4  | 314 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier)             |
| RT   | 73  | **  | Cody Ince          | 6-4  | 285 | Jr.  | Luck, Wis. (Unity)                      |
|      | 56  | *   | Nick DeJong        | 6-6  | 296 | So.  | Pella, Iowa (Pella)                     |
| WR   | 89  | **  | Nico Ragaini       | 6-0  | 193 | Jr.  | East Haven, Conn. (Avon Old Farms Prep) |
|      | 16  | *   | Charlie Jones      | 6-0  | 187 | Sr.  | Deerfield, Ill. (Deerfield/Buffalo)     |
| QB   | 7   | *   | Spencer Petras     | 6-5  | 231 | Jr.  | San Rafael, Calif. (Marin Catholic)     |
|      | 8   | *   | Alex Padilla       | 6-1  | 198 | So.  | Greenwood Village, Co. (Cherry Creek)   |
| RB   | 15  | **  | Tyler Goodson ^    | 5-10 | 200 | Jr.  | Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)           |
|      | 21  | *** | Ivory Kelly-Martin | 5-10 | 204 | Sr.  | Plainfield, Ill. (Oswego East)          |
| FB   | 38  | **  | Monte Pottebaum    | 6-1  | 244 | Jr.  | Larchwood, Iowa (West Lyon)             |
|      | 40  | *   | Turner Pallissard  | 6-0  | 248 | Jr.  | Frankfort, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)      |
| PK   | 10  | **  | Caleb Shudak       | 5-8  | 178 | Sr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)    |

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# DEFENSE

| POS.         | NO. |      | NAME                | HT.  | WT. | YR.  | HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)                    |
|--------------|-----|------|---------------------|------|-----|------|---|
| LE           | 92  | **   | John Waggoner       | 6-5  | 271 | Jr.  | Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)                |
|              | 13  | **   | Joe Evans           | 6-2  | 248 | Jr.  | Ames, Iowa (Ames)                         |
| LT           | 99  | **   | Noah Shannon        | 6-0  | 288 | Jr.  | Aurora, Ill. (Oswego)                     |
|              | 95  |      | Logan Jones         | 6-3  | 267 | #Fr. | Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)      |
| RT           | 94  |      | Yahya Black         | 6-5  | 279 | #Fr. | Marshall, Minn. (Marshall)                |
|              | 85  |      | Logan Lee           | 6-5  | 267 | So.  | Orion, Ill. (Orion)                       |
| RE           | 97  | **   | Zach VanValkenburg  | 6-4  | 270 | Sr.  | Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland West)             |
|              | 98  |      | Chris Reames        | 6-7  | 255 | So.  | Van Meter, Iowa (Van Meter)               |
| LEO/<br>CASH | 4   | **   | Dane Belton ^       | 6-1  | 205 | Jr.  | Tampa Fla. (Jesuit)                       |
|              | 46  |      | Logan Klemp         | 6-2  | 232 | Jr.  | Jewell, Iowa (South Hamilton)             |
| MLB          | 44  | **   | Seth Benson         | 6-0  | 231 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)            |
|              | 34  | *    | Jay Higgins ^       | 6-2  | 219 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit Prep)  |
| WLB          | 31  | **   | Jack Campbell ^     | 6-5  | 243 | Jr.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa (Cedar Falls)           |
|              | 5   | *    | Jestin Jacobs       | 6-4  | 235 | So.  | Englewood, Ohio (Northmont)               |
| LC           | 8   | **** | Matt Hankins        | 6-0  | 180 | Sr.  | Lewisville, Texas (Marcus)                |
|              | 27  |      | Jermari Harris      | 6-1  | 177 | So.  | Chicago, Ill. (Montini Catholic)          |
| SS           | 26  | **   | Kaevon Merriweather | 6-0  | 205 | Jr.  | Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)            |
|              | 7   | *    | Reggie Bracy ^      | 6-0  | 203 | So.  | Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul's Episcopal)       |
| FS           | 28  | ***  | Jack Koerner        | 6-0  | 205 | Sr.  | Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling)                |
|              | 30  |      | Quinn Schulte       | 6-1  | 197 | So.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier)               |
| RC           | 33  | ***  | Riley Moss ^        | 6-1  | 191 | Sr.  | Ankeny, Iowa (Centennial)                 |
|              | 22  | **   | Terry Roberts       | 5-10 | 177 | Jr.  | Erie, Pa. (Cathedral Prep)                |
| PT           | 9   | *    | Tory Taylor ^       | 6-4  | 225 | So.  | Melbourne, Australia (Haileybury College) |

**Deep Snaps:** 18 Austin Spiewak

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# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL SPRING ROSTER

## ALPHABETICAL

| NO. |      | NAME                  | POS. | HT.  | WT. | YR.  | HOMETOWN              | HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS  |
|-----|------|-----------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 96  |      | Lucas Amaya           | K    | 6-2  | 207 | So.  | Muskego, Wis.         | Muskego               |
| 4   | **   | Dane Belton ^         | DB   | 6-1  | 205 | Jr.  | Tampa, Fla.           | Jesuit                |
| 44  | **   | Seth Benson           | LB   | 6-0  | 231 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D.     | Washington            |
| 94  |      | Yahya Black           | DL   | 6-5  | 279 | #Fr. | Marshall, Minn.       | Marshall              |
| 1   |      | Aaron Blom            | K    | 5-11 | 188 | #Fr. | Oskaloosa, Iowa       | Oskaloosa             |
| 7   | *    | Reggie Bracy ^        | DB   | 6-0  | 203 | So.  | Mobile, Ala.          | St. Paul's Episcopal  |
| 63  | *    | Justin Britt          | OL   | 6-4  | 293 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.    | Warren Central        |
| 88  |      | Isaiah Bruce          | DL   | 6-2  | 273 | #Fr. | Lena, Ill.            | Lena-Winslow          |
| 10  |      | Arland Bruce, IV      | WR   | 5-10 | 195 | Fr.  | Olathe, Kan.          | Ankeny/Olathe North   |
| 31  | **   | Jack Campbell ^       | LB   | 6-5  | 243 | Jr.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa     | Cedar Falls           |
| 29  |      | Sebastian Castro      | DB   | 5-11 | 197 | So.  | Oak Lawn, Ill.        | Richards              |
| 66  |      | Jeremy Chaplin        | OL   | 6-2  | 250 | Fr.  | Waverly, Iowa         | Waverly-Shell Rock    |
| 77  |      | Connor Colby          | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa    | Kennedy               |
| 9   |      | Jack Combs            | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Sr.  | Grand Rapids, Mich.   | East/Central Michigan |
| 19  |      | Gaven Cooke           | DB   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr.  | Kentfield, Calif.     | Marin Catholic        |
| 19  | **   | Max Cooper            | WR   | 6-0  | 192 | Sr.  | Waukesha, Wis.        | Catholic Memorial     |
| 15  | *    | Dallas Craddieth      | DB   | 5-11 | 196 | Jr.  | St. Louis, Mo.        | Hazelwood Central     |
| 45  |      | Deontae Craig         | DL   | 6-3  | 249 | #Fr. | Ft. Wayne, Ind.       | Culver Academies      |
| 74  |      | David Davidkov        | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Glenview, Ill.        | New Trier             |
| 17  |      | Brenden Deasfernandes | DB   | 6-0  | 176 | #Fr. | Belleville, Mich.     | Belleville            |
| 56  | *    | Nick DeJong           | OL   | 6-6  | 296 | So.  | Pella, Iowa           | Pella                 |
| 1   |      | Nolan Donald          | WR   | 5-9  | 194 | So.  | Morton, Ill.          | Morton                |
| 76  |      | Tyler Elsbury         | OL   | 6-5  | 302 | #Fr. | Byron, Ill.           | Byron                 |
| 55  |      | Luke Empen            | OL   | 6-4  | 287 | Jr.  | Clinton, Iowa         | Northeast Goose Lake  |
| 69  |      | Tyler Endres          | OL   | 6-6  | 310 | So.  | Norwalk, Iowa         | Norwalk               |
| 39  |      | Eric Epenesa          | LB   | 6-3  | 185 | Fr.  | Glen Carbon, Ill.     | Edwardsville          |
| 13  | **   | Joe Evans             | DE   | 6-2  | 248 | Jr.  | Ames, Iowa            | Ames                  |
| 54  |      | Matt Fagan            | OL   | 6-5  | 294 | Jr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa  | St. Albert            |
| 52  |      | Asher Fahey           | OL   | 6-5  | 270 | #Fr. | Waukon, Iowa          | Waukon                |
| 60  |      | Noah Fenske           | OL   | 6-4  | 307 | So.  | New Hampton, Iowa     | New Hampton           |
| 38  |      | Jake Fisher           | LB   | 6-0  | 170 | Fr.  | Treynor, Iowa         | Treynor               |
| 37  | *    | Kyler Fisher          | DB   | 5-11 | 213 | So.  | Farnhamville, Iowa    | SE Valley             |
| 58  |      | Taylor Fox            | OL   | 6-3  | 288 | So.  | Winthrop, Iowa        | East Buchanan         |
| 88  |      | Jackson Frericks      | TE   | 6-6  | 215 | So.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa     | Cedar Falls           |
| 2   | *    | Ryan Gersonde         | P    | 6-4  | 194 | Sr.  | Milwaukee, Wis.       | Marquette             |
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| 8   | **** | Matt Hankins          | DB   | 6-0  | 180 | Sr.  | Lewisville, Texas     | Marcus                |
| 27  |      | Jermari Harris        | DB   | 6-1  | 177 | So.  | Chicago, Ill.         | Montini Catholic      |
| 21  |      | Thomas Hartlieb       | DB   | 5-11 | 196 | So.  | Madison, Wis.         | Edgewood              |
| 26  |      | Jamison Heinz         | WR   | 6-0  | 200 | #Fr. | Humboldt, Iowa        | Humboldt              |
| 34  | *    | Jay Higgins ^         | LB   | 6-2  | 219 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.    | Brebeuf Jesuit Prep   |
| 2   |      | Deuce Hogan           | QB   | 6-4  | 213 | #Fr. | Southlake, Texas      | Faith Christian       |
| 48  |      | Ethan Hurkett         | DL   | 6-3  | 245 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa    | Xavier                |
| 81  |      | Desmond Hutson        | WR   | 6-3  | 210 | So.  | Raytown, Mo.          | Raytown               |
| 73  | **   | Cody Ince             | OL   | 6-4  | 285 | Jr.  | Balsam Lake, Wis.     | Unity                 |
| 5   | *    | Jestin Jacobs         | LB   | 6-4  | 235 | So.  | Englewood, Ohio       | Northmont             |
| 27  |      | Jack Johnson          | WR   | 6-0  | 190 | #Fr. | West Des Moines, Iowa | Valley                |
| 6   |      | Keagan Johnson        | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.  | Bellevue, Neb.        | Bellevue West         |
| 16  | *    | Charlie Jones         | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | Sr.  | Deerfield, Ill.       | Deerfield/Buffalo     |
| 95  |      | Logan Jones           | DL   | 6-3  | 267 | #Fr. | Council Bluffs, Iowa  | Lewis Central         |
| 11  |      | Connor Kapisak        | QB   | 6-5  | 209 | Jr.  | South Windsor, Conn.  | South Windsor         |
| 93  |      | Jake Karchinski       | DL   | 6-4  | 279 | So.  | De Pere, Wis.         | West                  |
| 21  | ***  | Ivory Kelly-Martin    | RB   | 5-10 | 204 | Sr.  | Plainfield, Ill.      | Oswego East           |
| 46  |      | Logan Klemp           | LB   | 6-2  | 232 | Jr.  | Jewell, Iowa          | South Hamilton        |
| 50  |      | Zach Kluver           | LS   | 6-0  | 195 | So.  | Ankeny, Iowa          | Centennial            |
| 28  | ***  | Jack Koerner          | DB   | 6-0  | 205 | Sr.  | Des Moines, Iowa      | Dowling               |
| 83  |      | Alec Kritta           | WR   | 5-11 | 190 | So.  | St. Charles, Ill.     | St. Charles North     |
| 86  |      | Tommy Kujawa          | TE   | 6-3  | 237 | Sr.  | Greendale, Wis.       | Greendale             |

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| 85  | Luke Lachey            | TE   | 6-6  | 237 | #Fr. | Columbus, Ohio         | Grandview                      |
| 84  | ** Sam LaPorta ^       | TE   | 6-4  | 249 | Jr.  | Highland, Ill.         | Highland                       |
| 11  | AJ Lawson              | DB   | 6-0  | 178 | #Fr. | Decatur, Ill.          | MacArthur                      |
| 85  | Logan Lee              | DL   | 6-5  | 267 | So.  | Orion, Ill.            | Orion                          |
| 65  | ** Tyler Linderbaum    | OL   | 6-3  | 289 | Jr.  | Solon, Iowa            | Solon                          |
| 13  | *** Henry Marchese     | DB   | 6-3  | 199 | Sr.  | Vernon Hills, Ill.     | Stevenson                      |
| 14  | Quavon Matthews        | WR   | 5-11 | 168 | #Fr. | Largo, Fla.            | Largo                          |
| 26  | ** Kaevon Merriweather | DB   | 6-0  | 205 | Jr.  | Belleville, Mich.      | Belleville                     |
| 80  | Josiah Miamen          | TE   | 6-4  | 242 | So.  | Peoria, Ill.           | Dunlap                         |
| 33  | *** Riley Moss ^       | DB   | 6-1  | 191 | Sr.  | Ankeny, Iowa           | Centennial                     |
| 8   | * Alex Padilla         | QB   | 6-1  | 198 | So.  | Greenwood Village, Co. | Cherry Creek                   |
| 40  | * Turner Pallissard    | FB   | 6-0  | 248 | Jr.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East               |
| 7   | * Spencer Petras       | QB   | 6-5  | 231 | Jr.  | San Rafael, Calif.     | Marin Catholic                 |
| 45  | Nick Phelps            | P    | 5-10 | 207 | Jr.  | Kingsley, Iowa         | Woodbury Central/N.D. State    |
| 32  | Johnny Plewa           | FB   | 6-0  | 232 | So.  | Franklin, Wis.         | Franklin                       |
| 79  | ** Jack Plumb          | OL   | 6-7  | 293 | Jr.  | Green Bay, Wis.        | Bay Port                       |
| 38  | ** Monte Pottebaum     | FB   | 6-1  | 244 | Jr.  | Larchwood, Iowa        | West Lyon                      |
| 89  | ** Nico Ragaini        | WR   | 6-0  | 193 | Jr.  | East Haven, Conn.      | Notre Dame/Avon Old Farms Prep |
| 98  | Chris Reames           | DL   | 6-7  | 255 | So.  | Van Meter, Iowa        | Van Meter                      |
| 97  | Liam Reardon           | LS   | 6-1  | 190 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.          | Mount Carmel                   |
| 78  | Mason Richman          | OL   | 6-6  | 289 | #Fr. | Leawood, Kan.          | Blue Valley                    |
| 29  | Jackson Ritter         | WR   | 6-3  | 208 | So.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East               |
| 22  | ** Terry Roberts       | DB   | 5-10 | 177 | Jr.  | Erie, Pa.              | Cathedral Prep                 |
| 64  | ** Kyler Schott        | OL   | 6-2  | 293 | Sr.  | Coggon, Iowa           | North Linn                     |
| 48  | * Bryce Schulte        | TE   | 6-3  | 241 | Sr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                         |
| 30  | Quinn Schulte          | DB   | 6-1  | 197 | So.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                         |
| 99  | ** Noah Shannon        | DL   | 6-0  | 288 | Jr.  | Aurora, Ill.           | Oswego                         |
| 5   | Jack Sharp             | QB   | 6-1  | 215 | Fr.  | Orchard Park, N.Y.     | Orchard Park/Milford Academy   |
| 10  | ** Caleb Shudak        | PK   | 5-8  | 178 | Sr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa   | Lewis Central                  |
| 40  | Josef Smith            | LB   | 6-3  | 210 | #Fr. | Britt, Iowa            | West Hancock                   |
| 18  | * Austin Spiewak       | LS   | 6-1  | 239 | Sr.  | Palatine, Ill.         | Fremd                          |
| 50  | Louie Stec             | DT   | 6-0  | 261 | So.  | LaGrange Park, Ill.    | Nazareth                       |
| 35  | Justice Sullivan       | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | Fr.  | Eden Prairie, Minn.    | Eden Prairie                   |
| 9   | * Tory Taylor ^        | P    | 6-4  | 225 | So.  | Melbourne, Aus.        | Haileybury College             |
| 57  | Clayton Thurm          | OL   | 6-4  | 283 | So.  | Williamsburg, Iowa     | Williamsburg                   |
| 36  | * Mike Timm            | LB   | 6-0  | 234 | Jr.  | Delafield, Wis.        | Kettle Moraine                 |
| 3   | ** Tyrone Tracy, Jr.   | WR   | 5-11 | 203 | Jr.  | Camby, Ind.            | Decatur Central                |
| 42  | Zach Twedt             | LB   | 6-3  | 220 | Fr.  | Story City, Iowa       | Roland-Story                   |
| 91  | Lukas Van Ness         | DL   | 6-5  | 259 | #Fr. | Barrington, Ill.       | Barrington                     |
| 97  | ** Zach VanValkenburg  | DL   | 6-4  | 270 | Sr.  | Zeeland, Mich.         | Zeeland West/Hillsdale College |
| 18  | Diante Vines           | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | #Fr. | Danbury, Conn.         | The Taft School                |
| 75  | Josh Volk              | OL   | 6-4  | 314 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                         |
| 92  | ** John Waggoner       | DL   | 6-5  | 271 | Jr.  | Des Moines, Iowa       | Dowling                        |
| 28  | Isaiah Wagner          | WR   | 6-3  | 205 | #Fr. | Pleasant Hill, Iowa    | Southeast Polk                 |
| 17  | Wyatt Wegener          | LB   | 6-2  | 206 | #Fr. | Algona, Iowa           | Algona                         |
| 25  | Gavin Williams         | RB   | 6-0  | 213 | #Fr. | Altoona, Iowa          | Dowling                        |
| 4   | Leshon Williams        | RB   | 5-10 | 208 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.          | Richards                       |
| 23  | Xavior Williams        | DB   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr.  | Burlington, Iowa       | Notre Dame/Northern Iowa       |
| 86  | Jameson Witte          | DL   | 6-5  | 276 | #Fr. | O'Fallon, Mo.          | St. Dominic                    |
| 87  | Elijah Yelverton       | TE   | 6-5  | 247 | #Fr. | Royse City, Texas      | Trinity Christian              |

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|-----|------------------------|------|------|-----|------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Aaron Blom             | K    | 5-11 | 188 | #Fr. | Oskaloosa, Iowa        | Oskaloosa                    |
| 1   | Nolan Donald           | WR   | 5-9  | 194 | So.  | Morton, Ill.           | Morton                       |
| 2   | * Ryan Gersonde        | P    | 6-4  | 194 | Sr.  | Milwaukee, Wis.        | Marquette                    |
| 2   | Deuce Hogan            | QB   | 6-4  | 213 | #Fr. | Southlake, Texas       | Faith Christian              |
| 3   | ** Tyrone Tracy, Jr.   | WR   | 5-11 | 203 | Jr.  | Indianapolis, Ind.     | Decatur Central              |
| 4   | ** Dane Belton ^       | DB   | 6-1  | 205 | Jr.  | Tampa, Fla.            | Jesuit                       |
| 4   | Leshon Williams        | RB   | 5-10 | 208 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.          | Richards                     |
| 5   | * Jestin Jacobs        | LB   | 6-4  | 235 | So.  | Englewood, Ohio        | Northmont                    |
| 5   | Jack Sharp             | QB   | 6-1  | 215 | Fr.  | Orchard Park, N.Y.     | Orchard Park/Milford Academy |
| 6   | Keagan Johnson         | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.  | Bellevue, Neb.         | Bellevue West                |
| 7   | * Reggie Bracy ^       | DB   | 6-0  | 203 | So.  | Mobile, Ala.           | St. Paul's Episcopal         |
| 7   | * Spencer Petras       | QB   | 6-5  | 231 | Jr.  | San Rafael, Calif.     | Marin Catholic               |
| 8   | **** Matt Hankins      | DB   | 6-0  | 180 | Sr.  | Lewisville, Texas      | Marcus                       |
| 8   | * Alex Padilla         | QB   | 6-1  | 198 | So.  | Greenwood Village, Co. | Cherry Creek                 |
| 9   | Jack Combs             | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Sr.  | Grand Rapids, Mich.    | East/Central Michigan        |
| 9   | * Tory Taylor ^        | P    | 6-4  | 225 | So.  | Melbourne, Aus.        | Haileybury College           |
| 10  | Arland Bruce, IV       | WR   | 5-10 | 195 | Fr.  | Olathe, Kan.           | Ankeny/Olathe North          |
| 10  | ** Caleb Shudak        | PK   | 5-8  | 178 | Sr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa   | Lewis Central                |
| 11  | Connor Kapisak         | QB   | 6-5  | 209 | Jr.  | South Windsor, Conn.   | South Windsor                |
| 11  | AJ Lawson              | DB   | 6-0  | 178 | #Fr. | Decatur, Ill.          | MacArthur                    |
| 13  | ** Joe Evans           | DE   | 6-2  | 248 | Jr.  | Ames, Iowa             | Ames                         |
| 13  | *** Henry Marchese     | DB   | 6-3  | 199 | Sr.  | Vernon Hills, Ill.     | Stevenson                    |
| 14  | Quavon Matthews        | WR   | 5-11 | 168 | #Fr. | Largo, Fla.            | Largo                        |
| 15  | * Dallas Craddieth     | DB   | 5-11 | 196 | Jr.  | St. Louis, Mo.         | Hazelwood Central            |
| 15  | ** Tyler Goodson ^     | RB   | 5-10 | 200 | Jr.  | Suwanee, Ga.           | North Gwinnett               |
| 16  | * Charlie Jones        | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | Sr.  | Deerfield, Ill.        | Deerfield/Buffalo            |
| 17  | Brenden Deasfernandes  | DB   | 6-0  | 176 | #Fr. | Belleville, Mich.      | Belleville                   |
| 17  | Wyatt Wegener          | LB   | 6-2  | 206 | #Fr. | Algona, Iowa           | Algona                       |
| 18  | * Austin Spiewak       | LS   | 6-1  | 239 | Sr.  | Rolling Meadows, Ill.  | Fremd                        |
| 18  | Diante Vines           | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | #Fr. | Danbury, Conn.         | The Taft School              |
| 19  | Gaven Cooke            | DB   | 6-1  | 180 | Fr.  | Kentfield, Calif.      | Marin Catholic               |
| 19  | ** Max Cooper          | WR   | 6-0  | 192 | Sr.  | Waukesha, Wis.         | Catholic Memorial            |
| 21  | Thomas Hartlieb        | DB   | 5-11 | 196 | So.  | Madison, Wis.          | Edgewood                     |
| 21  | *** Ivory Kelly-Martin | RB   | 5-10 | 204 | Sr.  | Plainfield, Ill.       | Oswego East                  |
| 22  | ** Terry Roberts       | DB   | 5-10 | 177 | Jr.  | Erie, Pa.              | Cathedral Prep               |
| 23  | Xavior Williams        | DB   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr.  | Burlington, Iowa       | Notre Dame/Northern Iowa     |
| 25  | Gavin Williams         | RB   | 6-0  | 213 | #Fr. | Altoona, Iowa          | Dowling                      |
| 26  | Jamison Heinz          | WR   | 6-0  | 200 | #Fr. | Humboldt, Iowa         | Humboldt                     |
| 26  | ** Kaevon Merriweather | DB   | 6-0  | 205 | Jr.  | Belleville, Mich.      | Belleville                   |
| 27  | Jermari Harris         | DB   | 6-1  | 177 | So.  | Chicago, Ill.          | Montini Catholic             |
| 27  | Jack Johnson           | WR   | 6-0  | 190 | #Fr. | West Des Moines, Iowa  | Valley                       |
| 28  | *** Jack Koerner       | DB   | 6-0  | 205 | Sr.  | Des Moines, Iowa       | Dowling                      |
| 28  | Isaiah Wagner          | WR   | 6-3  | 205 | #Fr. | Pleasant Hill, Iowa    | Southeast Polk               |
| 29  | Sebastian Castro       | DB   | 5-11 | 197 | So.  | Oak Lawn, Ill.         | Richards                     |
| 29  | Jackson Ritter         | WR   | 6-3  | 208 | So.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East             |
| 30  | Quinn Schulte          | DB   | 6-1  | 197 | So.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                       |
| 31  | ** Jack Campbell ^     | LB   | 6-5  | 243 | Jr.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa      | Cedar Falls                  |
| 32  | Johnny Plewa           | FB   | 6-0  | 232 | So.  | Franklin, Wis.         | Franklin                     |
| 33  | *** Riley Moss ^       | DB   | 6-1  | 191 | Sr.  | Ankeny, Iowa           | Centennial                   |
| 34  | * Jay Higgins ^        | LB   | 6-2  | 219 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.     | Brebeuf Jesuit Prep          |
| 35  | Justice Sullivan       | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | Fr.  | Eden Prairie, Minn.    | Eden Prairie                 |
| 36  | * Mike Timm            | LB   | 6-0  | 234 | Jr.  | Delafield, Wis.        | Kettle Moraine               |
| 37  | * Kyler Fisher         | DB   | 5-11 | 213 | So.  | Farnhamville, Iowa     | SE Valley                    |
| 38  | Jake Fisher            | LB   | 6-0  | 170 | Fr.  | Treynor, Iowa          | Treynor                      |
| 38  | ** Monte Pottebaum     | FB   | 6-1  | 244 | Jr.  | Larchwood, Iowa        | West Lyon                    |
| 39  | Eric Epenesa           | LB   | 6-3  | 185 | Fr.  | Glen Carbon, Ill.      | Edwardsville                 |
| 40  | * Turner Pallissard    | FB   | 6-0  | 248 | Jr.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East             |
| 40  | Josef Smith            | LB   | 6-3  | 210 | #Fr. | Britt, Iowa            | West Hancock                 |

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| 42  | Zach Twedt            | LB   | 6-3  | 220 | Fr.  | Story City, Iowa     | Roland-Story                   |
| 44  | ** Seth Benson        | LB   | 6-0  | 231 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D.    | Washington                     |
| 45  | Deontae Craig         | DL   | 6-3  | 249 | #Fr. | Ft. Wayne, Ind.      | Culver Academies               |
| 45  | Nick Phelps           | P    | 5-10 | 207 | Jr.  | Kingsley, Iowa       | Woodbury Central/N.D. State    |
| 46  | Logan Klemp           | LB   | 6-2  | 232 | Jr.  | Jewell, Iowa         | South Hamilton                 |
| 48  | Ethan Hurkett         | DL   | 6-3  | 245 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa   | Xavier                         |
| 48  | * Bryce Schulte       | TE   | 6-3  | 241 | Sr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa   | Xavier                         |
| 50  | Zach Kluver           | LS   | 6-0  | 195 | So.  | Ankeny, Iowa         | Centennial                     |
| 50  | Louie Stec            | DT   | 6-0  | 261 | So.  | LaGrange Park, Ill.  | Nazareth                       |
| 52  | Asher Fahey           | OL   | 6-5  | 270 | #Fr. | Waukon, Iowa         | Waukon                         |
| 54  | Matt Fagan            | OL   | 6-5  | 294 | Jr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa | St. Albert                     |
| 55  | Luke Empen            | OL   | 6-4  | 287 | Jr.  | Clinton, Iowa        | Northeast Goose Lake           |
| 56  | * Nick DeJong         | OL   | 6-6  | 296 | So.  | Pella, Iowa          | Pella                          |
| 57  | Clayton Thurm         | OL   | 6-4  | 283 | So.  | Williamsburg, Iowa   | Williamsburg                   |
| 58  | Taylor Fox            | OL   | 6-3  | 288 | So.  | Winthrop, Iowa       | East Buchanan                  |
| 60  | Noah Fenske           | OL   | 6-4  | 307 | So.  | New Hampton, Iowa    | New Hampton                    |
| 63  | * Justin Britt        | OL   | 6-4  | 293 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.   | Warren Central                 |
| 64  | ** Kyler Schott       | OL   | 6-2  | 293 | Sr.  | Coggon, Iowa         | North Linn                     |
| 65  | ** Tyler Linderbaum   | OL   | 6-3  | 289 | Jr.  | Solon, Iowa          | Solon                          |
| 66  | Jeremy Chaplin        | OL   | 6-2  | 250 | Fr.  | Waverly, Iowa        | Waverly-Shell Rock             |
| 69  | Tyler Endres          | OL   | 6-6  | 310 | So.  | Norwalk, Iowa        | Norwalk                        |
| 73  | ** Cody Ince          | OL   | 6-4  | 285 | Jr.  | Luck, Wis.           | Unity                          |
| 74  | David Davidkov        | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Glenview, Ill.       | New Trier                      |
| 75  | Josh Volk             | OL   | 6-4  | 314 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa   | Xavier                         |
| 76  | Tyler Elsbury         | OL   | 6-5  | 302 | #Fr. | Byron, Ill.          | Byron                          |
| 77  | Connor Colby          | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa   | Kennedy                        |
| 78  | Mason Richman         | OL   | 6-6  | 289 | #Fr. | Leawood, Kan.        | Blue Valley                    |
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| 88  | Isaiah Bruce          | DL   | 6-2  | 273 | #Fr. | Lena, Ill.           | Lena-Winslow                   |
| 88  | Jackson Frericks      | TE   | 6-6  | 215 | So.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa    | Cedar Falls                    |
| 89  | ** Nico Ragaini       | WR   | 6-0  | 193 | Jr.  | East Haven, Conn.    | Notre Dame/Avon Old Farms Prep |
| 91  | Lukas Van Ness        | DL   | 6-5  | 259 | #Fr. | Barrington, Ill.     | Barrington                     |
| 92  | ** John Waggoner      | DL   | 6-5  | 271 | Jr.  | Des Moines, Iowa     | Dowling                        |
| 93  | Jake Karchinski       | DL   | 6-4  | 279 | So.  | De Pere, Wis.        | West                           |
| 94  | Yahya Black           | DL   | 6-5  | 279 | #Fr. | Marshall, Minn.      | Marshall                       |
| 95  | Logan Jones           | DL   | 6-3  | 267 | #Fr. | Council Bluffs, Iowa | Lewis Central                  |
| 96  | Lucas Amaya           | K    | 6-2  | 207 | So.  | Muskego, Wis.        | Muskego                        |
| 97  | Liam Reardon          | LS   | 6-1  | 190 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.        | Mount Carmel                   |
| 97  | ** Zach VanValkenburg | DL   | 6-4  | 270 | Sr.  | Zeeland, Mich.       | Zeeland West/Hillsdale College |
| 98  | Chris Reames          | DL   | 6-7  | 255 | So.  | Van Meter, Iowa      | Van Meter                      |
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| 30  |      | Quinn Schulte         | DB   | 6-1  | 197 | So.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa    | Xavier                         |
| 23  |      | Xavior Williams       | DB   | 5-11 | 190 | Sr.  | Burlington, Iowa      | Notre Dame/Northern Iowa       |
| 44  | **   | Seth Benson           | LB   | 6-0  | 231 | Jr.  | Sioux Falls, S.D.     | Washington                     |
| 31  | **   | Jack Campbell ^       | LB   | 6-5  | 243 | Jr.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa     | Cedar Falls                    |
| 39  |      | Eric Epenesa          | LB   | 6-3  | 185 | Fr.  | Glen Carbon, Ill.     | Edwardsville                   |
| 38  |      | Jake Fisher           | LB   | 6-0  | 170 | Fr.  | Treynor, Iowa         | Treynor                        |
| 34  | *    | Jay Higgins ^         | LB   | 6-2  | 219 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.    | Brebeuf Jesuit Prep            |
| 5   | *    | Jestin Jacobs         | LB   | 6-4  | 235 | So.  | Englewood, Ohio       | Northmont                      |
| 46  |      | Logan Klemp           | LB   | 6-2  | 232 | Jr.  | Jewell, Iowa          | South Hamilton                 |
| 40  |      | Josef Smith           | LB   | 6-3  | 210 | #Fr. | Britt, Iowa           | West Hancock                   |
| 35  |      | Justice Sullivan      | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | Fr.  | Eden Prairie, Minn.   | Eden Prairie                   |
| 36  | *    | Mike Timm             | LB   | 6-0  | 234 | Jr.  | Delafield, Wis.       | Kettle Moraine                 |
| 42  |      | Zach Twedt            | LB   | 6-3  | 220 | Fr.  | Story City, Iowa      | Roland-Story                   |
| 17  |      | Wyatt Wegener         | LB   | 6-2  | 206 | #Fr. | Algona, Iowa          | Algona                         |
| 94  |      | Yahya Black           | DE   | 6-5  | 279 | #Fr. | Marshall, Minn.       | Marshall                       |
| 88  |      | Isaiah Bruce          | DL   | 6-2  | 273 | #Fr. | Lena, Ill.            | Lena-Winslow                   |
| 45  |      | Deontae Craig         | DL   | 6-3  | 249 | #Fr. | Ft. Wayne, Ind.       | Culver Academies               |
| 13  | **   | Joe Evans             | DE   | 6-2  | 248 | Jr.  | Ames, Iowa            | Ames                           |
| 48  |      | Ethan Hurkett         | DL   | 6-3  | 245 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa    | Xavier                         |
| 95  |      | Logan Jones           | DL   | 6-3  | 267 | #Fr. | Council Bluffs, Iowa  | Lewis Central                  |
| 93  |      | Jake Karchinski       | DL   | 6-4  | 279 | So.  | De Pere, Wis.         | West                           |
| 85  |      | Logan Lee             | DL   | 6-5  | 267 | So.  | Orion, Ill.           | Orion                          |
| 98  |      | Chris Reames          | DL   | 6-7  | 255 | So.  | Van Meter, Iowa       | Van Meter                      |
| 99  | **   | Noah Shannon          | DL   | 6-0  | 288 | Jr.  | Aurora, Ill.          | Oswego                         |
| 50  |      | Louie Stec            | DT   | 6-0  | 261 | So.  | LaGrange Park, Ill.   | Nazareth                       |
| 91  |      | Lukas Van Ness        | DL   | 6-5  | 259 | #Fr. | Barrington, Ill.      | Barrington                     |
| 97  | **   | Zach VanValkenburg    | DL   | 6-4  | 270 | Sr.  | Zeeland, Mich.        | Zeeland West/Hillsdale College |
| 92  | **   | John Waggoner         | DL   | 6-5  | 271 | Jr.  | Des Moines, Iowa      | Dowling                        |
| 86  |      | Jameson Witte         | DL   | 6-5  | 276 | #Fr. | O'Fallon, Mo.         | St. Dominic                    |
| 96  |      | Lucas Amaya           | K    | 6-2  | 207 | So.  | Muskego, Wis.         | Muskego                        |
| 1   |      | Aaron Blom            | K    | 5-11 | 188 | #Fr. | Oskaloosa, Iowa       | Oskaloosa                      |
| 2   | *    | Ryan Gersonde         | P    | 6-4  | 194 | Sr.  | Milwaukee, Wis.       | Marquette                      |
| 50  |      | Zach Kluver           | LS   | 6-0  | 195 | So.  | Ankeny, Iowa          | Centennial                     |
| 45  |      | Nick Phelps           | P    | 5-10 | 207 | Jr.  | Kingsley, Iowa        | Woodbury Central/N.D. State    |
| 97  |      | Liam Reardon          | LS   | 6-1  | 190 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.         | Mount Carmel                   |
| 10  | **   | Caleb Shudak          | PK   | 5-8  | 178 | Sr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa  | Lewis Central                  |
| 18  | *    | Austin Spiewak        | LS   | 6-1  | 239 | Sr.  | Rolling Meadows, Ill. | Fremd                          |
| 9   | *    | Tory Taylor ^         | P    | 6-4  | 225 | So.  | Melbourne, Aus.       | Haileybury College             |

\* - - indicates letters won, ^ - - redshirt year still available, # - - redshirt freshman

## BY POSITION

| NO.   |     | NAME               | POS. | HT.  | WT. | YR.  | HOMETOWN               | HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS           |
|-------|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 63    | *   | Justin Britt       | OL   | 6-4  | 293 | So.  | Indianapolis, Ind.     | Warren Central                 |
| 66    |     | Jeremy Chaplin     | OL   | 6-2  | 250 | Fr.  | Waverly, Iowa          | Waverly-Shell Rock             |
| 77    |     | Connor Colby       | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Kennedy                        |
| 74    |     | David Davidkov     | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr.  | Glenview, Ill.         | New Trier                      |
| 56    | *   | Nick DeJong        | OL   | 6-6  | 296 | So.  | Pella, Iowa            | Pella                          |
| 76    |     | Tyler Elsbury      | OL   | 6-5  | 302 | #Fr. | Byron, Ill.            | Byron                          |
| 55    |     | Luke Empen         | OL   | 6-4  | 287 | Jr.  | Clinton, Iowa          | Northeast Goose Lake           |
| 69    |     | Tyler Endres       | OL   | 6-6  | 310 | So.  | Norwalk, Iowa          | Norwalk                        |
| 54    |     | Matt Fagan         | OL   | 6-5  | 294 | Jr.  | Council Bluffs, Iowa   | St. Albert                     |
| 52    |     | Asher Fahey        | OL   | 6-5  | 270 | #Fr. | Waukon, Iowa           | Waukon                         |
| 60    |     | Noah Fenske        | OL   | 6-4  | 307 | So.  | New Hampton, Iowa      | New Hampton                    |
| 58    |     | Taylor Fox         | OL   | 6-3  | 288 | So.  | Winthrop, Iowa         | East Buchanan                  |
| 73    | **  | Cody Ince          | OL   | 6-4  | 285 | Jr.  | Luck, Wis.             | Unity                          |
| 65    | **  | Tyler Linderbaum   | OL   | 6-3  | 289 | Jr.  | Solon, Iowa            | Solon                          |
| 79    | **  | Jack Plumb         | OL   | 6-7  | 293 | Jr.  | Green Bay, Wis.        | Bay Port                       |
| 78    |     | Mason Richman      | OL   | 6-6  | 289 | #Fr. | Leawood, Kan.          | Blue Valley                    |
| 64    | **  | Kyler Schott       | OL   | 6-2  | 293 | Sr.  | Coggon, Iowa           | North Linn                     |
| 57    |     | Clayton Thurm      | OL   | 6-4  | 283 | So.  | Williamsburg, Iowa     | Williamsburg                   |
| 75    |     | Josh Volk          | OL   | 6-4  | 314 | #Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                         |
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| 10    |     | Arland Bruce, IV   | WR   | 5-10 | 195 | Fr.  | Olathe, Kan.           | Ankeny/Olathe North            |
| 9     |     | Jack Combs         | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Sr.  | Grand Rapids, Mich.    | East/Central Michigan          |
| 19    | **  | Max Cooper         | WR   | 6-0  | 192 | Sr.  | Waukesha, Wis.         | Catholic Memorial              |
| 1     |     | Nolan Donald       | WR   | 5-9  | 194 | So.  | Morton, Ill.           | Morton                         |
| 26    |     | Jamison Heinz      | WR   | 6-0  | 200 | #Fr. | Humboldt, Iowa         | Humboldt                       |
| 81    |     | Desmond Hutson     | WR   | 6-3  | 210 | So.  | Raytown, Mo.           | Raytown                        |
| 27    |     | Jack Johnson       | WR   | 6-0  | 190 | #Fr. | West Des Moines, Iowa  | Valley                         |
| 6     |     | Keagan Johnson     | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.  | Bellevue, Neb.         | Bellevue West                  |
| 16    | *   | Charlie Jones      | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | Sr.  | Deerfield, Ill.        | Deerfield/Buffalo              |
| 83    |     | Alec Kritta        | WR   | 5-11 | 190 | So.  | St. Charles, Ill.      | St. Charles North              |
| 14    |     | Quavon Matthews    | WR   | 5-11 | 168 | #Fr. | Largo, Fla.            | Largo                          |
| 89    | **  | Nico Ragaini       | WR   | 6-0  | 193 | Jr.  | East Haven, Conn.      | Notre Dame/Avon Old Farms Prep |
| 29    |     | Jackson Ritter     | WR   | 6-3  | 208 | So.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East               |
| 3     | **  | Tyrone Tracy, Jr.  | WR   | 5-11 | 203 | Jr.  | Indianapolis, Ind.     | Decatur Central                |
| 18    |     | Diante Vines       | WR   | 6-0  | 187 | #Fr. | Danbury, Conn.         | The Taft School                |
| 28    |     | Isaiah Wagner      | WR   | 6-3  | 205 | #Fr. | Pleasant Hill, Iowa    | Southeast Polk                 |
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| 88    |     | Jackson Frericks   | TE   | 6-6  | 215 | So.  | Cedar Falls, Iowa      | Cedar Falls                    |
| 86    |     | Tommy Kujawa       | TE   | 6-3  | 237 | Sr.  | Greendale, Wis.        | Greendale                      |
| 85    |     | Luke Lachey        | TE   | 6-6  | 237 | #Fr. | Columbus, Ohio         | Grandview                      |
| 84    | **  | Sam LaPorta ^      | TE   | 6-4  | 249 | Jr.  | Highland, Ill.         | Highland                       |
| 80    |     | Josiah Miamen      | TE   | 6-4  | 242 | So.  | Peoria, Ill.           | Dunlap                         |
| 48    | *   | Bryce Schulte      | TE   | 6-3  | 241 | Sr.  | Cedar Rapids, Iowa     | Xavier                         |
| 87    |     | Elijah Yelverton   | TE   | 6-5  | 247 | #Fr. | Royse City, Texas      | Trinity Christian              |
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| 15    | **  | Tyler Goodson ^    | RB   | 5-10 | 200 | Jr.  | Suwanee, Ga.           | North Gwinnett                 |
| 21    | *** | Ivory Kelly-Martin | RB   | 5-10 | 204 | Sr.  | Plainfield, Ill.       | Oswego East                    |
| 25    |     | Gavin Williams     | RB   | 6-0  | 213 | #Fr. | Altoona, Iowa          | Dowling                        |
| 4     |     | Leshon Williams    | RB   | 5-10 | 208 | #Fr. | Chicago, Ill.          | Richards                       |
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| 2     |     | Deuce Hogan        | QB   | 6-4  | 213 | #Fr. | Southlake, Texas       | Faith Christian                |
| 11    |     | Connor Kapisak     | QB   | 6-5  | 209 | Jr.  | South Windsor, Conn.   | South Windsor                  |
| 8     | *   | Alex Padilla       | QB   | 6-1  | 198 | So.  | Greenwood Village, Co. | Cherry Creek                   |
| 7     | *   | Spencer Petras     | QB   | 6-5  | 231 | Jr.  | San Rafael, Calif.     | Marin Catholic                 |
| 5     |     | Jack Sharp         | QB   | 6-1  | 215 | Fr.  | Orchard Park, N.Y.     | Orchard Park/Milford Academy   |
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| 40    | *   | Turner Pallissard  | FB   | 6-0  | 248 | Jr.  | Frankfort, Ill.        | Lincoln-Way East               |
| 32    |     | Johnny Plewa       | FB   | 6-0  | 232 | So.  | Franklin, Wis.         | Franklin                       |
| 38    | **  | Monte Pottebaum    | FB   | 6-1  | 244 | Jr.  | Larchwood, Iowa        | West Lyon                      |



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Moon Family Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz, the winningest football coach in University of Iowa history, is in his third decade as the Hawkeye head coach. Ferentz enters his 23rd spring as Iowa's head coach; the longest-tenured head football coach in the nation.

In 22 seasons, Ferentz has posted a 168-106 record. His career mark is 180-127 in 26 seasons. Ferentz ranks fourth all-time in the Big Ten Conference in overall wins and league wins (103-77). He is the fourth coach in league history to win 165 games as a Big Ten head coach. He earned his 100th career conference win in a 41-21 victory at Penn State last season.

Following back-to-back narrow losses to open the 2020 season, Iowa won six straight games, all in Big Ten play, to complete the regular season. The Iowa offense scored at least 26 points in each of the six wins, while the defense allowed just seven points in three of the six wins.

The winning streak included road wins at Minnesota, Penn State and Illinois, and trophy game victories over Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes were ranked 15th in the nation in the final CFP rankings and coaches poll and 16th by The Associated Press. The Hawkeyes were selected to compete in the 2020 Music City Bowl, but that event was canceled. Iowa's streak of eight straight bowl invitations matches the longest in school history.

Iowa won 47 games from 2015-19, the highest total in school history over any five-year period, and a total that ranked ninth nationally. Iowa won its final four games in 2019 and ranked 15th in the nation in the final Associated Press and coaches polls. The 29 Big Ten wins over the same time period equals a program-high for any five-year period under Ferentz.

Iowa returns 13 starters (plus three specialists) and 43 lettermen as spring practice gets started in late March. Seven starters return on defense and six on offense, along with punter Tory Taylor, holder Ryan Gersonde and long snapper Austin Spiewak.

Linebacker Ben Niemann graduated after leading Iowa in tackles. Consensus All-America tackle Daviyon Nixon declared for the NFL following his junior season, and end Chauncey Golston departs after earning first-team All-Big Ten honors as a senior. Tackle Jack Heflin has also moved on following his graduate senior season a year ago.

Offensively the Hawkeyes lost three starters in the offensive line, along with senior wide receivers Brandon Smith and Ihmir Smith-Marsette. Both receivers totaled more than 1,000 career receiving yards, while Smith-Marsette ranks second all-time in the Big Ten in kickoff return average (28.7) and ranks among Iowa's top 10 in all-purpose yards.

The departures up front include left tackle Alaric Jackson, who started 42 games over the past four seasons. He earned second and third-team All-America recognition a year ago. Guard Cole Banwart and right tackle Mark Kallenberger will also be missed. Banwart earned second-team All-Big Ten honors as a senior, while Kallenberger was named honorable mention All-Big Ten. Kallenberger elected to graduate and will not return for a final season.

The biggest loss on special teams is kicker Keith Duncan, who earned consensus All-America honors during his junior season in 2019. He added 14 field goals a year ago, leading the conference and ranking 11th in the nation in field goals per game. Duncan set an Iowa record with 20 career field goals of 40-or-more yards. He ranks fourth in career field goals (52) and sixth in career scoring (252).

Iowa's defense in 2020 led the nation in allowing opponents just 4.3 yards per play. The Hawkeyes ranked among the national leaders in several additional categories, including scoring (16.0, 7th), pass efficiency defense (110.1, 9th), rushing defense (107.6, 11th), total defense (313.8, 12th), red zone defense (.727, 12th) and interceptions (11, 19th).

The returning letterman list includes 19 players on defense, 18 on offense and four specialists. The Hawkeyes lost nine lettermen on both offense and defense, along with Duncan on special teams. Iowa has had nine players leave early for the NFL the past three seasons.

Here is a look at the Hawkeyes, position-by-position:

## **QUARTERBACK**

Junior Spencer Petras (6-5, 231) started all eight games in 2020, leading the Hawkeyes to six straight wins to close the season. Petras threw for 1,569 yards and nine touchdowns, with five interceptions. He completed 57.1 percent (140-245) of his attempts while playing his best football at the end of the season.

Alex Padilla (6-1, 198) saw limited action in two games, completing 1 of 2 pass attempts. Redshirt freshman Deuce Hogan (6-4, 213) and junior walk-on Connor Kapisak (6-5, 209), along with Petras, will benefit from spring practice. Incoming recruit Joey Labas (6-4, 200) will join the team in the fall.

## **RUNNING BACK**

Junior Tyler Goodson (5-10, 200) became the first true freshman to lead Iowa in rushing in 2019 (134-638-5 TDs) and he led the team again last season. Goodson rushed 143 times for 762 yards and seven touchdowns. He also had 15 receptions for 152 yards.

Goodson averages 5.1 yards per carry for his career. He is the 50th Iowa player to rush for more than 1,000 career yards, ranking 29th after two seasons. He was named first-team All-Big Ten a year ago, the first Hawkeye running back to earn that honor since Shonn Greene in 2008.

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Goodson rushed for more than 100 yards in four of eight games, including a career-best 142 yards and two scores on 20 carries in a 35-7 win at Minnesota. His 80-yard touchdown run to close the scoring in a 28-7 win over Wisconsin was the longest touchdown run in the Big Ten for the season.

Senior Ivory Kelly-Martin (5-10, 204 ) joins Goodson as a returning letterman. Kelly-Martin saw limited action in seven games last season, rushing for 54 yards. He missed the final game of the year because of injury and underwent surgery following the season.

Redshirt freshman Gavin Williams (6-0, 213) rushed eight times for 28 yards in his only action in 2020. Leshon Williams (5-10, 208) also redshirted last season, but did not see game action. The incoming class of recruits in the fall includes Deavin Hilson (6-1, 200).

The big loss at running back is senior Mekhi Sargent, who has teamed with Goodson the last two seasons. In eight games a year ago, Sargent rushed for 432 yards and matched Goodson with seven rushing touchdowns. Sargent completed his career with 1,740 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in three seasons.

## **FULLBACK**

Junior Monte Pottebaum (6-1, 244) earned his second letter a year ago as the primary fullback and played a role in the success of Iowa's running game. Pottebaum saw action in all eight games, both at fullback and on special teams. His stat line included three pass receptions for 39 yards and one rushing attempt.

Junior Turner Pallisard (6-0, 248) earned his first letter last season. He played in seven games but had no statistics and also played on special teams.

Sophomore Johnny Plewa (6-0, 232) is the other fullback on the spring roster.

## **TIGHT END**

Junior Sam LaPorta (6-4, 249) led Iowa's tight ends in receiving for the second straight season in 2020. LaPorta earned honorable mention All-Big Ten recognition from both league media and coaches after collecting 27 receptions for 271 yards, with one touchdown. He led the team in receptions and was second in receiving yards.

Another letterman at this position is senior Bryce Schulte (6-3, 241). He has contributed on special teams during his career but has no career receptions.

The Hawkeyes look to replace the contributions of Shaun Beyer, who came into his own as a senior in 2020 with 11 receptions for 158 yards and one touchdown.

Sophomore Josiah Miamen (6-4, 242) did not see game action a year ago, fighting injury most of the fall. Luke Lachey (6-6, 237) saw action in one game as a true freshman, while fellow first-year player Elijah Yelverton (6-5, 247) did not see action.

Former walk-ons Tommy Kujawa (6-3, 237) and Jackson Frericks (6-6, 215) are also on the spring roster.

## **WIDE RECEIVER**

The Hawkeyes will be without 2020 seniors Brandon Smith and Ihmir Smith-Marsette, two veterans who combined for 48 receptions for 576 yards and six touchdowns in eight games. Both Smith and Smith-Marsette surpassed 90 career reception and 1,000 receiving yards.

Iowa returns four lettermen wide receivers who have contributed over the past few seasons. Junior Nico Ragaini (6-0, 193) recorded 18 receptions for 191 yards in 2020 and scored a touchdown on his only rushing attempt. Junior Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (5-11, 203) had 14 receptions for 154 yards and a score and added two rushing attempts for 22 yards.

Senior Charlie Jones (6-0, 187) did not have a reception a year ago, but earned all-conference recognition after averaging 10.5 yards on 21 punt returns. Jones had a 54-yard touchdown return in a win over Michigan State. Senior Max Cooper (6-0, 192) missed last season and returns for a fifth year. Cooper is a two-year letterman who has also contributed on special teams. Sophomore Desmond Hudson (6-3, 210) did not see game action in 2020 after being injured in the preseason.

Two incoming freshmen have also joined the program for the spring semester and will look to gain immediate experience during spring practice. That includes Arland Bruce, IV (5-10, 195) and Keagan Johnson (6-1, 190). Both are highly-regarded playmakers.

Returning receivers who should also gained valuable experience in the spring include sophomores Alec Kritt (5-11, 190) and Jackson Ritter (6-3, 208), and redshirt freshmen Quavon Matthews (5-11, 168) and Diante Vines (6-0, 187).

## **OFFENSIVE LINE**

Iowa's offensive line unit will need to replace departed tackles Alaric Jackson, Mark Kallenberger and Coy Cronk, along with guard Cole Banwart. The Hawkeyes return starting experience at center and guard.

The center position should be the strength of the line, with junior All-American Tyler Linderbaum (6-3, 289) returning. Linderbaum was one of three finalists for the Rimington Trophy a year ago, was named first-team All-America by two outlets and second-team by four others. He has started every game over the past two seasons.

Returning guard with starting experience include senior Kyler Schott (6-2, 293) and junior Cody Ince (6-4, 285). Both earned All-Big Ten honorable mention recognition last season. Schott started the opening two games of the 2020 season before missing the middle of the season because of illness (mononucleosis). Ince started the final six games.

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Junior Jack Plumb (6-7, 293) returns with starting experience, having started two games at right tackle a year ago. Spring drills will provide an opportunity for a number of young players to join Plumb at the tackle positions.

Additional lettermen who should be in the mix include sophomores Justin Britt (6-4, 293) and Nick DeJong (6-6, 296).

Returning players who have an opportunity in the spring include redshirt freshmen Tyler Elsbury (6-5, 302), Mason Richman (6-6, 289) and Josh Volk (6-4, 314), and sophomores Tyler Endres (6-6, 310) and Noah Fenske (6-4, 307).

Incoming freshmen Connor Colby (6-6, 295) and David Davidkov (6-6, 295) are highly-regarded and joined the program for spring practice.

Developing depth at the tackle positions will be a priority for new offensive line coach George Barnett, but there are a number of options to successfully fill out the depth chart across the entire front.

## DEFENSIVE LINE

For the second straight season, the defensive line will need to rebuild after losing three of four starters. End Chauncey Golston and tackle Jack Heflin were seniors in 2020, while consensus All-America tackle Daviyon Nixon declared for the NFL Draft following his junior season.

The lone returning starter is senior Zach VanValkenburg (6-4, 270), who is taking advantage of the opportunity to return for a sixth season (his third at Iowa). VanValkenburg had an outstanding season a year ago, earning second-team All-Big Ten honors after leading the nation with four recovered fumbles. He collected 30 tackles, including 8.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks.

At the opposite end, Golston must be replaced after earning first-team All-Big Ten honors. The leading candidate is junior Joe Evans (6-2, 248). Evans has been used primarily in third down situations, collecting one sack, two tackles for loss and four quarterback pressures last season.

Other returning lettermen who have played primarily at end include junior John Waggoner (6-5, 271), a two-year letterman, and redshirt freshman Yahya Black (6-5, 279). Both Waggoner and Black collected three tackles while playing in four of eight games in 2020.

Junior tackle Noah Shannon (6-0, 288) is a two-year letterman with one career start. Shannon collected 11 tackles while playing in all eight games last season. Sophomore Logan Lee (6-5, 267) played in two games last year as well. A number of young players will have an opportunity to step up in the spring. As with the offensive line, putting the right people in the correct positions will be one of the goals for the spring session.

## LINEBACKERS (Includes outside linebackers)

A number of experienced linebackers return, but the key loss is Nick Niemann, who led the team with 77 tackles as a senior last season while starting all eight games, seven at the weakside position and one in the middle. Barrington Wade, who had four career starts, was also a senior last season when he recorded 12 tackles and two interceptions at the outside position.

Juniors Seth Benson (6-0, 231) and Jack Campbell (6-5, 243) shared time at the middle position last season. After both missed the opening loss at Purdue, Benson started the final seven contests. He was second on the team with 47 tackles while earning honorable mention all-conference honors.

Campbell missed the first three games of the year because of mononucleosis before playing well in the final five contests. Campbell recorded 29 tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss. His end zone interception was a key play in Iowa's win over Wisconsin.

Three other linebackers are lettermen, including sophomore Jestin Jacobs (6-4, 235), sophomore Jay Higgins (6-2, 219) and junior Mike Timm (6-0, 234). Jacobs had one start at the weakside position a year ago and collected four tackles. Timm (four tackles) and Higgins (two stops) contributed primarily on special teams. Junior Logan Klemp (6-2, 232) also contributed on special teams in 2020.

Junior Dane Belton (6-1, 205) started all eight games last season, including five at outside linebacker and three at strong safety. Belton has played a key role in the cash position and recorded 33 tackles and five pass break-ups last season.

Incoming freshmen Justice Sullivan (6-2, 225) and Zach Twedt (6-3, 220) enrolled for the spring semester and will take part in spring practice.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Hawkeye secondary heads into spring practice as the most experienced unit on the defense, as all players who started at any of the secondary positions a year ago return in 2020.

Senior Matt Hankins (6-0, 180) is back at cornerback and is the only four-year letterman on the roster, electing to return for a fifth season (Hankins has not redshirted). He started every game a year ago, recording 41 tackles, five pass break-ups and one interception.

Senior Riley Moss (6-1, 191) also started all eight games last season. Moss collected 43 tackles, four pass break-ups and two interceptions. Moss had 111 interception return yards, including a 57-yard touchdown return in the win over Michigan State.

Junior Terry Roberts (5-10, 177) and sophomore Jermari Harris (6-0, 177) played behind Hankins and Moss a year ago. Roberts was the leader of Iowa's special teams, recording two fumble recoveries on punt coverage while also collecting nine tackles.

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Senior Jack Koerner (6-0, 205) started every game a year ago at free safety. He had 45 tackles and led the team with three pass interceptions, while also having two pass break-ups and blocking a field goal attempt in the win at Minnesota.

Junior Kaevon Merriweather (6-0, 205) shared starting time at strong safety with Belton, and started all five games when Belton started at outside linebacker. Merriweather had 23 tackles on the year. Sophomore Quinn Schulte (6-1, 197) also saw limited action and contributed on special teams.

Secondary lettermen Reggie Bracy (6-0, 203), Dallas Craddieth (5-11, 196), Kyler Fisher (5-11, 213) and Henry Marchese (6-3, 199) contributed on special teams and add depth to the position group. Marchese is a senior, Craddieth is a junior and Bracy and Fisher are sophomores.

The secondary gains the experience of graduate transfer Xavier Williams (5-11, 190). Williams earned first-team All-Missouri Valley Conference as a junior and senior. Along with his defensive experience, Williams was also a kickoff and punt return specialist at Northern Iowa.

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

Iowa's overall special teams performance in recent years has been outstanding, and none better than in 2020 when Iowa was considered to have the overall top performing special teams units in the nation.

Freshman Tory Taylor (6-4, 225) joined the program over the summer from Australia and was one of the top punters in the nation. He earned first-team Freshman All-America honors and was the Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year. Taylor averaged 44.1 yards on 40 punts, as Iowa led the Big Ten and ranked fourth nationally in net punting. He was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Punter of the Year Award.

Along with the net punting average, the Hawkeyes were fifth nationally in kickoff return defense (15.7). Jones ranked 10th in the nation with a 10.5 average on punt returns and Smith-Marsette completed his career with the second-best career kickoff return average in the Big Ten (28.7).

A major loss on special teams is the departure of kicker Keith Duncan. A consensus All-American as a junior, Duncan led the Big Ten and was 10th nationally in field goals per game. Duncan completed his career ranked fourth in career field goals (52) and sixth in career scoring (252). He holds the Iowa record for career field goals of 40-or-more yards (20).

Senior Caleb Shudak (5-8, 178) will step in for Duncan in the field goal department after handling all kickoff duties each of the last two seasons. Shudak has a strong leg and battled Duncan for the kicking duties each of the past two seasons.

In addition to Taylor, Iowa also returns senior punter Ryan

Gersonde (6-4, 194). He averaged 42.5 yards on 13 punts in 2017 and last year stepped in as the holder for all placements. Senior Austin Spiewak (6-1, 239) returns after handling all long snaps in 2020. Both Shudak and Spiewak are returning for their sixth season in the program.

## **THE SCHEDULE**

Iowa's schedule includes five Big Ten home games and nonconference contests against Kent State and Colorado State in Kinnick Stadium. The Hawkeyes begin the season with a 12-game nonconference winning streak over the past four seasons (no nonconference games in 2020).

Iowa opens the season with a Big Ten contest, hosting Indiana (Sept. 4) in a matchup of teams that were both in the national rankings at the conclusion of the 2020 season. The nonconference schedule begins the following week, as the Hawkeyes travel to Ames for the annual Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series game. Iowa State was also in the national rankings at the end of the 2020 season. Home games with Kent State and Colorado State close the nonconference portion of the slate.

Along with Indiana, Iowa also hosts Big Ten opponents Penn State, Purdue, Illinois and Minnesota. Road games include trips to Maryland, Wisconsin, Northwestern and Nebraska. The Hawkeyes and Cornhuskers will again meet the day after Thanksgiving.



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**NIXON BECOMES UNANIMOUS ALL-AMERICAN**

Junior DT Daviyon Nixon earned first-team All-America recognition on all five All-America teams to become the ninth unanimous consensus All-America selection in school history. Linebacker Josey Jewell was Iowa's most recent unanimous All-American selection in 2017.

Nixon, a Kenosha, Wisconsin, native, is Iowa's sixth consensus All-American in the last seven years and 27th player in school history to be named a consensus All-American and 29th overall (Calvin Jones (1954, '55 and Larry Station (1984, '85) were honored twice).

Nixon is Iowa's first consensus defensive lineman since Adrian Clayborn in 2010 and first consensus defensive tackle since Jared DeVries in 1998. He is the sixth defensive lineman in school history to garner consensus All-American status.

Nixon, the Nagurski-Woodson Defensive Player of the Year and the Smith-Brown Defensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten, led the conference in tackles for loss (13.5), tied for second in the Big Ten in sacks (5.5), and tied teammate Chauncey Golston for most tackles by a Big Ten defensive lineman (45).

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**D-LINE EMERGES AMONG BIG TEN'S BEST**

Iowa has played 22 straight games without surrendering 25 points, the longest streak in the nation among Power 5 teams. The Hawkeyes ranked No.1 in the nation in defensive yards per play in 2020 (4.3).

Consensus All-American, Big Ten Defensive Player and Defensive Lineman of the Year DT Daviyon Nixon led a defensive front that included first-team All-Big Ten DE Chauncey Golston and second-team All-Big Ten DE Zach VanValkenburg. Nixon was the first Hawkeye to earn both awards in the same season. LB Josey Jewell was named defensive player of the year in 2017, and DT Mitch King was named defensive lineman of the year in 2008.

The trio led an Iowa defense that ranked second in the Big Ten in sacks (22.0) and fifth in tackles for loss (52.0). Nixon and Golston tied for second in the Big Ten lead with 5.5 sacks. Nixon leads the conference with 13.5 tackles for loss. Golston and VanValkenburg tied for eighth in the conference with 8.5 tackles for loss.

Iowa ranked No. 2 in the conference in total defense (313.8) and scoring defense (16.0), No. 3 in rush defense (107.6) and No. 5 in pass defense (206.1)

Nixon had two games this season (Northwestern, Nebraska) with three tackles for loss. He set career highs in tackles in Week 1 and Week 2, registering seven stops in the season opener at Purdue, and besting that with 11 tackles in the home opener against Northwestern. He recorded his first career interception Week 5 at Penn State, returning it 71 yards for a touchdown. It was his first touchdown scored at any level in his playing career. The 71-yard return ties for the 14th longest interception return in program history.

VanValkenburg had a career-high three sacks Week 4 at Minnesota, the most by a Hawkeye since A.J. Epenesa had 4.5 against Nebraska in 2019. He had four fumble recoveries this season, tied for the most in the country. His 3.5 sacks tied for 12th in the Big Ten.

Golston had a career-best nine tackles against Wisconsin in Week 8. He was the lone returning frontline starter on a defense that

ranked in the top 20 in scoring, rushing, passing, and total defense in 2019. He intercepted a pass at Penn State, his third career interception, and forced a fumble on Nebraska's final play to help Iowa defeat the Huskers, 26-20. The forced fumble was the first of his career.

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**HAWKEYE HISTORY**

Iowa has played 1,269 games since beginning football in 1889. Iowa's overall record is 666-562-39 (.541). That includes a 414-223-16 (.646) record in home games, a 251-339-23 (.428) record in games away from Iowa City, a 341-383-25 (.471) mark in Big Ten games and a 298-188-15 (.610) record in Kinnick Stadium.

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**WINNING ON THE ROAD**

With wins at Minnesota, Penn State and Illinois, Iowa won three straight Big Ten road games in a single season for the first time since 2016 (at Rutgers, at Minnesota, at Purdue). Iowa posted a .500 or above road record for all games played for the eighth straight season.

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**FERENTZ AMONG BIG TEN'S BEST**

Head coach Kirk Ferentz has 103 Big Ten wins as Iowa's head coach, the fourth most of any coach in Big Ten Conference history. The Hawkeyes defeated Penn State, 41-21, on Nov. 21, 2020, to earn Ferentz's 100th conference win.

Ferentz's 168 wins in all games coached as a member of the Big Ten Conference rank fourth all-time in league history. He is one of five coaches in Big Ten Conference history to win at least 150 games as a member of the Big Ten Conference. The top five include Woody Hayes (202), Amos Alonzo Stagg (199), Bo Schembechler (194), Ferentz (168) and Joe Paterno (162).

Ferentz (168-106) became Iowa's all-time winningest coach on Sept. 1, 2018. The Hawkeyes defeated Northern Illinois, 33-7. It was Ferentz's 144th win as Iowa's head coach, one more than his predecessor, Hayden Fry (143-89-6). Fry coached Iowa for 20 years (1979-98). Ferentz completed his 22nd season in 2020. Both Ferentz (168, 103) and Fry (143, 96) rank in the top five in overall wins and Big Ten wins. Only Iowa and Michigan have two coaches ranked in the top 10 of both win categories (Bo Schembechler 194, 143; and Lloyd Carr 122, 81). Iowa is the only school in the country to have just two head football coaches since 1979.

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**FERENTZ TOPS IN LONGEVITY**

Kirk Ferentz completed his 22nd season as Iowa's head football coach in 2020. He is the longest tenured active head coach in college football. Ferentz was named Iowa head coach on Dec. 2, 1998. Gary Patterson of TCU is No. 2 in coaching tenure. Patterson's first year with the Horned Frogs was 2001. Among Big Ten coaches, only Pat Fitzgerald (2006) has been at his current school for 10 seasons or more. Iowa is the only school to have just two head football coaches since 1979.

Defensive coordinator Phil Parker is in his 22nd season on Iowa's staff, his ninth as defensive coordinator. He is the longest tenured defensive coordinator in FBS. Quarterbacks coach Ken O'Keefe was on Ferentz's original coaching staff before he left for the NFL

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following the 2011 season. He returned to Iowa in 2017 to coach Iowa's quarterbacks.

Ferentz is the only Division I coach to coach three sons. Brian Ferentz, a former Hawkeye letterman and captain (2003-05), is in his eighth season on Iowa's coaching staff. James Ferentz was a three-year starter on the Hawkeye offensive line and a team captain before graduating in 2013. Steven was an offensive lineman and letterwinner in 2015 and 2016.

## IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes finished the season ranked 15th in the coaches poll and 16th in the AP poll. It marks the 26th time in program history that Iowa finished the season ranked in the top 25. Iowa has finished ranked 15th or better in the AP poll six times in 21 seasons under head coach Kirk Ferentz. These are Iowa's most recent wins versus nationally-ranked opponents:

### Home:

28-7 over #25 Wisconsin 12/12/20  
23-19 over #7 Minnesota, 11/16/19  
55-24 over #3 Ohio State, 11/4/17

### Road:

40-10 over #20 Northwestern, 10/17/15  
10-6 over #18 Wisconsin, 10/3/15  
38-28 over #24 Michigan, 10/16/10

### Neutral:

49-24 over #22 USC, Holiday Bowl, 12/27/19  
27-22 over #18 Mississippi State, Outback Bowl, 1/1/19  
27-24 over #12 Missouri, Insight Bowl, 12/28/10

## ABOUT THE SIX

- Iowa finished the season with six straight Big Ten wins after opening the season with losses at Purdue (24-20) and to Northwestern (21-20).
- Iowa won six straight Big Ten games for the fifth time in the last 30 years (2020, 2015, 2008, 2004, 1991). Iowa won eight straight conference games in 2015 and 2008, and seven straight in 2004 and 1991.
- Iowa scored at least 25 points in each of its six wins. It is the second time in school history Iowa has scored 25 points or more in six straight wins (2015, seven games).

## BIG TEN BOWL GAMES SINCE 2001

The Hawkeyes have been bowl eligible 19 times in the last 20 seasons. Iowa accepted an invitation to the 2020 Music City Bowl, but the game was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz is one bowl win shy of tying Joe Paterno (10) for most bowl wins as a member of the Big Ten Conference. Ferentz has a 9-8 bowl record and has led Iowa to three straight bowl wins, tying its longest such streak in program history. Ferentz's nine bowl wins tie Barry Alvarez for second in Big Ten history.

Seventeen coaches have won 10 or more bowl games in their career. Ferentz's nine bowl wins ties Les Miles (Kansas) for 18th all-time. Among active coaches, only Nick Saban (16), Mack Brown (14), Gary Patterson (11), Kyle Whittingham (11), Mike Gundy (10) and Dabo Swinney (10) have more bowl wins than Ferentz.

Since the 2001 season, only Ohio State (11) and Wisconsin (10) have more bowl wins (including FCS Playoffs and the BCS championship game), than Iowa. Iowa is 17-15-1 all-time in bowl games. The following are the records for Big Ten teams in bowl games since 2001:

| Team           | Record     | Pct.        | Team         | Record | Pct. |
|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------|------|
| Ohio State     | 11-9       | .550        | Nebraska     | 6-8    | .429 |
| <b>IOWA</b>    | <b>9-8</b> | <b>.529</b> | Maryland     | 5-5    | .500 |
| Wisconsin      | 10-9       | .526        | Northwestern | 5-7    | .417 |
| Penn State     | 8-8        | .500        | Purdue       | 4-6    | .400 |
| Michigan State | 7-7        | .500        | Michigan     | 4-12   | .250 |
| Minnesota      | 7-7        | .500        | Illinois     | 2-4    | .333 |
| Rutgers        | 6-3        | .667        | Indiana      | 0-4    | .000 |

## WARMING UP THE ARM

Iowa won its last six games, outscoring its opponents 214-83. Iowa averaged 35.7 points per game and allowed 13.8 ppg during the winning streak.

QB Spencer Petras, an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection, was 92-156 (59.0) with 1,088 passing yards (181.3 ypg) during Iowa's six-game winning streak. He threw eight touchdowns and two interceptions over the last six games. Petras had 245 pass attempts, third most in the Big Ten (Ramsey and Clifford both played nine games). He entered the season with 11 career pass attempts. His 1,569 passing yards ranked fifth in the Big Ten.

The Hawkeyes averaged 31.8 points per game this season, their highest total since 2002 (36.5).

Petras threw for 481 yards in Weeks 1-2, the most by an Iowa quarterback since Jake Rudock passed for 572 yards in the first two games of 2014. His 265 passing yards Week 1 were the most by a Hawkeye quarterback making his first career start since Jon Beutjer in 2000 (380 yards). Petras was the fifth Hawkeye quarterback under Ferentz to make his first career start on opening day. He led the Iowa offense to 460 total yards, its highest total in a Big Ten game since 2018 against Indiana (479).

Petras threw 50 times Week 2 in his Kinnick Stadium debut. The last Iowa quarterback to throw the ball 50 or more times in a game was Jake Rudock, who attempted 56 passes against Maryland in 2014.

## IHMIR SMITH-MARSETTE LEADS RECEIVING CORPS

WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette led Iowa with 345 receiving yards. He set a career-high with 140 receiving yards Dec. 12 against Wisconsin, his final game as a Hawkeye. The 140 receiving yards were the most by a Hawkeye since WR Marvin McNutt had 151 yards against Purdue in 2011. The effort earned Smith-Marsette Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Smith-Marsette caught two touchdown passes against the Badgers and had four touchdowns in the last two games (3 receiving, 1 rushing) of 2020. He scored five touchdowns in 2020,

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and finished his career with 20 touchdowns (14 receiving, 4 rushing, 2 kickoff return). He is one of 18 players in school history with 20 career touchdowns.

Smith-Marsette had 1,615 career receiving yards (18th all-time) on 110 career receptions (17th all-time). He had 3,415 all-purpose yards (10th all-time).

Iowa wide receivers accounted for 80 of the team's 141 receptions (56.7 percent). WR Nico Ragaini, WR Brandon Smith, Smith-Marsette and WR Tyrone Tracy combined for 80 receptions and 921 receiving yards. The receivers had seven of Iowa's nine touchdown receptions (Smith-Marsette 8 yards, 4 yards, 53 yards, 19 yards; Smith 7, 14; Tracy 6), and two of Iowa's rushing touchdowns (Ragaini 1; Smith-Marsette 13).

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## RETURN TO SENDER

Iowa had two of the country's top returners. Junior Charlie Jones led the Big Ten and ranked 11th in the country averaging 10.5 yards per punt return. He had one punt return for a touchdown (54 yards vs. Michigan State). Senior WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette averaged 22.0 yards per kickoff return in 2020 and finished his career ranked No. 2 in Big Ten history in kickoff return average. He averaged 28.7 yards on 53 career kickoff returns. His 1,520 kickoff return yards rank third all-time in program history (Douthitt 1,762; Johnson-Koulianos 1,575).

Jones was named second-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and third-team All-Big Ten by the media. Smith-Marsette was named honorable mention All-Big Ten by the coaches and media.

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## GOODSON LEADS GROUND GAME

RB Tyler Goodson led the Hawkeyes and ranked third in the Big Ten with 762 rushing yards. Goodson had seven rushing touchdowns, tied for fourth in the Big Ten. He was named first-team All-Big Ten by coaches, media and Associated Press.

Iowa ranked third in the Big Ten with 18 rushing touchdowns (Ohio State, Minnesota had 19). The offensive line was led by C Tyler Linderbaum, a first-team All-Big Ten honoree and finalist for the Rimington Trophy. The Hawkeyes scored 60 percent of their offensive touchdowns on the ground (18 rushing, 9 receiving, 2 interception return, 1 punt return).

Goodson had four 100-yard rushing games in 2020. He rushed for 113 yards against Michigan State and a career-high 142 yards against Minnesota. He set a career high with 30 carries against Nebraska, rushing for 111 yards. He rushed for 106 yards against Wisconsin, passing the century mark with an 80-yard touchdown rush in the fourth quarter. That run ties for the 12th longest in school history. It was the longest run by a Big Ten player this season and the longest rushing play by a Hawkeye since Tavian Banks went 82 against Iowa State in 1997.

Goodson led Iowa in rushing attempts (143) and rushing yards (762). He tied for the team lead with seven rushing touchdowns (15, 3, 9, 7, 1, 10, 80). He has 1,400 career rushing yards (28th all-time). Goodson had two multi-touchdown games in 2020. He had two rushing touchdowns (3, 9) Week 3 vs. Michigan State, and two more Week 4 at Minnesota (7, 1).

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## SARGENT HITS PAY DIRT

RB Mekhi Sargent tied for fourth in the Big Ten with seven rushing touchdowns (15, 3, 9, 7, 1, 10, 2). He was named honorable mention All-Big Ten by the coaches and media. His two-yard rushing score against Nebraska was the 20th rushing touchdown of his career. He is the 11th player in school history to have 20 career rushing touchdowns. He also has one career receiving touchdown. Sargent ranked seventh in the Big Ten averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

Sargent rushed 15 times for 101 yards against Penn State, his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and the third of his career. He finished his career with 1,740 career rushing yards, 20th all-time in program history.

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## DUNCAN GETTING HIS KICKS

Senior K Keith Duncan made 14-of-18 on field goal attempts in 2020. His 14 made field goals led the conference. He kicked four field goals, including two in the fourth quarter, against Nebraska. His first fourth-quarter field goal against Nebraska (48 yards) broke a 20-20 tie and helped him earn Big Ten co-Player of the Week honors. Duncan finished his career with 252 career points, sixth most in program history.

Duncan was named second-team All-Big Ten by the Associated Press and third-team All-Big Ten by Big Ten coaches and media. He was a semifinalist for the Burlsworth Award, presented to the most outstanding football player in America who began his career as a walk-on.

Duncan is Iowa's all-time career leader in field goal percentage (82.5). He made 52-of-63 career field goal attempts. His 52 career field goals made rank fourth in program history. He was 21-of-21 in his career inside 30 yards, has a school-record 20 field goals made of 40 or more yards and made 62 consecutive PATs to end his career. The only missed PAT of his career was blocked.

Duncan had two game-winning field goals in his career. He kicked a 33-yard field goal as time expired to defeat No. 2 Michigan, 14-13, at home in 2016. He connected on a 48-yard attempt to give Iowa a 27-24 lead with one second left at Nebraska in 2019.

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## DUNCAN NAMED BIG TEN CO-SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK vs. NEBRASKA

K Keith Duncan was named Big Ten Co-Special Teams Player of the Week following No. 24 Iowa's 26-20 win against Nebraska on Nov. 27 to retain the Heroes Trophy for the sixth straight year.

Duncan tied his career high by connecting on four field goals (32, 33, 48, 37) against the Huskers. He was good on two field goals in the fourth quarter, including a 48-yard attempt that broke a 20-20 tie. The two fourth-quarter field goals proved to be the difference in the game, helping Iowa retain the Heroes Trophy and extending the Hawkeyes' winning streak against Nebraska to six.

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## THAT'S NOT A PUNT, THIS IS A PUNT

Melbourne, Australia, native Tory Taylor was named Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year and first-team All-Big Ten by the coaches, media and Associated Press. He ranked third in the Big Ten and 19th in the country averaging 44.1 yards per punt. The freshman downed 18 of his 40 punts inside the 20. He had nine



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punts of 50-plus yards, with a career-high 61 yard punt Week 3 vs. Michigan State. Only six of Taylor's 32 punts were returned (31 yards). Iowa ranked fifth nationally and No. 1 in the Big Ten in net punting (42.9).

Taylor was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award and was named a first-team Freshman All-American by the FWAA.

## TROPHY COLLECTION

The Hawkeyes are 22-4 in their last 26 trophy games, including a 19-4 mark in their last 23 rivalry trophy games (Iowa State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin) and a 3-0 mark in their last three bowl appearances. Iowa defeated Boston College, 27-20, at the 2017 Pinstripe Bowl; #18 Mississippi State, 27-22, at the 2019 Outback Bowl; and #22 USC, 49-24, at the 2019 Holiday Bowl. Iowa's 2020 Music City Bowl game was cancelled.

In Iowa's three trophy games of 2020, the Hawkeyes defended Floyd of Rosedale at Minnesota on Nov. 13 (W, 35-7), the Heroes Trophy with a 26-20 win on Nov. 27 against Nebraska and reclaimed the Heartland Trophy on Dec. 12 with a 28-7 win vs. Wisconsin. Iowa will maintain possession of the Cy-Hawk Trophy vs. Iowa State due to the Big Ten's decision to play a conference-only schedule. Iowa won the last meeting against Iowa State, 18-17, in Ames, Iowa, on Sept. 14, 2019.

| Trophy            | Opponent      | Date  | Result   |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|----------|
| Floyd of Rosedale | at Minnesota  | 11/13 | W, 35-7  |
| Heroes            | vs. Nebraska  | 11/27 | W, 26-20 |
| Heartland         | vs. Wisconsin | 12/12 | W, 28-7  |

## OFFENSIVE LINE NAMED SEMIFINALIST FOR JOE MOORE AWARD

Iowa's offensive line unit was one of 11 semifinalists for the 2020 Joe Moore Award, given to the top offensive line unit in college football. Iowa was one of two Big Ten units (Ohio State) to be named a semifinalist. The Hawkeyes' offensive line won the award in 2016.

Iowa ranked second in the Big Ten in scoring (31.8), while averaging 368.6 yards total offense and 171.0 rushing yards per game.

Most recently, Iowa's offensive line helped the Hawkeyes rush for 127 yards and gain 338 yards of total offense against a Wisconsin defense that was allowing only 72.3 yards rushing and 229.3 total yards per game.

Three Hawkeyes started all eight games on Iowa's offensive front; senior Alaric Jackson at left tackle, sophomore center Tyler Linderbaum, and senior guard Cole Banwart, who started at both left and right guard positions.

Working through a number of injuries, three different Hawkeyes started at right tackle.

Graduate transfer Coy Cronk started the opening two games at right tackle but missed six games due to injury. Junior Mark Kallenberger started at that position in wins over Michigan State, at Minnesota and at Penn State, before suffering an injury and missing two games. Sophomore Jack Plumb started at right tackle in wins over Nebraska and Illinois before Kallenberger returned to the lineup against Wisconsin.

Junior Kyler Schott and sophomore Cody Ince rotated at the guard positions with Banwart. Ince started the last six games at left

guard. Schott started at left guard in the opening contest and at right guard against Northwestern. He then missed three games due to illness before returning to rotate in the offensive line in Iowa's final two wins.

## JONES NAMED BIG TEN SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK vs. MSU

WR Charlie Jones was named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week following Iowa's 49-7 win over Michigan State on Nov. 7. The award was the first of Jones's career and the first for a Hawkeye this season.

In the second quarter, Jones returned a punt 54 yards for a touchdown. It was his first career punt return for a touchdown, and Iowa's first since 2018 (Kyle Groeneweg, 61 yards at Illinois).

Jones totaled 105 punt return yards on five returns (21.0 avg). He also had two rushes for 38 yards to tally a game-high 143 all-purpose yards.

## VANVALKENBURG NAMED BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK vs. MINNESOTA

DE Zach VanValkenburg was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week following Iowa's 35-7 win at Minnesota on Nov. 13. The award was the first of VanValkenburg's career, and the second weekly conference honor for the Hawkeyes.

VanValkenburg posted five total tackles (four solo) and a career-high three sacks (15 yards) to help Iowa retain the Floyd of Rosedale trophy. The three sacks were the most by a Hawkeye since A.J. Epenesa registered 4.5 sacks against Nebraska in 2019. VanValkenburg was a key cog in the Iowa defense that nearly posted a shutout against a Minnesota offense that entered the contest averaging 36.3 points per game.

## SMITH-MARSETTE NAMED BIG TEN OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK vs. WISCONSIN

WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week following No. 16 Iowa's 28-7 win against Wisconsin on Dec. 12. The win helped Iowa regain possession of the Heartland Trophy.

Smith-Marsette tied his career high with seven receptions and recorded a career-best 140 receiving yards. He caught touchdowns of 19 and 53 yards, the 19th and 20th touchdowns of his career. The 140 receiving yards are the most by a Hawkeye since WR Marvin McNutt had 151 yards against Purdue in 2011.

## BIG NIEMANN ON CAMPUS

Senior LB Nick Niemann, a third-team All-Big Ten selection by the coaches and honorable mention by the media, led the Hawkeyes and ranked fifth in the Big Ten with 77 tackles. He entered the season with 80 career tackles, including a season-high 43 as a sophomore in 2018. He recorded a career-best 17 tackles Week 5 at Penn State, the most by a Hawkeye since LB Anthony Hitchens made 19 stops against Iowa State in 2012. Niemann was one of three Hawkeyes this season to register 13 or more tackles in a single game (FS Jack Koerner 13 vs. Purdue; LB Seth Benson 13 vs. Northwestern).



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### BENSON STARTS AND FINISHES

Sophomore LB Seth Benson started the last seven games of the season, his first career starts. He was Iowa's leading tackler in weeks 2-3 and tied for the team lead in Week 4. He recorded a career-high 13 tackles in his first career start Week 2 against Northwestern. It was Benson's first appearance of the season after missing the opener with an injury. He had a team-high eight tackles Week 3 vs. Michigan State, and tied for the team lead with seven stops at Minnesota. His 47 tackles rank second on the team. Benson appeared in all 13 games as a redshirt freshman in 2019, and saw limited action in three games as a true freshman in 2018. He entered his first career start with 11 career tackles.

### GOING THE OTHER WAY

The Hawkeyes ranked third in the Big Ten with 11 interceptions (Indiana 17; Northwestern 14). Iowa has 64 interceptions since 2017, tied for the most by any team in the country.

The Hawkeyes had at least one interception in 12 straight games before not collecting an interception Week 6 vs. Nebraska. Iowa had 18 total interceptions during that stretch. Iowa intercepted two passes in the season opener, one in Week 2, three in Week 3, two in Week 4, and two in Week 5. The last time Iowa had a stretch of at least 12 games with an interception was 2008, when the Hawkeyes intercepted a pass in each of the 13 games.

FS Jack Koerner tied for sixth in the Big Ten with three interceptions. LB Barrington Wade and DB Riley Moss each have two interceptions. LB Jack Campbell, DE Chauncey Golston, DB Matt Hankins and DL Daviyon Nixon each had one.

Moss returned his interception 54 yards Week 3 against Michigan State to extend the Hawkeyes' streak of consecutive seasons with a pick-six to 13. Iowa has had at least one interception returned for a touchdown in 18 of the last 20 seasons. Nixon returned his interception 71 yards for a pick six Week 5, the 14th longest interception return in program history.

### REINVENTING THE STADIUM WAVE

In a tradition that started at the 2017 season opener, players, coaches, and fans inside Kinnick Stadium exchange waves at the end of the first quarter with patients and families inside the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital. The tradition continued in 2020, with limited fans inside Kinnick Stadium.

The UI Stead Family Children's Hospital opened in 2017. It is connected to the south end of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and overlooks Kinnick Stadium from the southeast grandstands. During Iowa football home games, patients and their families can watch the game from the top floor (Level 12), one of the highest vantage points in Iowa City. Due to the COVID pandemic, patients and their families must stay in their rooms and wave in 2020.

The University of Iowa football program received the prestigious 2017 Disney Sports Spirit Award after launching the heart-warming tradition that touched the lives of scores of young patients at the University's Stead Family Children's Hospital.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

The Big Ten Conference announced Oct. 12 that Iowa would play two Friday games in 2020. The Hawkeyes defended Floyd of Rosedale under the lights at Minnesota on Nov. 13, defeating the Gophers, 35-7. Iowa defended the Heroes Trophy on Nov. 27, defeating Nebraska at Kinnick Stadium, 26-20.

### IOWA LEADERSHIP GROUP

The University of Iowa football program's Leadership Group included 22 student-athletes -- nine seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores, and four redshirt freshmen. The purpose of the group is to assist in formulating policies and being involved in team decision-making throughout the year. Players were selected following coaching staff and player input.

The group consisted of seniors Cole Banwart, Keith Duncan, Chauncey Golston, Matt Hankins, Alaric Jackson, Nick Niemann, Mekhi Sargent, Austin Schulte and Brandon Smith; juniors, Ivory Kelly-Martin and Jack Koerner; sophomores Dane Belton, Seth Benson, Jack Campbell, Tyler Linderbaum, Spencer Petras, and Tyrone Tracy, Jr.; and redshirt freshmen Jermari Harris, Desmond Hutson, Logan Lee, and Alex Padilla.

### BIG TEN PERFECTION

University of Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has twice navigated the Big Ten regular season schedule with an undefeated record. The Hawkeyes were 8-0 in 2002 and shared the Big Ten championship with Ohio State. The Hawkeyes were 8-0 in 2015, winning the Big Ten West Division title.

Since 1954, when the conference schedule expanded to seven games, only six Big Ten coaches, including Ferentz, have multiple undefeated Big Ten seasons.

| <b>Coach (School)</b>      | <b>Record</b> | <b>Year</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Duffy Daugherty (MSU)      | 7-0           | 1965        |
| Duffy Daugherty (MSU)      | 7-0           | 1966        |
| <b>Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)</b> | <b>8-0</b>    | <b>2002</b> |
| <b>Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)</b> | <b>8-0</b>    | <b>2015</b> |
| Woody Hayes (OSU)          | 7-0           | 1954        |
| Woody Hayes (OSU)          | 7-0           | 1957        |
| Woody Hayes (OSU)          | 7-0           | 1968        |
| Woody Hayes (OSU)          | 7-0           | 1970        |
| Woody Hayes (OSU)          | 8-0           | 1975        |
| Urban Meyer (OSU)          | 8-0           | 2012        |
| Urban Meyer (OSU)          | 8-0           | 2013        |
| Urban Meyer (OSU)          | 8-0           | 2014        |
| Bo Schembechler (Michigan) | 8-0           | 1971        |
| Bo Schembechler (Michigan) | 8-0           | 1980        |
| Bo Schembechler (Michigan) | 8-0           | 1989        |
| Jim Tressel (OSU)          | 8-0           | 2002        |
| Jim Tressel (OSU)          | 8-0           | 2006        |

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| Date    | Opponent         | W/L      | Score | B1G Record | Time | Attendance |
|---------|------------------|----------|-------|------------|------|------------|
| Oct. 24 | *at Purdue       | L        | 20-24 | 0-1        | 3:21 | 900        |
| Oct. 31 | * Northwestern   | L        | 20-21 | 0-2        | 3:16 | 1,432      |
| Nov. 7  | * Michigan State | W        | 49-7  | 1-2        | 3:20 | 1,441      |
| Nov. 13 | * at Minnesota   | W        | 35-7  | 2-2        | 3:14 | 771        |
| Nov. 21 | * at Penn State  | W        | 41-21 | 3-2        | 3:26 | 1,500      |
| Nov. 27 | * Nebraska       | W        | 26-20 | 4-2        | 3:16 | 1,469      |
| Dec. 5  | * at Illinois    | W        | 35-21 | 5-2        | 3:19 | 875        |
| Dec. 12 | * #25 Wisconsin  | W        | 28-7  | 6-2        | 3:16 | 1,445      |
| Dec. 19 | * Michigan       | Canceled |       |            |      |            |
| Dec. 30 | vs. Missouri     | Canceled |       |            |      |            |

\* - Big Ten Conference game, ! - TransPerfect Music City Bowl - Nashville, Tennessee

|                            |                         |  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Overall Record:</b> 6-2 | <b>Home Record:</b> 3-1 | <b>Overall Attendance/Average:</b> 9,883/1,229 |
| <b>Big Ten Record:</b> 6-2 | <b>Away Record:</b> 3-1 | <b>Home Attendance/Average:</b> 5,787/1,447    |
|                            |                         | <b>Away Attendance/Average:</b> 4,096/1,024    |

| Score by Quarters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | OT | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Iowa              | 54  | 88  | 44  | 68  | 0  | 254   |
| Opponents         | 21  | 41  | 42  | 24  | 0  | 128   |

| SCORING          | TD        | FGs          | ( PATs )     |            |          |            |          |          | Pts        |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|
|                  |           |              | Kick         | Rush       | Rcv      | Pass       | DXP      | Saf      |            |
| Duncan           | -         | 14-18        | 26-26        | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 68         |
| Goodson          | 7         | -            | -            | -1-1       | 1        | -          | -        | -        | 46         |
| Sargent          | 7         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 42         |
| Smith-Marsette   | 5         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 30         |
| Smith            | 2         | -            | -            | -          | 1        | -          | -        | -        | 14         |
| Petras           | 2         | -            | -            | -          | -        | 2-2        | -        | -        | 12         |
| Beyer            | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Nixon            | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| LaPorta          | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Tracy            | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Ragaini          | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Jones            | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Moss             | 1         | -            | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 6          |
| Shudak           | -         | 0-1          | -            | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 0          |
| Team             | -         | -            | 0-1          | -          | -        | -          | -        | -        | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>30</b> | <b>14-19</b> | <b>26-27</b> | <b>1-1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2-2</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>254</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>3-6</b>   | <b>15-16</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>1-1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>128</b> |

| FG SEQUENCE    | IOWA                      | OPPONENTS  |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------|
| at Purdue      | (27), (33)                | (29)       |
| Northwestern   | (22), (47), 52            | -          |
| Michigan State | 37                        | 48         |
| at Minnesota   | 50                        | 39         |
| at Penn State  | (40), 50, (24)            | 0          |
| Nebraska       | (32), (33), (48), (37) 51 | (31), (39) |
| at Illinois    | (40), (27)                | -          |
| Wisconsin      | (30), (45)                | 47         |

Numbers in parenthesis indicate FG was made

| PUNTING          | No.       | Yds         | Avg         | Long      | TB       | FC        | I20       | 50+      | Blk      |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Taylor           | 40        | 1765        | 44.1        | 61        | 1        | 20        | 18        | 9        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>40</b> | <b>1765</b> | <b>44.1</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>2186</b> | <b>41.2</b> | <b>60</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>0</b> |

| FIELD GOALS      | FG-Att       | Pct         | 01-19      | 20-29      | 30-39      | 40-49      | 50+        | Lg        | Blk      |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Duncan           | 14-18        | 77.8        | 0-0        | 4-4        | 5-6        | 5-5        | 0-3        | 48        | 0        |
| Shudak           | 0-1          | 0.0         | 0-0        | 0-0        | 0-0        | 0-0        | 0-1        | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>14-19</b> | <b>73.7</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>4-4</b> | <b>5-6</b> | <b>5-5</b> | <b>0-4</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>3-6</b>   | <b>50.0</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>1-1</b> | <b>2-3</b> | <b>0-2</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>1</b> |

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| TEAM STATISTICS (ALL GAMES) | Iowa  | Opp.  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>SCORING</b>              | 254   | 128   |
| Points Per Game             | 31.8  | 16.0  |
| Points Off Turnovers        | 76    | 30    |
| Touchdowns                  | 30    | 17    |
| Field Goals-Attempts        | 14-19 | 3-6   |
| PATs-Attempts               | 29-30 | 16-17 |

|                    |     |     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| <b>FIRST DOWNS</b> | 159 | 141 |
| Rushing            | 68  | 58  |
| Passing            | 82  | 78  |
| Penalty            | 9   | 5   |

|                      |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>RUSHING</b>       |       |       |
| Net yards Rushing    | 1368  | 861   |
| Yards gained rushing | 1537  | 1124  |
| Yards lost rushing   | 169   | 263   |
| Rushing Attempts     | 296   | 303   |
| Average Per Rush     | 4.6   | 2.8   |
| Average Per Game     | 171.0 | 107.6 |
| TDs Rushing          | 18    | 8     |

|                   |           |            |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| <b>PASSING</b>    |           |            |
| Passing Yards     | 1581      | 1649       |
| Comp-Att-Int      | 141-248-5 | 159-275-11 |
| Average Per Pass  | 6.4       | 6.0        |
| Average Per Catch | 11.2      | 10.4       |
| Average Per Game  | 197.6     | 206.1      |
| TDs Passing       | 9         | 9          |

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| <b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b> |          |          |
| Total Plays-Yards    | 544-2949 | 578-2510 |
| Average Per Play     | 5.4      | 4.3      |
| Average Per Game     | 368.6    | 313.8    |

|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>PUNTING</b>   |         |         |
| Number-Yards     | 40-1765 | 53-2186 |
| Average Per Punt | 44.1    | 41.2    |
| Net Punt Average | 42.8    | 36.7    |

|                          |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>     |              |              |
| Kickoff Returns: #-Yards | 12-216       | 15-236       |
| Kickoff Return Average   | 18.0         | 15.7         |
| Punt Returns: #-Yards    | 23-223       | 6-31         |
| Punt Returns Average     | 9.7          | 5.2          |
| Int. Returns: #-Yards    | 11-233       | 5-27         |
| Int. Return Average      | 21.2         | 5.4          |
| Fumbles-Lost             | 11-4         | 13-7         |
| Penalties-Yards          | 38-317       | 39-331       |
| Average Per Game         | 39.6         | 41.4         |
| Time of Possession/Game  | 29:20        | 30:40        |
| 3rd-Down Conversions (%) | 36/107 (34%) | 54/134 (40%) |
| 4th-Down Conversions (%) | 6/9 (67%)    | 8/16 (50%)   |
| Sacks By-Yards           | 22-153       | 11-74        |
| Misc. Yards              | 0            | 0            |

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| ALL PURPOSE      | G        | Rush        | RCV         | PR         | KR         | IR         | Total       | Avg/G        |
|------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Goodson          | 8        | 762         | 152         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 914         | 114.2        |
| Smith-Marsette   | 7        | 54          | 345         | 0          | 176        | 0          | 575         | 82.1         |
| Sargent          | 8        | 432         | 6           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 438         | 54.8         |
| LaPorta          | 8        | 0           | 271         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 271         | 33.9         |
| Jones, C.        | 8        | 38          | 0           | 221        | 0          | 0          | 259         | 32.4         |
| Smith            | 8        | 0           | 231         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 231         | 28.9         |
| Ragaini          | 8        | 1           | 191         | 2          | 0          | 0          | 194         | 24.2         |
| Tracy            | 8        | 22          | 154         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 176         | 22.0         |
| Beyer            | 8        | 0           | 158         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 158         | 19.8         |
| Kelly-Martin     | 7        | 54          | 22          | 0          | 40         | 0          | 116         | 16.6         |
| Moss             | 8        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 111        | 111         | 13.9         |
| Nixon            | 8        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 71         | 71          | 8.9          |
| Pottebaum        | 8        | 0           | 39          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 39          | 4.9          |
| Wade             | 8        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 28         | 28          | 3.5          |
| Williams, G.     | 1        | 28          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 28          | 28.0         |
| Koerner          | 8        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 24         | 24          | 3.0          |
| Kritta           | 1        | 0           | 12          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 12          | 12.0         |
| Padilla          | 2        | 7           | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | 7           | 3.5          |
| Golston          | 8        | 0           | 0           | 0          | 0          | -1         | -1          | -0.1         |
| Petras           | 8        | -4          | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | -4          | -0.5         |
| Team             | 8        | -26         | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0          | -26         | -5.2         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b> | <b>1368</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>223</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>3621</b> | <b>452.6</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>861</b>  | <b>1649</b> | <b>31</b>  | <b>236</b> | <b>27</b>  | <b>2804</b> | <b>350.5</b> |

| TOTAL OFFENSE    | G        | Plays      | Rush        | Pass        | Total       | Avg/G        |
|------------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Petras           | 8        | 277        | -4          | 1569        | 1565        | 195.6        |
| Goodson          | 8        | 143        | 762         | 0           | 762         | 95.2         |
| Sargent          | 8        | 76         | 432         | 0           | 432         | 54.0         |
| Smith-Marsette   | 7        | 7          | 54          | 0           | 54          | 7.7          |
| Kelly-Martin     | 7        | 13         | 54          | 0           | 4           | 7.7          |
| Jones, C.        | 8        | 2          | 38          | 0           | 38          | 4.8          |
| Williams, G.     | 1        | 8          | 28          | 0           | 28          | 28.0         |
| Tracy            | 8        | 2          | 22          | 0           | 22          | 2.8          |
| Padilla          | 2        | 4          | 7           | 12          | 19          | 9.5          |
| Ragaini          | 8        | 1          | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0.1          |
| Team             | 8        | 10         | -26         | 0           | -26         | -5.2         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b> | <b>544</b> | <b>1368</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>2949</b> | <b>368.6</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>578</b> | <b>861</b>  | <b>1649</b> | <b>2510</b> | <b>313.8</b> |

| RUSHING          | G        | Att        | Gain        | Loss       | Net         | Avg        | TD        | Long      | Avg/G        |
|------------------|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Goodson          | 8        | 143        | 812         | 50         | 762         | 5.3        | 7         | 80        | 95.2         |
| Sargent          | 8        | 76         | 441         | 9          | 432         | 5.7        | 7         | 36        | 54.0         |
| Kelly-Martin     | 7        | 13         | 56          | 2          | 54          | 4.2        | 0         | 14        | 7.7          |
| Smith-Marsette   | 7        | 7          | 62          | 8          | 54          | 7.7        | 1         | 31        | 7.7          |
| Jones, C.        | 8        | 2          | 38          | 0          | 38          | 19.0       | 0         | 27        | 4.8          |
| Williams, G.     | 1        | 8          | 28          | 0          | 28          | 3.5        | 0         | 7         | 28.0         |
| Tracy            | 8        | 2          | 22          | 0          | 22          | 11.0       | 0         | 21        | 2.8          |
| Padilla          | 2        | 2          | 7           | 0          | 7           | 3.5        | 0         | 6         | 3.5          |
| Ragaini          | 8        | 1          | 1           | 0          | 1           | 1.0        | 1         | 1         | 0.1          |
| Pottebaum        | 8        | 1          | 0           | 0          | 0           | 0.0        | 0         | 0         | 0.0          |
| Petras           | 8        | 32         | 70          | 74         | -4          | -0.1       | 2         | 10        | -0.5         |
| Team             | 8        | 9          | 0           | 26         | -26         | -2.9       | 0         | 0         | -5.2         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b> | <b>296</b> | <b>1537</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>1368</b> | <b>4.6</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>171.0</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>303</b> | <b>1124</b> | <b>263</b> | <b>861</b>  | <b>2.8</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>33</b> | <b>107.6</b> |

| PASSING          | G        | Effic.        | C-A-I             | Pct.        | Yds.        | TD       | Lng       | Avg/G        |
|------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| Petras           | 8        | 119.98        | 140-245-5         | 57.1        | 1569        | 9        | 53        | 196.1        |
| Padilla          | 2        | 100.40        | 1-2-0             | 50.0        | 12          | 0        | 12        | 6.0          |
| Team             | 8        | 0.00          | 0-1-0             | 0.0         | 0           | 0        | 0         | 0.0          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b> | <b>118.35</b> | <b>141-248-5</b>  | <b>56.9</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>197.6</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>110.99</b> | <b>159-275-11</b> | <b>57.8</b> | <b>1649</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>206.1</b> |

| RECEIVING        | G        | No.        | Yds         | Avg         | TD       | Long      | Avg/G        |
|------------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| LaPorta          | 8        | 27         | 271         | 10.0        | 1        | 24        | 33.9         |
| Smith-Marsette   | 7        | 25         | 345         | 13.8        | 4        | 53        | 49.3         |
| Smith            | 8        | 23         | 231         | 10.0        | 2        | 19        | 28.9         |
| Ragaini          | 8        | 18         | 191         | 10.6        | 0        | 28        | 23.9         |
| Goodson          | 8        | 15         | 152         | 10.1        | 0        | 40        | 19.0         |
| Tracy            | 8        | 14         | 154         | 11.0        | 1        | 24        | 19.2         |
| Beyer            | 8        | 11         | 158         | 14.4        | 1        | 28        | 19.8         |
| Pottebaum        | 8        | 3          | 39          | 13.0        | 0        | 20        | 4.9          |
| Kelly-Martin     | 7        | 3          | 22          | 7.3         | 0        | 17        | 3.1          |
| Kritta           | 1        | 1          | 12          | 12.0        | 0        | 12        | 12.0         |
| Sargent          | 8        | 1          | 6           | 6.0         | 0        | 6         | .08          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>8</b> | <b>141</b> | <b>1581</b> | <b>11.2</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>197.6</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>159</b> | <b>1649</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>68</b> | <b>206.1</b> |

| INTERCEPTIONS    | No.       | Yds        | Avg         | TD       | Lng       |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Koerner          | 3         | 24         | 8.0         | 0        | 19        |
| Wade             | 2         | 28         | 14.0        | 0        | 16        |
| Moss             | 2         | 111        | 55.5        | 1        | 57        |
| Nixon            | 1         | 71         | 71.0        | 1        | 71        |
| Golston          | 1         | -1         | -1.0        | 0        | 0         |
| Campbell         | 1         | 0          | 0.0         | 0        | 0         |
| Hankins          | 1         | 0          | 0.0         | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>11</b> | <b>233</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>71</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>5.4</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>18</b> |

| PUNT RETURNS     | No.       | Yds        | Avg        | TD       | Lng       |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Jones, C.        | 21        | 221        | 10.5       | 1        | 54        |
| Ragaini          | 2         | 2          | 1.0        | 0        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>23</b> | <b>223</b> | <b>9.7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>54</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>5.2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>17</b> |

| FUMBLE RETURNS   | No.      | Yds      | Avg        | TD       | Lng      |
|------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> |

| KICK RETURNS     | No.       | Yds        | Avg         | TD       | Lng       |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Smith-Marsette   | 8         | 176        | 22.0        | 0        | 33        |
| Kelly-Martin     | 2         | 40         | 20.0        | 0        | 23        |
| LaPorta          | 2         | 0          | 0.0         | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>12</b> | <b>216</b> | <b>18.0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>33</b> |
| <b>Opponents</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>15.7</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>24</b> |



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| DEFENSIVE STATISTICS ( |          |            | Tackles )  |            |               | Sacks (       |               | Pass Def ) |           | Fumbles    |          | Blkd     | Saf |
|------------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|-----|
| Player                 | GP       | UT         | AT         | Total      | For Loss      | No-Yards      | Int-Yds       | BrUp       | QBH       | Rcv-Yds    | FF       | Kick     |     |
| Niemann                | 8        | 37         | 40         | 77         | 2.5-4         | .             | .             | .          | .         | 1-0        | .        | .        | .   |
| Benson                 | 8        | 26         | 21         | 47         | 3.0-21        | 2.0-20        | .             | .          | 3         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Golston                | 8        | 24         | 21         | 45         | 8.5-58        | 5.5-47        | 1--1          | 1          | 3         | .          | 1        | .        | .   |
| Nixon                  | 8        | 22         | 23         | 45         | 13.5-56       | 5.5-31        | 1-71          | 1          | 1         | .          | 1        | .        | .   |
| Koerner                | 8        | 26         | 19         | 45         | 2.0-4         | .             | 3-24          | 2          | 1         | .          | .        | 1        | .   |
| Moss                   | 8        | 33         | 10         | 43         | 0.5-2         | .             | 2-111         | 4          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Hankins                | 8        | 28         | 13         | 41         | .             | .             | 1-0           | 5          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Belton                 | 8        | 19         | 14         | 33         | 1.5-7         | 1.0-6         | .             | 5          | .         | .          | 1        | .        | .   |
| VanValkenburg          | 8        | 14         | 16         | 30         | 8.5-35        | 3.5-19        | .             | .          | 2         | 4-0        | 1        | .        | .   |
| Campbell               | 5        | 21         | 8          | 29         | 4.5-21        | 1.0-8         | 1-0           | 3          | .         | .          | 1        | .        | .   |
| Merriweather           | 8        | 13         | 10         | 23         | .             | .             | .             | 1          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Heflin                 | 8        | 13         | 8          | 21         | 3.5-9         | 1.0-5         | .             | .          | 1         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Wade                   | 8        | 8          | 4          | 12         | 1.0-9         | 1.0-9         | 2-28          | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Shannon                | 8        | 6          | 5          | 11         | 0.5-5         | 0.5-5         | .             | 1          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Roberts                | 8        | 6          | 3          | 9          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | 2-0        | .        | .        | .   |
| Evans, J.              | 8        | 3          | 4          | 7          | 2.0-8         | 1.0-3         | .             | 1          | 4         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Kelly-Martin           | 7        | 3          | 2          | 5          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Jacobs                 | 5        | 2          | 2          | 4          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Brents                 | 7        | 1          | 3          | 4          | .             | .             | .             | 1          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Bracy                  | 8        | 3          | 1          | 4          | .             | .             | .             | 1          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Timm                   | 8        | 3          | 1          | 4          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Anderson               | 8        | 2          | 1          | 3          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Black                  | 4        | 1          | 2          | 3          | 0.5-1         | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Linderbaum             | 8        | 3          | .          | 3          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Waggoner               | 4        | .          | 3          | 3          | .             | .             | .             | .          | 1         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Schulte, Q.            | 3        | 3          | .          | 3          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Higgins                | 5        | 2          | .          | 2          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Fisher                 | 7        | 2          | .          | 2          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Lee                    | 2        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Jacobus                | 7        | .          | 1          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Byrd                   | 1        | .          | 1          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Pottebaum              | 8        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Spiewak                | 8        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Klemp                  | 4        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| Sargent                | 8        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| LaPorta                | 8        | 1          | .          | 1          | .             | .             | .             | .          | .         | .          | .        | .        | .   |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>8</b> | <b>330</b> | <b>236</b> | <b>566</b> | <b>52-240</b> | <b>22-153</b> | <b>11-233</b> | <b>26</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>7-0</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | .   |
| <b>Opponents</b>       | <b>8</b> | <b>327</b> | <b>186</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>41-146</b> | <b>11-74</b>  | <b>5-27</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>4-2</b> | <b>6</b> | .        | .   |

# 2020 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

| Game           | Score | First<br>Downs | Rushing<br>Att-Net | Pass.<br>Yards | Passing<br>Com.-Att.-Int | Total<br>Offense | Punts-<br>Avg. | Fum.-<br>Lost | Pen.<br>Yds. |
|----------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Iowa           | 20    | 19             | 36-195             | 265            | 22-39-0                  | 460              | 6-44.2         | 3-2           | 10-100       |
| at Purdue      | 24    | 24             | 27-104             | 282            | 31-50-2                  | 386              | 6-47.5         | 0-0           | 3-21         |
| Northwestern   | 21    | 18             | 60-143             | 130            | 11-18-1                  | 273              | 6-41.7         | 3-2           | 6-45         |
| at Iowa        | 20    | 20             | 23-77              | 216            | 26-51-3                  | 293              | 4-49.0         | 0-0           | 3-20         |
| Michigan State | 7     | 10             | 32-59              | 227            | 17-38-3                  | 286              | 10-40.5        | 1-0           | 8-55         |
| at Iowa        | 49    | 19             | 41-226             | 179            | 16-29-0                  | 405              | 7-45.9         | 1-0           | 6-35         |
| Iowa           | 35    | 20             | 35-235             | 111            | 9-18-1                   | 346              | 3-44.3         | 0-0           | 2-25         |
| at Minnesota   | 7     | 19             | 40-145             | 167            | 16-33-2                  | 312              | 6-36.8         | 0-0           | 8-85         |
| Iowa           | 41    | 24             | 46-175             | 186            | 18-28-0                  | 361              | 5-44.4         | 2-1           | 6-45         |
| at Penn State  | 21    | 19             | 35-62              | 280            | 26-38-2                  | 342              | 4-45.2         | 3-2           | 2-15         |
| Nebraska       | 20    | 20             | 38-143             | 195            | 21-25-0                  | 338              | 5-37.0         | 4-2           | 4-40         |
| at Iowa        | 26    | 22             | 45-129             | 193            | 18-30-1                  | 322              | 2-40.5         | 2-0           | 2-20         |
| Iowa           | 35    | 22             | 38-204             | 220            | 18-28-0                  | 424              | 5-42.0         | 1-0           | 3-22         |
| at Illinois    | 21    | 20             | 38-149             | 199            | 17-35-0                  | 348              | 7-38.0         | 0-0           | 3-30         |
| Wisconsin      | 7     | 11             | 33-56              | 169            | 20-38-1                  | 225              | 9-43.7         | 2-1           | 5-40         |
| at Iowa        | 28    | 13             | 32-127             | 211            | 14-25-0                  | 338              | 8-42.1         | 2-1           | 6-50         |

# 2020 TOP PERFORMANCES

### INDIVIDUAL

|                       |                |   |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| Points                | 16             | Keith Duncan vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20                   |
| Rushing Attempts      | 30             | Tyler Goodson vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20                  |
| Yards Rushing         | 142            | Tyler Goodson at Minnesota, 11/13/20                  |
| Pass Attempts         | 50             | Spencer Petras (26 comp.) vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20  |
| Pass Completions      | 26 (50 att.)   | Spencer Petras vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20             |
| Yards Passing         | 265 (22-of-39) | Spencer Petras at Purdue, 10/24/20                    |
| Receptions            | 7              | 2X, last Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20 |
| Yards Receiving       | 140            | Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20          |
| Yards Total Offense   | 265            | Spencer Petras at Purdue, 10/24/20                    |
| All-Purpose Yards     | 167            | Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20          |
| Yards Punt Returns    | 105            | Charlie Jones vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20             |
| Yards Kickoff Returns | 65             | Ihmir Smith-Marsette at Purdue, 10/24/20              |
| Field Goals Made      | 4              | Keith Duncan vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20                   |
| Extra Points          | 7              | Keith Duncan vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20              |
| Interceptions         | 1              | 11X, last Jack Campbell vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20       |
| Tackles               | 17             | Nick Niemann at Penn State, 11/21/20                  |
| Sacks                 | 3.0            | Zach VanValkenburg at Minnesota, 11/13/20             |
| TFL's                 | 3.0            | 3X, last Daviyon Nixon vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20         |

### TEAM OFFENSE (IOWA HIGHS)

|                     |                |                                 |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Points              | 49             | vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20     |
| Rushing Attempts    | 46             | at Penn State, 11/21/20         |
| Net Yards Rushing   | 235            | at Minnesota, 11/13/20          |
| Pass Attempts       | 51 (26 comp.)  | vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20      |
| Pass Completions    | 26 (51 att.)   | vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20      |
| Yards Passing       | 265 (22-of-39) | at Purdue, 10/24/20             |
| Yards Total Offense | 460            | at Purdue, 10/24/20             |
| Total Plays         | 75             | 2X, last vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20 |
| First Downs         | 24             | at Penn State, 11/21/20         |

### TEAM DEFENSE (OPPONENTS LOWS)

|                     |                |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Points              | 7              | 3X, last vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20 |
| Rushing Attempts    | 27             | at Purdue, 10/24/20              |
| Net Yards Rushing   | 56             | vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20          |
| Pass Attempts       | 18 (11 comp.)  | vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20       |
| Pass Completions    | 11 (18 comp.)  | vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20       |
| Yards Passing       | 130 (11-of-18) | vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20       |
| Yards Total Offense | 225            | vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20          |
| Total Plays         | 70             | vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20      |
| First Downs         | 10             | vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20      |

### LONGEST PLAYS

|                     |                    |   |
|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| Run                 | 80                 | Tyler Goodson vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20           |
| Reception           | 53                 | Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20    |
| Field Goal          | 47                 | Keith Duncan vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20         |
| Interception Return | 71 (TD)            | Daviyon Nixon at Penn State, 11/21/20           |
| Fumble Return       | --                 |   |
| Punt Return         | 54 (TD)            | Charlie Jones vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20       |
| Kickoff Return      | 33                 | Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Northwestern, 10/31/20 |
| Scoring drive       | 88 (10-5:35)       | at Illinois, 12/5/20                            |
| Non-scoring drive   | 59 (7 plays, 2:35) | at Purdue, 10/24/20                             |

## 2020 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

## OFFENSE

| Opponent              | WR        | TE/WR     | LT        | LG       | C          | RG        | RT              | QB       | RB        | FB/TE/WR  | WR/TE          |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| at Purdue             | Smith     | LaPorta   | Jackson   | Schott   | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Cronk           | Petras   | Goodson   | Beyer     | Smith-Marsette |
| Northwestern          | Smith     | LaPorta   | Jackson   | Schott   | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Cronk           | Petras   | Goodson   | Ragaini   | Smith-Marsette |
| Michigan State        | Smith     | LaPorta   | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Kallengerberger | Petras   | Goodson   | Ragaini   | Tracy, Jr.     |
| at Minnesota          | Smith     | Beyer     | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Kallengerberger | Petras   | Goodson   | Pottebaum | Tracy, Jr.     |
| at Penn State         | Smith     | LaPorta   | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Kallengerberger | Petras   | Goodson   | Beyer     | Smith-Marsette |
| Nebraska              | Smith     | LaPorta   | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Plumb           | Petras   | Goodson   | Beyer     | Smith-Marsette |
| at Illinois           | Smith     | Beyer     | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Plumb           | Petras   | Goodson   | Pottebaum | Tracy, Jr.     |
| Wisconsin             | Smith     | Beyer     | Jackson   | Ince     | Linderbaum | Banwart   | Kallengerberger | Petras   | Sargent   | Pottebaum | Tracy, Jr.     |
| <b>Consec. Starts</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>1</b>        | <b>8</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>       |
| <b>Career Starts</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>9</b>        | <b>8</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>12</b>      |

\* Cronk made 40 career starts at Indiana

## DEFENSE

| Opponent              | RE            | DT       | DT        | LE        | WLB       | MLB      | LEO/CASH | CB        | CB        | SS           | FS/LB     |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| at Purdue             | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Jacobs    | Niemann  | Wade     | Hankins   | Moss      | Belton       | Koerner   |
| Northwestern          | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Belton   | Hankins   | Moss      | Merriweather | Koerner   |
| Michigan State        | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Belton   | Hankins   | Moss      | Merriweather | Koerner   |
| at Minnesota          | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Wade     | Hankins   | Moss      | Belton       | Koerner   |
| at Penn State         | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Belton   | Hankins   | Moss      | Merriweather | Koerner   |
| Nebraska              | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Shannon   | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Belton   | Hankins   | Moss      | Merriweather | Koerner   |
| at Illinois           | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Belton   | Hankins   | Moss      | Merriweather | Koerner   |
| Wisconsin             | VanValkenburg | Nixon    | Heflin    | Golston   | Niemann   | Benson   | Wade     | Hankins   | Moss      | Belton       | Koerner   |
| <b>Consec. Starts</b> | <b>8</b>      | <b>8</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>     | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Career Starts</b>  | <b>8</b>      | <b>9</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>12</b>    | <b>19</b> |

\* Heflin made 29 career starts at Northern Illinois

## Offense Career Starts

## Quarterback

Spencer Petras (8)

## Wide Receiver

Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (12)

Nico Ragaini (4)

Brandon Smith (27)

Ihmir Smith-Marsette (20)

## Running Back

Tyler Goodson (11)

Ivory Kelly-Martin (6)

Mekhi Sargent (13)

## Fullback

Monte Pottebaum (3)

## Tight End

Shaun Beyer (14)

Sam Laporta (7)

## Offensive Line

Cole Banwart (17)

Coy Cronk (42)

Cody Ince (6)

Alaric Jackson (42)

Mark Kallengerberger (9)

Tyler Linderbaum (21)

Jack Plumb (2)

Kyler Schott (9)

## Defense Career Starts

## Defensive End

Chauncey Golston (21)

Zach VanValkenburg (8)

## Defensive Line

Jack Heflin (36)

Daviyon Nixon (9)

Austin Schulte (2)

Noah Shannon (1)

## Linebacker

Dane Belton (9)

Seth Benson (7)

Jack Campbell (1)

Djimon Colbert (23)

Jestin Jacobs (1)

Nick Niemann (21)

Barrington Wade (4)

## Defensive Back

Dane Belton (3)

Julius Brents (5)

Matt Hankins (27)

Jack Koerner (19)

Kaevon Merriweather (6)

Riley Moss (15)



# 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL

## A LOOK BACK

# RED ZONE STATISTICS

|                  | Times<br>In 20   | Times<br>Scored | Total<br>Pts | TDs                  | Rush<br>TDs | Pass<br>TDs | FGs<br>Made      | ----- Failed to Score inside 20 ----- |       |     |     |      |      |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|------|------|
|                  |                  |                 |              |                      |             |             |                  | FGA                                   | Downs | Int | Fum | Half | Game |
| Iowa             | 5                | 4               | 20           | 2                    | 2           | 0           | 2                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0    |
| at Purdue        | 5                | 4               | 24           | 3                    | 0           | 3           | 1                | 0                                     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Iowa          | 3                | 3               | 17           | 2                    | 1           | 1           | 1                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Northwestern     | 3                | 3               | 21           | 3                    | 3           | 0           | 0                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Iowa          | 7                | 5               | 35           | 5                    | 4           | 1           | 0                | 1                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 1    | 0    |
| Michigan State   | 1                | 1               | 7            | 1                    | 1           | 0           | 0                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Iowa             | 5                | 5               | 35           | 5                    | 4           | 1           | 0                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Minnesota     | 3                | 1               | 7            | 1                    | 0           | 1           | 0                | 1                                     | 0     | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Iowa             | 5                | 5               | 31           | 4                    | 4           | 0           | 1                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Penn State    | 1                | 1               | 7            | 1                    | 1           | 0           | 0                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Iowa          | 5                | 5               | 23           | 2                    | 1           | 1           | 3                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Nebraska         | 4                | 4               | 20           | 2                    | 2           | 0           | 2                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Iowa             | 4                | 4               | 25           | 3                    | 1           | 2           | 1                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Illinois      | 2                | 1               | 7            | 1                    | 0           | 1           | 0                | 0                                     | 1     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| at Iowa          | 2                | 2               | 11           | 1                    | 0           | 1           | 1                | 0                                     | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Wisconsin        | 3                | 1               | 7            | 1                    | 1           | 0           | 0                | 0                                     | 1     | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Iowa Totals      | 36               | 33              | 197          | 24                   | 17          | 7           | 9                | 1                                     | 0     | 0   | 1   | 1    | 0    |
| Opponent Totals  | 22               | 16              | 100          | 13                   | 8           | 5           | 3                | 1                                     | 2     | 3   | 0   | 0    | 0    |
| Iowa Percentage: | 91.7% (33 of 36) |                 |              | Opponent Percentage: |             |             | 72.7% (16 of 22) |                                       |       |     |     |      |      |

# FINAL BIG TEN & NCAA RANKINGS

## IOWA IN FINAL BIG TEN AND NCAA RANKINGS

### TEAM RANKINGS

| Category                          | Stat   | B1G | NCAA |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----|------|
| Net Punting                       | 42.9   | 1   | 4    |
| Red Zone Offense                  | 0.917  | 1   | 10   |
| Defensive TDs                     | 2      | 2   | 21   |
| Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game     | 39.6   | 2   | 14   |
| Kickoff Return Defense            | 15.7   | 2   | 5    |
| Scoring Defense                   | 16.0   | 2   | 6    |
| Scoring Offense                   | 31.8   | 2   | 40   |
| Team Passing Efficiency Defense   | 110.99 | 2   | 7    |
| Total Defense                     | 313.8  | 2   | 8    |
| Turnover Margin Avg.              | 1.1    | 2   | 6    |
| 4th Down Conversion Pct           | 0.667  | 3   | 20   |
| Fewest Penalty Yards              | 317    | 3   | 23   |
| Passes Intercepted                | 11     | 3   | 23   |
| Rushing Defense                   | 107.6  | 3   | 10   |
| Sacks Allowed Per Game            | 1.4    | 3   | 21   |
| Tackles for Loss Allowed Per Game | 5.1    | 3   | 33   |
| Team Sacks Per Game               | 2.8    | 3   | 31   |
| Fewest Penalties Per Game         | 4.8    | 4   | 19   |
| First Downs Allowed               | 141    | 4   | 34   |
| Fumbles Recovered                 | 7      | 4   | 34   |
| Passes Had Intercepted            | 5      | 4   | 32   |
| Punt Return Avg.                  | 9.7    | 4   | 32   |
| Red Zone Defense                  | 0.727  | 4   | 12   |
| Turnovers Lost                    | 9      | 4   | 24   |
| 4th Down Conversion Pct Defense   | 0.500  | 5   | 42   |
| Fewest Penalties                  | 38     | 5   | 29   |
| Passing Yards Allowed             | 206.1  | 5   | 34   |
| Team Tackles for Loss Per Game    | 6.5    | 5   | 48   |
| Turnovers Gained                  | 18     | 5   | 25   |
| Fumbles Lost                      | 4      | 6   | 27   |
| Punt Return Defense               | 5.2    | 6   | 38   |
| Rushing Offense                   | 171.0  | 6   | 58   |
| First Downs Gained                | 159    | 7   | 80   |
| Time of Possession                | 29:14  | 7   | 76   |
| 3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense   | 0.403  | 8   | 62   |
| Total Offense                     | 368.6  | 8   | 87   |
| Kickoff Returns                   | 18     | 9   | 98   |
| Passing Yards per Completion      | 11.2   | 9   | 89   |

### INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

| Category                        | Player               | Stats | B1G | NCAA |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----|------|
| Field Goals Per Game            | Keith Duncan         | 1.8   | 1   | 10   |
| Fumbles Recovered               | Zach VanValkenburg   | 4     | 1   | 1    |
| Punt Return TDs                 | Charlie Jones        | 1     | 1   | 4    |
| Punt Return Avg.                | Charlie Jones        | 10.5  | 1   | 10   |
| Tackles For Loss Per Game       | Daviyon Nixon        | 1.7   | 1   | 13   |
| Scoring                         | Keith Duncan         | 8.5   | 2   | 29   |
| Total Points Scored             | Keith Duncan         | 68    | 2   | 65   |
| Field Goal Percentage           | Keith Duncan         | 0.778 | 3   | 42   |
| Punting Avg.                    | Tory Taylor          | 44.1  | 3   | 19   |
| Rushing Yards                   | Tyler Goodson        | 762   | 3   | 36   |
| Rushing TDs                     | Tyler Goodson        | 7     | 4   | 55   |
| Rushing TDs                     | Mekhi Sargent        | 7     | 4   | 55   |
| Rushing Yards Per Game          | Tyler Goodson        | 95.2  | 4   | 29   |
| Sacks Per Game                  | Chauncey Golston     | 0.7   | 4   | 45   |
| Sacks Per Game                  | Daviyon Nixon        | 0.7   | 4   | 45   |
| Total Tackles Per Game          | Nick Niemann         | 9.6   | 4   | 32   |
| Fumbles Recovered               | Terry Roberts        | 2     | 5   | 12   |
| Passing TDs                     | Spencer Petras       | 9     | 5   | 73   |
| Passing Yards                   | Spencer Petras       | 1,569 | 5   | 66   |
| All Purpose Yards Per Game      | Tyler Goodson        | 114.3 | 6   | 57   |
| Combined Kick Return Yards      | Charlie Jones        | 221   | 6   | 83   |
| Completions Per Game            | Spencer Petras       | 17.5  | 6   | 53   |
| Interceptions Per Game          | Jack Koerner         | 0.4   | 6   | 32   |
| Passing Yards Per Game          | Spencer Petras       | 196.1 | 6   | 66   |
| Points Responsible For          | Spencer Petras       | 76    | 6   | 110  |
| Total Interceptions             | Jack Koerner         | 3     | 6   | 31   |
| Points Responsible For          | Keith Duncan         | 68    | 7   | 131  |
| Points Responsible For Per Game | Spencer Petras       | 9.5   | 7   | 85   |
| Rush Yards Per Carry            | Tyler Goodson        | 5.3   | 7   | 58   |
| Total Touchdowns                | Tyler Goodson        | 7     | 7   | 95   |
| Total Touchdowns                | Mekhi Sargent        | 7     | 7   | 95   |
| Passing Yards per Completion    | Spencer Petras       | 11.2  | 8   | 76   |
| Total Interceptions             | Riley Moss           | 2     | 8   | 67   |
| Total Interceptions             | Barrington Wade      | 2     | 8   | 67   |
| Completion Percentage           | Spencer Petras       | 0.571 | 9   | 84   |
| Total Offense                   | Spencer Petras       | 195.6 | 9   | 79   |
| Combined Kick Return Yards      | Ihmir Smith-Marsette | 176   | 10  | 119  |
| Yards per Pass Attempt          | Spencer Petras       | 6.4   | 10  | 91   |
| Interceptions Per Game          | Riley Moss           | 0.2   | 11  | 88   |
| Interceptions Per Game          | Barrington Wade      | 0.2   | 11  | 88   |
| Points Responsible For Per Game | Keith Duncan         | 8.5   | 11  | 109  |
| Fumbles Recovered               | Nick Niemann         | 1     | 12  | 89   |
| Rushing Yards                   | Mekhi Sargent        | 432   | 12  | 150  |
| Sacks Per Game                  | Zach VanValkenburg   | 0.44  | 13  | 139  |
| Rushing Yards Per Game          | Mekhi Sargent        | 54    | 14  | 118  |
| Yards per Reception             | Ihmir Smith-Marsette | 13.8  | 15  | 157  |

# INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

## PASSING

### Alex Padilla (RS Fr.)

Att: 2 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Comp: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 12 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 12 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Spencer Petras (RS So.)

Att: 50 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Comp: 26 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Yards: 265 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Long: 53 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
TD: 3 at Illinois (12/5/20)

### Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Sr.)

Att: 1 vs. USC, 12/27/19

## RUSHING

### Max Cooper (Sr.)

Att: 1 at Indiana (10/13/18)  
Yards: 9 at Indiana (10/13/18)  
Long: 9 at Indiana (10/13/18)

### Tyler Goodson (So.)

Att: 30 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Yards: 142 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Long: 80 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
TD: 2, 2X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)

### Charlie Jones (Jr.)

Att: 2 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 38 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 27 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Ivory Kelly-Martin (Jr.)

Att: 24 vs. Maryland (10/20/18)  
Yards: 98 vs. Maryland (10/20/18)  
Long: 57 at Nebraska (11/24/17)  
TD: 2 vs. North Texas (9/16/17)

### Alex Padilla (RS Fr.)

Att: 2 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 7 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 6 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Turner Pallissard (So.)

Att: 1 vs. MTSU (9/28/19)

### Spencer Petras (RS So.)

Att: 7 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Yards: 14, 2X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Long: 10 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
TD: 1, 3X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)

### Monte Pottebaum (So.)

Att: 1, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)

### Nico Ragaini (So.)

Att: 1, 2X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Yards: 2 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
Long: 2 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
TD: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

### Mekhi Sargent (Sr.)

Att: 26 vs. Nebraska (11/23/18)  
Yards: 173 vs. Nebraska (11/23/18)  
Long: 36 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
TD: 2, 5X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)

### Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Sr.)

Att: 2, 7X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Yards: 45 at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
Long: 45 at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
TD: 1, 4X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)

### Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (So.)

Att: 1, 9X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Yards: 23 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
Long: 23 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
TD: 1 vs. USC, 12/27/19

### Gavin Williams (Fr.)

Att: 8 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 28 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 7 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

## RECEIVING

### Shaun Beyer (Sr.)

Catches: 3 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
Yards: 40 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
Long: 40 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
TD: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)

### Max Cooper (Sr.)

Catches: 1, 4X, last at Wisconsin (11/9/19)  
Yards: 7 vs. UNI (9/15/18)  
Long: 7 vs. UNI (9/15/18)

### Tyler Goodson (So.)

Catches: 5, 2X, last at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Yards: 62 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Long: 40 at Purdue (10/24/20)

### Ivory Kelly-Martin (Jr.)

Catches: 3 vs. Northwestern (11/10/18)  
Yards: 40 at Minnesota (10/6/18)  
TD: 1 vs. Illinois (10/7/17)  
Long: 25, 2X, last vs. Rutgers (9/7/19)

### Alec Kritta (RS Fr.)

Catches: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 12 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 12 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Sam LaPorta (So.)

Catches: 6, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Yards: 71 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Long: 41 at Northwestern (10/26/19)  
TD: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)

### Monte Pottebaum (So.)

Catches: 1, 3X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Yards: 20 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Long: 20 at Illinois (12/5/20)

### Nico Ragaini (So.)

Catches: 7 vs. Penn State (10/12/19)  
Yards: 61 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Long: 45 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
TD: 1, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)

### Mekhi Sargent (Sr.)

Catches: 4, 2X, last vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
Yards: 65 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
TD: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/23/18)  
Long: 48 vs. UNI (9/15/18)

### Brandon Smith (Sr.)

Catches: 9 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
Yards: 106 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
TD: 2 vs. MTSU (9/28/19)  
Long: 34 at Michigan (10/5/19)

### Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Sr.)

Catches: 7, 2X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Yards: 140 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
TD: 2, 3X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Long: 60 at Minnesota (10/6/18)

### Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (So.)

Catches: 6, 2X, last vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
Yards: 130 at Wisconsin (11/9/19)  
TD: 1, 4X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Long: 75 at Wisconsin (11/9/19)

## DEFENSE

### Nick Anderson (Sr.)

Tackles: 1, 3X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Asst: 1 at Purdue (10/24/20)

### Dane Belton (So.)

Tackles: 6, 2X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Solo: 5 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
Asst: 3, 3X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Sack: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
TFL: 1, 3X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
PB: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
FF: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)

# INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

## Seth Benson (So.)

Tackles: 13 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 10 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Asst: 4 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Sack: 1, 2X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
TFL: 1.5 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
QH: 2 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)

## Shaun Beyer (Sr.)

Tackles: 1 at Penn State (10/27/18)  
Solo: at Penn State (10/27/18)

## Yahya Black (Fr.)

Tackles: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Asst: 1, 2X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
TFL: 0.5 at Penn State (11/21/20)

## Reggie Bracy (Fr.)

Tackles: 2, 2X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Asst: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
PB: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Jack Campbell (So.)

Tackles: 8 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Solo: 6 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Asst: 3 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Sacks: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
TFL: 2.0 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
FF: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
INT: 1 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
PB: 3 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)

## Djimon Colbert (Jr.)

Tackles: 8, 3X, last at Iowa State (9/14/19)  
Solo: 6 vs. Miami, Ohio (8/31/19)  
Asst: 5, 2X, last at Iowa State (9/14/19)  
INT: 1 vs. Rutgers (9/7/19)  
TFL: 1, 3X, last at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
PB: 1, 4X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)  
QH: 1 at Nebraska (11/29/19)

## Max Cooper (Sr.)

Tackles: 1 vs. UNI (9/15/18)  
Solo: 1 vs. UNI (9/15/18)

## Joe Evans (So.)

Tackles: 3, 2X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Solo: 2 vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)  
Asst: 2 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
TFL: 1.5, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)  
Sacks: 1.5, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)  
QH: 3 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
PB: 1 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)

## Kyler Fisher (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 1, 2X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)

## Chauncey Golston (Sr.)

Tackles: 9 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Solo: 5 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Asst: 5 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Sack: 1.5 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
TFL: 2.5 at Northwestern (10/26/19)  
FF: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
FR: 1, 3X, last vs. Mississippi State (1/1/19)  
INT: 1, 3X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
QH: 3 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
PB: 1, 5X, last at Purdue (10/24/20)

## Matt Hankins (Sr.)

Tackles: 11 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
Solo: 8 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
Asst: 4 vs. Boston College (12/27/17)  
TFL: 1 at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
PB: 3 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
INT: 1, 3X, last at Purdue (10/24/20)  
QH: 1 at Nebraska (11/29/19)

## Jermari Harris (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 2 vs. MTSU (9/28/19)  
Solo: 2 vs. MTSU (9/28/19)

## Jack Heflin (Sr.)

Tackles: 7, 3X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 5, 2X, last vs. Toledo (11/1/18)  
Asst: 3, 4X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
TFL: 3.5 vs. Toledo (11/7/18)  
Sacks: 2.5 vs. Toledo (11/7/18)  
FF: 1, 3X, last at Toledo (11/13/19)  
QH: 1, 4X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Blocked Kick: 1 vs. Utah (9/8/18)

## Jay Higgins (Fr.)

Tackles: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Dalles Jacobus (Sr.)

Tackles: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Asst: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

## Jestin Jacobs (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 2 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Asst: 1, 2X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

## Ivory Kelly-Martin (Jr.)

Tackles: 2 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Solo: 1, 5X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Asst: 1, 4X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)

## Logan Klemp (So.)

Tackles: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Solo: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)

## Jack Koerner (Jr.)

Tackles: 13, 2X, last at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Solo: 9 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Asst: 9 vs. Penn State (10/12/19)  
INT: 1, 4X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
FF: 1 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
TFL: 1, 2X, last at Purdue (10/24/20)  
FR: 1, 2X, last vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
PB: 2 at Iowa State (9/14/19)  
QH: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Block: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Sam LaPorta (So.)

Tackles: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Solo: 1 vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)

## Logan Lee (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 1 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Tyler Linderbaum (So.)

Tackles: 1, 3X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Solo: 1, 3X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)

## Henry Marchese (Jr.)

Tackles: 1, 2X, last at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
Asst: 1, 2X, last at Nebraska (11/29/19)

## Kaevon Merriweather (So.)

Tackles: 5, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 3 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Asst: 3, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
PB: 1, 2X, last at Illinois (12/5/20)

## Riley Moss (Jr.)

Tackles: 9 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 7 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Asst: 3 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
TFL: 1 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
INT: 2 at Minnesota (10/6/18)  
PB: 2 vs. Maryland (10/20/18)

## Nick Niemann (Sr.)

Tackles: 17 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Solo: 8 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Asst: 11 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
Sack: 1, 2X, last vs. USC, 12/27/19  
TFL: 1, 4X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
INT: 1 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
INT TD: 1 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
FR: 1 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
QH: 1, 3X, last at Iowa State (9/14/19)



# INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

## Daviyon Nixon (Jr.)

Tackles: 11 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 6 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Asst: 5 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Sack: 2 at Northwestern (10/26/19)  
TFL: 3, 2X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
FF: 1 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
QH: 1, 6X, last at Penn State (11/21/20)  
PB: 1 at Northwestern (10/26/19)  
INT: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)

## Monte Pottebaum (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Solo: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)

## Terry Roberts (So.)

Tackles: 5 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 4 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Asst: 2, 3X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
FR: 1, 2X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)

## Mekhi Sargent (Sr.)

Tackles: 1, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)

## Austin Schulte (Sr.)

Tackles: 4 vs. Penn State (10/12/19)  
Solo: 2 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
Asst: 3 vs. Penn State (10/12/19)  
TFL: 1 vs. Penn State (10/12/19)  
QH: 1 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)

## Quinn Schulte (RS Fr.)

Tackles: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Solo: 2 at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Noah Shannon (So.)

Tackles: 2, 5X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Solo: 2, 2X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
Asst: 2, 2X, last vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Sack: 0.5 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
TFL: 0.5 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
FF: 1 vs. Rutgers (9/7/19)  
FR: 1 vs. Rutgers (9/7/19)  
PB: 1 at Penn State (11/21/20)

## Caleb Shudak (Sr.)

Tackles: 1, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (11/16/19)

## Brandon Smith (Sr.)

Tackles: 1 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Asst: 1 at Michigan (10/5/19)

## Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Sr.)

Tackles: 1, 2X, last vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
Solo: 1, 2X, last vs. Illinois (11/23/19)

## Austin Spiewak (Sr.)

Tackles: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)  
Solo: 1 at Illinois (12/5/20)

## Mike Timm (So.)

Tackles: 3 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Solo: 2 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Asst: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

## Tyrone Tracy, Jr. (So.)

Tackles: 1 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Solo: 1 at Michigan (10/5/19)

## Zach VanValkenburg (Sr.)

Tackles: 7 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Solo: 4 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
Asst: 5 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Sack: 3.0 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
TFL: 3.0 at Minnesota (11/13/20)  
FF: 1 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
FR: 2 at Penn State (11/21/20)  
QH: 1, 2X, last at Minnesota (11/13/20)

## Barrington Wade (Sr.)

Tackles: 5 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Solo: 4 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Asst: 3 vs. MTSU (9/28/19)  
TFL: 1 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
Sack: 1 at Purdue (10/24/20)  
INT: 1, 2X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

## John Waggoner (So.)

Tackles: 1, 5X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Solo: 1 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
Asst: 1, 4X, last vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
TFL: 1 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
Sack: 1 vs. Purdue (10/19/19)  
QH: 1 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)

## PUNT RETURNS

### Max Cooper (Sr.)

Returns: 2 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
Yards: 16 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
Long: 16 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)

### Charlie Jones (Jr.)

Returns: 5 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Yards: 105 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 54 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
TD: 1 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Nico Ragaini (So.)

Returns: 4 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Yards: 54 at Michigan (10/5/19)  
Long: 17 at Michigan (10/5/19)

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### Ivory Kelly-Martin (Jr.)

Returns: 3, 3X, last at Wisconsin (11/11/17)  
Yards: 67 vs. Penn State (9/23/17)  
Long: 35 at Michigan State (9/30/17)

### Sam LaPorta (So.)

Returns: 1, 2X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)

### Monte Pottebaum (So.)

Returns: 1 at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
Yards: 10 at Nebraska (11/29/19)  
Long: 10 at Nebraska (11/29/19)

### Ihmir Smith-Marsette (Sr.)

Returns: 5 vs. Mississippi State (1/1/19)  
Yards: 150 vs. Mississippi State (1/1/19)  
Long: 98 vs. USC, 12/27/19  
TD: 1, 2X, last vs. USC, 12/27/19

## SPECIALISTS

### Keith Duncan (Sr.)

FG: 4, 4X, last vs. Nebraska (11/27/20)  
FGA: 6 vs. Illinois (11/23/19)  
PAT: 7, 3X, last vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)  
Long: 49, 2X, last at Nebraska (11/29/19)

### Ryan Gersonde (Jr.)

Punts: 5, 2X, last vs. Minnesota (10/28/17)  
Yards: 263 at Northwestern (10/21/17)  
Avg.: 52.6 at Northwestern (10/21/17)  
Long: 61 at Northwestern (10/21/17)

### Tory Taylor (Fr.)

Punts: 8 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Yards: 337 vs. Wisconsin (12/12/20)  
Avg. 49.0 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
Long: 61 vs. Michigan State (11/7/20)

### Caleb Shudak (Sr.)

FGA: 1 vs. Northwestern (10/31/20)  
PAT: 1 at Illinois (11/17/18)

# SUPERLATIVES UNDER FERENTZ

## MOST POINTS

1. 63 at Illinois..... 11-17-18
2. 62 vs. North Texas..... 9-25-15
- 62 vs. Northwestern..... 11-9-02
4. 59 vs. Western Michigan 9-21-13
- 59 vs. Northwestern..... 11-10-01
6. 57 vs. Akron ..... 8-31-02
7. 56 at Nebraska..... 11-24-17
- 56 vs. Ball State ..... 9-3-05
- 56 vs. Buffalo ..... 9-6-03

## FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

1. 0 at Northwestern ..... 10-26-19
- 0 vs. Rutgers ..... 9-7-19
- 0 at Illinois ..... 11-17-18
- 0 vs. Maryland..... 10-20-18
- 0 at Illinois ..... 11-19-16
- 0 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
- 0 vs. Minnesota..... 11-21-09
- 0 at Minnesota..... 11-22-08
- 0 vs. Florida International 9-6-08
- 0 vs. Syracuse ..... 9-8-07
- 0 vs. Ball State ..... 9-3-05
- 0 vs. Kent State ..... 9-1-01
- 0 vs. Northern Illinois ..... 9-18-99

## MOST FIRST DOWNS

1. 30 vs. Mid. Tennessee..... 9-28-19
- 30 vs. Kent State..... 9-1-01
3. 29 at Iowa State..... 9-9-17
- 29 vs. Indiana ..... 9-30-00
- 29 vs. Indiana ..... 10-23-99
6. 28 vs. North Texas..... 9-16-17
- 28 at Purdue ..... 11-9-13
- 28 vs. Louisiana-Monroe 9-24-11
- 28 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
- 28 at Indiana ..... 10-11-08
- 28 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-19-05
- 28 vs. Buffalo ..... 9-6-03

## FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

1. 5 vs. Rutgers ..... 9-7-19
- 5 vs. Syracuse ..... 9-8-07
3. 6 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 9-4-10
- 6 at Minnesota..... 11-22-08
- 6 vs. Penn State ..... 10-23-04
6. 7 vs. Maryland ..... 10-20-18
7. 8 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
- 8 vs. Arizona..... 9-19-09
9. 9 at Purdue..... 9-27-14
- 9 vs. Western Michigan... 9-21-13
- 9 vs. Georgia Tech..... 1-5-10
- 9 vs. Penn State ..... 10-25-03

## MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. 60 at Iowa State..... 9-14-13
- 60 vs. Kent State..... 9-4-04
3. 59 vs. North Texas..... 9-16-17
- 59 vs. Northwestern..... 11-10-01
5. 58 vs. Western Michigan 9-21-13
- 58 vs. Missouri State ..... 9-7-13
7. 56 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-16-02
8. 55 at Illinois..... 11-15-14
9. 53 at Purdue ..... 10-15-16
- 53 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-17-01
11. 52 vs. Maryland ..... 10-20-18
- 52 at Purdue ..... 11-9-13

## FEWEST RUSHING ATT., OPP.

1. 17 by North Texas ..... 9-16-17
- 17 by Miami (Ohio)..... 9-7-02
3. 18 by USC ..... 12-27-19
- 18 by Purdue ..... 10-19-19
5. 19 by Iowa State..... 9-14-19
- 19 by Kent State ..... 9-4-05
7. 20 by Western Michigan 9-21-13
- 20 by Michigan State... 10-30-10
- 20 by Michigan..... 10-26-02
- 20 by Utah State..... 9-21-02
- 20 by Texas Tech..... 11-29-01

## MOST RUSHING YARDS

1. 376 vs. Akron..... 8-31-02
2. 365 at Purdue..... 10-15-16
- 365 vs. Minnesota..... 11-16-02
4. 351 vs. Mid. Tennessee... 9-28-19
5. 318 at Purdue..... 11-9-13
6. 313 at Nebraska ..... 11-24-17
7. 304 at Illinois ..... 11-15-14
8. 301 vs. Illinois..... 10-1-05
9. 300 vs. Utah State ..... 9-21-02
10. 298 vs. Missouri State..... 9-7-13

## FEWEST RUSHING YDS ALLOWED

1. -13 vs. Kent State ..... 9-4-04
2. 6 vs. Northern Iowa..... 9-15-18
3. 7 at Minnesota..... 11-22-08
4. 10 vs. Montana ..... 9-2-06
5. 14 vs. Miami (Ohio) ..... 9-7-02
6. 19 vs. Iowa State ..... 9-8-18
- 19 vs. Wisconsin ..... 10-12-05
8. 22 vs. USC ..... 12-27-19

## MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED

1. 61 vs. Indiana ..... 10-23-99
2. 56 at Maryland..... 10-18-14
3. 55 vs. Ball State..... 9-6-14
- 55 vs. Florida..... 1-1-06
5. 50 at Penn State ..... 10-27-18
- 6. 51 vs. Northwestern. 10-31-20**
- 51 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-20-99
8. 48 vs. Pittsburgh ..... 9-17-11
9. 47 vs. Michigan State ... 11-12-11
10. 46 vs. Michigan State ..... 10-5-13
- 46 vs. Purdue ..... 11-6-04

## MOST PASSES COMPLETED

1. 36 vs. Indiana ..... 9-30-99
2. 35 vs. Ball State..... 9-6-14
3. 32 at Maryland..... 10-18-14
- 32 vs. Florida..... 1-1-06
5. 31 vs. Northern Iowa ..... 8-30-14
- 31 vs. Pittsburgh ..... 9-17-11
7. 30 vs. Indiana ..... 9-30-00
8. 29 vs. Ohio State ..... 10-30-99
9. 28 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-20-99

## FEWEST PASSES ATT., OPPONENT

1. 9 by Georgia Tech ..... 1-5-10
2. 10 by Northwestern..... 10-27-12
3. 13 by Nebraska..... 9-23-00
- 13 by Iowa State..... 9-11-99
5. 14 by Wisconsin..... 11-22-14
- 14 by Minnesota ..... 11-8-14
- 14 by Northwestern..... 10-26-13
- 14 by Nebraska..... 11-23-12
9. 15 by Nebraska..... 9-4-99
10. 16 by Maryland ..... 10-20-18
- 16 by Northern Illinois..... 9-1-12
- 16 by Wisconsin..... 11-13-99

## FEWEST PASSES COMP., OPP.

1. 2 by Georgia Tech ..... 1-5-10
2. 6 by Maryland ..... 10-20-18
- 6 by Northern Illinois..... 9-1-12
- 6 by Iowa State ..... 9-11-99
5. 7 by LSU ..... 1-1-14
- 7 by Indiana ..... 10-11-14
- 7 by Northwestern ..... 10-27-12
- 7 by Syracuse ..... 9-8-07
- 7 by Buffalo..... 9-6-03
10. 8 by Nebraska..... 11-23-12
- 8 by Ball State..... 9-26-10
12. 9 by Minnesota..... 10-28-17
- 9 by Northwestern ..... 11-1-14
- 9 by Maine..... 8-30-08
- 9 by Penn State..... 11-13-04
- 9 by Minnesota..... 10-23-04

## MOST PASSING YARDS

1. 426 vs. Indiana ..... 10-23-99
2. 399 vs. Pittsburgh..... 9-17-11
3. 380 vs. Indiana ..... 9-30-00
4. 377 vs. Minnesota..... 11-19-05
5. 364 at Minnesota..... 11-18-06
6. 357 vs. Purdue ..... 10-8-05

## FEWEST PASSING YDS ALLOWED

1. 12 vs. Georgia Tech ..... 1-5-10
2. 47 vs. Rutgers ..... 9-7-19
- 47 vs. Maryland ..... 10-20-18
4. 54 vs. Northern Illinois..... 9-1-12
5. 56 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
6. 58 vs. Buffalo ..... 9-6-03
7. 63 vs. Nebraska..... 11-23-12
8. 72 at Purdue ..... 9-27-14
9. 73 vs. Minnesota ..... 11-20-04
10. 74 vs. Maryland ..... 10-31-15
11. 75 vs. Northwestern..... 11-1-14
12. 79 vs. Syracuse..... 9-8-07
13. 82 at Illinois..... 11-17-18

## MOST TOTAL OFFENSE

1. 644 vs. Mid. Tennessee ... 9-28-19
2. 613 vs. Minnesota..... 11-19-05
3. 602 vs. Northwestern ... 11-10-01
4. 593 vs. Akron..... 8-31-02
5. 587 at Illinois ..... 11-14-14
6. 562 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
7. 552 vs. Indiana ..... 10-23-99
8. 546 at Minnesota..... 11-18-06
9. 545 vs. Northern Iowa..... 9-15-18

## FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

1. 103 vs. Syracuse ..... 9-8-07
2. 110 vs. Kent State ..... 9-4-04
3. 112 vs. Ball State ..... 9-26-10
4. 115 vs. Maryland ..... 10-20-18
5. 125 vs. Rutgers ..... 9-7-19
6. 134 at Minnesota..... 11-22-08
7. 144 vs. Montana ..... 9-2-06
- 144 vs. Ball State ..... 9-3-05

## PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. OF 4)

1. 53.0 at Northwestern ... 10-21-17
2. 51.5 vs. Western Michigan 9-9-00
3. 51.0 vs. Arizona..... 9-19-09
4. 50.2 vs. Penn State ..... 11-4-00
5. 50.0 vs. Wisconsin..... 11-13-99
6. 49.2 vs. LSU ..... 1-1-05
- 7. 49.0 vs. Northwestern 10-31-20**
- 49.0 vs. Miami (Ohio)..... 9-7-02

## MOST TIME OF POSSESSION

1. 41:53 vs. Kent State..... 9-4-04
2. 40:55 vs. Maryland ..... 10-20-18
3. 40:45 vs. North Texas..... 9-16-17
4. 38:42 vs. Northern Illinois 9-1-12
5. 38:27 vs. Michigan..... 10-26-02
6. 38:18 vs. Missouri State ... 9-7-13
7. 38:07 at Indiana..... 10-11-08
8. 38:03 at Iowa State..... 9-14-13
9. 37:56 vs. Arizona ..... 9-19-09
10. 37:38 vs. Rutgers ..... 9-7-19
11. 37:37 at Minnesota ..... 11-22-08
12. 37:36 vs. Nebraska..... 11-28-14

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# 2020 AWARDS & HONORS

## PHIL PARKER, DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

One of 15 semifinalists for Broyles Award

One of five finalists for Football Scoop Defensive Coordinator of the Year

## OFFENSIVE LINE

Joe Moore Award semifinalist

## NICK ANDERSON

Academic All-Big Ten

## COLE BANWART

Comeback Player of the Year

Third-team All-America by Pro Football Focus

Second-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media

Second-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press

Second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

## DANE BELTON

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media

## SETH BENSON

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, media

Academic All-Big Ten

## SHAUN BEYER

Academic All-Big Ten

Coaches Appreciation Award, offense

## JACK CAMPBELL

Academic All-Big Ten

## JACK COOMBS

Academic All-Big Ten

## DALLAS CRADDIETH

Team Leader Award, defense

## COY CRONK

Outland Trophy preseason Watch List

Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Pick Six Previews

## BRENDAN DEASFERNANDES

Team Leader Award, special teams

## COLTON DINSDALE

Academic All-Big Ten

## KEITH DUNCAN

Permanent Team Captain, special teams

Hayden Fry Award

Reggie Roby Special Team Award, specialist

Brett Greenwood Award

Forest Evashevski Scholastics Achievement Award

Semifinalist for Burlsworth Award

Second-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press

Third-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media

Fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Academic All-Big Ten

Big Ten Conference Co-Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Nebraska

Lou Groza Award preseason Watch List

Preseason first-team All-America by Associated Press

Preseason first-team All-America by USA Today

Preseason first-team All-America by Walter Camp

Preseason first-team All-America by Phil Steele

Preseason first-team All-America by Athlon Sports

Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

## MATT FAGAN

Academic All-Big Ten

## NOAH FENSKE

Academic All-Big Ten

## KYLER FISHER

Next Man In Award, special teams

## JACKSON FRERICKS

Academic All-Big Ten

Team Leader Award, offense

## CHAUNCEY GOLSTON

Permanent Team Captain, defense

Hayden Fry Award

Honorable mention All-America by Phil Steele

First-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media

First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press

First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Semifinalist for Lott IMPACT Trophy

Senior Bowl

Bronko Nagurski Award preseason Watch List

Lott IMPACT Trophy preseason Watch List

Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Pick Six Previews

# **2020 AWARDS & HONORS**

## **TYLER GOODSON**

First-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media  
First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press  
Second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Doak Walker Award preseason Watch List  
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports  
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

## **MATT HANKINS**

Coaches Appreciation Award, defense  
Honorable mention All-Big Ten, media  
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

## **THOMAS HARTLIEB**

Team Leader Award, special teams

## **JACK HEFLIN**

Coaches Appreciation Award, defense  
Hula Bowl

## **CODY INCE**

Fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media

## **ALARIC JACKSON**

Coaches Appreciation Award, offense  
Second-team All-America by America Football Coaches Association (AFCA)  
Third-team All-America by Phil Steele  
First-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media  
First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press  
First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Senior Bowl  
Outland Trophy preseason Watch List  
Preseason first-team All-America by Pick Six Previews  
Preseason second-team All-America by Athlon Sports  
Preseason third-team All-America by Phil Steele  
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports  
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Pick Six Previews

## **CHARLIE JONES**

Team Hustle Award, special teams  
Honorable mention All-America by Phil Steele  
First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Second-team All-Big Ten, coaches  
Third-team All-Big Ten, media  
Big Ten Conference Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Michigan State

## **MARK KALLENBERGER**

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, media

## **CONNOR KAPISAK**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **IVORY KELLY-MARTIN**

Team Hustle Award, special teams

## **LOGAN KLEMP**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **JACK KOERNER**

Team Hustle Award, defense  
Comeback Player of the Year  
Second-team All-Big Ten, media  
Second-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press  
Second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Third-team All-Big Ten, coaches  
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

## **ALEC KRITTA**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **SAM LAPORTA**

Team Hustle Award, offense  
Fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media  
John Mackey Award preseason Watch List  
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

## **TYLER LINDERBAUM**

Permanent Team Captain, offense  
Most Valuable Player, offense  
Hayden Fry Award  
Iron Hawk Award  
Finalist for Rimington Trophy  
First-team All-America by Pro Football Focus  
First-team All-America by The Athletic  
Second-team All-America by Associated Press  
Second-team All-America by Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)  
Second-team All-America by Walter Camp Foundation  
Second-team All-America by Phil Steele  
First-team All-Big Ten, media  
First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press  
First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Second-team All-Big Ten, coaches  
Academic All-Big Ten  
Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List  
Preseason second-team All-America by Associated Press  
Preseason third-team All-America by Phil Steele  
Preseason third-team All-America by Athlon Sports  
Preseason fourth-team All-America by Pick Six Previews  
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports  
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Pick Six Previews

## **HENRY MARCHESE**

Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams



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## **JOSIAH MIAMAN**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **RILEY MOSS**

Third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media

## **NICK NIEMANN**

Permanent Team Captain, defense

Hayden Fry Award

Third-team All-Big Ten, coaches

Third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, media

Academic All-Big Ten

## **DAVIYON NIXON**

Most Valuable Player, defense

Unanimous Consensus All-American

Nagurski-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year

Smith-Brown Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year

Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year by Associated Press

Finalist for Outland Trophy

Finalist for Bronko Nagurski Award

Semifinalist for Bednarik Award

First-team All-America by Walter Camp Foundation

First-team All-America by Associated Press

First-team All-America by Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)

First-team All-America by America Football Coaches Association (AFCA)

First-team All-America by Sporting News

First-team All-America by ESPN

First-team All-America by The Athletic

First-team All-America by Phil Steele

First-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media

First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press

First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

## **TURNER PALLISSARD**

Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams

Academic All-Big Ten

## **SPENCER PETRAS**

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, media

## **NICK PHELPS**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **JACK PLUMB**

Next Man In Award, offense

## **MONTE POTTEBAUM**

Team Hustle Award, offense

Team Hustle Award, special teams

Academic All-Big Ten

## **NICO RAGAINI**

Team Hustle Award, offense

Preseason first-team All-Big Ten punt return specialist by Phil Steele

## **TERRY ROBERTS**

Reggie Roby Special Team Award, overall

## **MEKHI SARGENT**

Permanent Team Captain, offense

Coaches Appreciation Award, offense

Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media

Hula Bowl (team MVP)

Doak Walker Award preseason Watch List

## **KYLER SCHOTT**

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, coaches and media

## **AUSTIN SCHULTE**

Coaches Appreciation Award, defense

## **BRYCE SCHULTE**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **QUINN SCHULTE**

Academic All-Big Ten

## **CALEB SHUDAK**

Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams

Academic All-Big Ten

## **IHMIR SMITH-MARSETTE**

Honorable mention All-Big Ten, offense and special teams, coaches and media

Big Ten Conference Offensive Player of the Week vs. Wisconsin

Paul Hornung Award preseason Watch List

Biletnikoff Award preseason Watch List

Preseason first-team All-America return specialist by USA Today

Preseason first-team All-America kick return specialist by Athlon Sports

Preseason third-team All-America kick return specialist by Phil Steele

Preseason first-team All-Big Ten return specialist by Athlon Sports

Preseason first-team All-Big Ten kick return specialist by Phil Steele

Preseason third-team All-Big Ten wide receiver by Pick Six Previews

Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten wide receiver by Athlon Sports

## **AUSTIN SPIEWAK**

Academic All-Big Ten

# 2020 AWARDS/2021 RECRUITS

## LOUIE STEC

Academic All-Big Ten  
 Team Leader Award, defense

## TORY TAYLOR

Reggie Roby Special Team Award, specialist  
 First-team Freshman All-America by Football Writers Association of America (FWAA)  
 Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year  
 Second-team All-America by The Athletic  
 Freshman All-America by 247Sports.com  
 First-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media  
 First-team All-Big Ten by Associated Press  
 First-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
 Semifinalist for Ray Guy Award  
 FWAA Freshman All-America Watch List  
 Ray Guy Award Watch List

## CLAYTON THURM

Academic All-Big Ten

## ZACH VAN VALKENBURG

Team Hustle Award, defense  
 Second-team All-Big Ten, coaches and media  
 Fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele  
 Big Ten Conference Defensive Player of the Week vs. Minnesota

## BARRINGTON WADE

Next Man In Award, defense

## JOHN WAGGONER

Academic All-Big Ten

## ISAIAH WAGNER

Team Leader Award, offense

## 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL RECRUITS

| NAME              | POS. | HT.  | WT. | YR. | HOMETOWN            | HIGH SCHOOL                | PRONUNCIATION |
|-------------------|------|------|-----|-----|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Jeff Bowie        | DL   | 6-5  | 245 | Fr. | West Branch, Iowa   | West Branch                | BO-ee         |
| Brody Brecht      | WR   | 6-4  | 205 | Fr. | Ankeny, Iowa        | Ankeny                     | BRECK-t       |
| Arland Bruce IV   | WR   | 5-10 | 195 | Fr. | Olathe, Kan.        | Ankeny/Olathe North        |               |
| Connor Colby      | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa  | Kennedy                    |               |
| David Davidkov    | OL   | 6-6  | 295 | Fr. | Glenview, Ill.      | New Trier                  | David-cough   |
| Cooper DeJean     | DB   | 6-1  | 205 | Fr. | Odebolt, Iowa       | OA-BCIG                    | DEE-jean      |
| Gennings Dunker   | OL   | 6-5  | 290 | Fr. | Lena, Ill.          | Lena-Winslow               | Jennings      |
| Jaden Harrell     | LB   | 6-2  | 230 | Fr. | Urbandale, Iowa     | Urbandale                  | HAIR-uhl      |
| Deavin Hilson     | RB   | 6-1  | 200 | Fr. | Des Moines, Iowa    | North                      | DEV-in        |
| Keagan Johnson    | WR   | 6-1  | 190 | Fr. | Bellevue, Neb.      | Bellevue West              |               |
| Joey Labas        | QB   | 6-4  | 200 | Fr. | Brecksville, Ohio   | Brecksville-Broadview Hts. | LAY-bus       |
| Griffin Liddle    | DL   | 6-3  | 275 | Fr. | Bettendorf, Iowa    | Bettendorf                 | little        |
| Max Llewellyn     | DL   | 6-5  | 245 | Fr. | Urbandale, Iowa     | Urbandale                  | lou-WELL-un   |
| Michael Myslinski | OL   | 6-3  | 290 | Fr. | Jacksonville, Fla.  | Bishop Kenny               | miss-LIN-ski  |
| Jeremiah Pittman  | DL   | 6-3  | 265 | Fr. | Palatine, Ill.      | St. Viator                 |               |
| Karson Sharar     | LB   | 6-2  | 200 | Fr. | Iowa Falls, Iowa    | Iowa Falls-Alden           | SHIRE         |
| Beau Stephens     | OL   | 6-6  | 300 | Fr. | Blue Springs, Mo.   | Blue Springs               |               |
| Justice Sullivan  | LB   | 6-2  | 225 | Fr. | Eden Prairie, Minn. | Eden Prairie               |               |
| Zach Twedt        | LB   | 6-3  | 220 | Fr. | Story City, Iowa    | Roland-Story               | tweet         |

# HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

## Jeff Bowie (BO-ee)

Defensive Line

6-5, 245, Freshman

West Branch, Iowa (West Branch HS)

**High school honors** - - Earned first-team all-state and all-district honors on defense as a senior . . . district MVP and team captain as a senior . . . first-team all-state and all-district as a junior, while also being named district MVP on defense . . . second-team all-district as a sophomore . . . honorable mention all-district as a freshman . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman, helping prep team post a 33-7 record while reaching state playoffs four straight years . . . holds school records for longest fumble return and longest return for a touchdown (93 yards) . . . recorded 20.5 tackles as a senior, with 11 tackles for loss, four sacks, and one forced and one recovered fumble . . . had 44.5 tackles as a junior, with 22 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks . . . forced two fumbles as a junior, with a 93-yard touchdown return and one safety . . . had 31.5 tackles as a sophomore, including 11.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks, with one forced fumble and one safety . . . finished with 33.5 tackles as a freshman, with 14 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks, two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble . . . team captain as a senior . . . also earned four letters in basketball.

**Personal** - - Born 6/3/03 in Iowa City, Iowa . . . business studies major . . . academic all-district four straight years . . . parents are Deb Belknap and Tom Bowie . . . high school coach was Butch Pedersen.

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## Brody Brecht (BRECK-t)

Wide Receiver

6-4, 205, Freshman

Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny HS)

**Hawk Item** - - Will be a dual-sport athlete at Iowa, where he will be a right-handed pitcher for the Iowa baseball program.

**High school honors** - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a junior and senior . . . earned first-team all-district and all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as wide receiver . . . prep team won state title as a senior, posting an 11-1 record . . . holds school records for career receptions (124), receiving yards (2,269) and touchdown receptions (29) . . . had 42 receptions for 599 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior . . . made 35 receptions for 796 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior . . . had 513 yards and six touchdowns on 30 receptions as a sophomore . . . caught 17 passes for 361 yards and four touchdowns as a freshman . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . also earned four letters in baseball and track . . . baseball honors following junior season included first-team Elite All-State and first-team all-district honors.

**Personal** - - Born 9/27/02 . . . business major . . . earned Academic Achievement Award in all three sports . . . earned CIML Conference All-Academic Recognition . . . parents are Kelcy and Aaron Brecht . . . high school coach was Rick Nelson.

## Arland Bruce IV

Wide Receiver

5-10, 195, Freshman

Olathe, Kan. (Ankeny/Olathe North)

**Hawk Item** - - Attended Olathe North High School in Olathe, Kansas, prior to senior season at Ankeny, Iowa HS.

**High school honors** - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . named a first-team all-state running back as a senior . . . Kansas City Metro Player of the Year as a junior while earning first-team all-state honors as a running back . . . earned second-team all-state honors as a sophomore quarterback, while earning first-team all-conference honors . . . honorable mention all-conference as a freshman . . . **Career** - - As a prep played wide receiver, quarterback, running back and defensive back . . . helped prep team post 10-3 record as a junior and 11-1 as a senior while winning Iowa state championship . . . in six games as a senior, rushed 81 times for 660 yards and eight touchdowns, along with 30 receptions for 451 yards and five touchdowns . . . as a junior rushed for 2,479 yards and 43 touchdowns, while passing for 404 yards and five scores . . . rushed for 1,379 yards as a sophomore, with 1,209 passing yards and 35 total touchdowns . . . rushed for 819 yards and five touchdowns as a freshman . . . also lettered in baseball and basketball.

**Personal** - - Born 9/26/02 in Merriam, Kansas . . . business major . . . mother is Linda Bruce . . . high school coach at Ankeny was Rick Nelson . . . high school coach at Olathe North was Chris McCartney.

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## Connor Colby

Offensive Line

6-6, 295, Freshman

Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Kennedy HS)

**High school honors** - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . named first-team all-state as a junior and senior . . . **Career** - - Earned three letters as an offensive lineman as prep . . . helped team reach state playoffs three straight seasons while posting 20-10 overall record . . . as a senior had two rushing attempts for 38 yards and one touchdown . . . team captain as a senior.

**Personal** - - Born 1/16/03 . . . sports and recreational management major . . . parents are Susy and Jeff Colby . . . high school coach was Brian White.

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## David Davidkov (DAVID-cough)

Offensive Line

6-6, 295, Freshman

Glenview, Ill. (New Trier HS)

**Hawk Item** - - Did not have a senior football season because of the global coronavirus pandemic.

**High school honors** - - Selected to compete in NBC All-American game . . . first-team all-conference and all-area as a junior . . . first-team all-conference as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Played both offense and defense as a prep, helping team reach state playoffs as a sophomore . . . team captain as a sophomore, junior and senior . . . also competed in wrestling and rugby as a prep.

# HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

**Personal** -- Born 1/1/03 ... sports and recreational management/business studies major ... parents are Elena and Emil Davidkov ... high school coach was Brian Doll.

## Cooper DeJean (DEE-jean)

**Defensive Back**

**6-1, 205, Freshman**

**Odebolt, Iowa (OA-BCIG HS)**

**High school honors** -- Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior ... earned first-team all-state and all-district honors as a senior ... first-team all-state and all-district as a junior, earning district MVP honors ... first-team all-state and all-district as a sophomore ... **Career** -- Four-year football letterman as quarterback and defensive back ... team posted four-year record of 38-6, including 25-0 mark in final two seasons ... led prep team to back-to-back state championships as a junior and senior after making the playoffs as a sophomore ... holds school records for pass completions and passing yards in a season, career passing yards and passing touchdowns, receptions in a game, receptions and receiving yards in a season, touchdown receptions in a career, and total yards in a season ... scored winning touchdown in final minutes of state title game as a senior ... completed 199-of-331 pass attempts for 3,447 yards and 353 touchdowns as a senior, with nine interceptions ... also rushed 131 times for 1,235 yards and 24 touchdowns and recorded 53.5 tackles and three interceptions on defense ... as a junior completed 236-of-396 pass attempts for 3,546 yards and 42 touchdowns, with 16 interceptions, while rushing 134 times for 1,292 yards and 24 touchdowns and collecting 34 tackles and five interceptions ... made 66 receptions for 1,023 yards and 12 touchdowns as a sophomore ... team captain as sophomore, junior and senior ... also lettered in baseball (3), basketball (3) and track (3).

**Personal** -- Born 2/9/03 in Sioux Falls, S.D. ... sports and recreational management major ... member of prep Honor Roll ... parents are Katie and Jason DeJean ... high school coach was Larry Allen.

## Gennings Dunker (Jennings)

**Offensive Line**

**6-5, 290, Freshman**

**Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow HS)**

**Hawk Item** -- Did not have a senior football season because of the global coronavirus pandemic.

**High school honors** -- Earned all-state honors as a junior ... first-team all-conference on both offense and defense as a junior ... **Career** -- Helped prep team win state title as a freshman and junior, while reaching semifinals as a sophomore ... team posted 39-2 overall record in three seasons ... also competed in wrestling and track as a prep.

**Personal** -- Born 5/8/03 ... open major ... named to principal honor list as a prep ... parents are Michelle and Mike Dunker ... high school coach was Ric Arand.

## Jaden Harrell (HAIR-uhl)

**Linebacker**

**6-2, 230, Freshman**

**Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)**

**High school honors** -- Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior ... earned first-team all-state and all-district honors as a senior ... earned all-state honors and first-team all-district honors as a junior ... first-team all-district as a sophomore ... **Career** -- Three-year letterman as linebacker and running back ... helped prep team reach state playoffs as a sophomore, junior and senior, posting combined record of 19-10 ... recorded 45.5 tackles as a senior, with two sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss, while rushing 58 times for 381 yards and five touchdowns ... recorded 69.5 tackles as a junior, with 6.5 tackles for loss ... made 67 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and two sacks as a sophomore ... team captain as a senior.

**Personal** -- Born 9/27/02 ... business major ... academic all-conference ... parents are Michelle McCoy and Erich Saeger ... high school coach was Sam Anderson.

## Deavin Hilson (DEV-in)

**Running Back**

**6-1, 200, Freshman**

**Des Moines, Iowa (North HS)**

**Hawk Item** -- Prep team played just two games in senior year due to COVID.

**High school honors** -- Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior ... named second-team all-state as a sophomore ... earned second-team all-conference honors as a freshman ... **Career** -- Three-year football letterman as running back and linebacker ... played just two games in senior season due to pandemic ... averaged 9.1 yards on 11 rushing attempts and scored two touchdowns in two contests as a senior, along with three receptions for 36 yards and 10 tackles on defense ... collected 26.5 tackles as a junior, with 18 solo tackles, 10 tackles for loss and eight sacks ... collected 37.5 tackles as a sophomore, with 11 tackles for loss and five sacks ... recorded 12 tackles, including four tackles for loss, as a freshman ... football team captain as a senior ... four-sport athlete, also competing in basketball, baseball and track ... competed in long jump and ran sprints and relays in track ... earned second-team all-state honors in baseball.

**Personal** -- Born 1/2/03 ... accounting/business major ... academics ... parents are Regina Turner and Adell Hilson ... high school coach was Eric Addy.



# HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

## Keagan Johnson

Wide Receiver

6-1, 190, Freshman

Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue West HS)

**High school honors** - - Named first-team Super State, first-team all-state and first-team all-conference as a senior ... named team captain for Super State and All-State teams ... earned first-team honors on all-Huskerland, 1000 Yard and All-ITG (In the Game) honor squads ... first-team Super State and all-conference as a junior ... **Career** - - Prep team won state title in junior season, while reaching the state semifinals as a sophomore and quarterfinals as a senior ... set single game school record for receiving yards ... prep team posted 29-3 record over last three seasons ... totaled 1,337 all-purpose yards and 17 touchdowns in seven games as a senior ... gained 901 all-purpose yards and scored 10 touchdowns in 13 games as a junior ... recorded 40 tackles and two interceptions on defense as a sophomore ... team captain as a senior ... also played baseball as a prep.

**Personal** - - Born 9/13/02 in Milwaukee ... business major ... parents are Andrea and Clester Johnson ... high school coach was Michael Huffman.

## Joey Labas (LAY-bus)

Quarterback

6-4, 200, Freshman

Brecksville, Ohio (Brecksville-Broadview Heights HS)

**High school honors** - - Named Suburban League National Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year ... named first-team All-Lakes and all-district as a senior ... Cleveland FOX8 Player of the Year finalist as a senior ... Cleveland Plain Dealer Offensive Player of the Year as a junior ... second-team all-state as a junior ... Suburban League National Conference Player of the Year as a junior ... missed sophomore season due to injury ... honorable mention all-conference as a freshman ... **Career** - - Four-year letterman as quarterback and punter ... prep team reached state playoffs as a junior and senior with two-year record of 14-6 ... holds numerous career passing school records ... completed 67 percent of pass attempts as a senior for 2,349 yards and 16 touchdowns ... as a junior had 2,351 passing yards and 23 touchdowns while completing 65 percent of his attempts ... passed for 2,521 yards and 21 touchdowns as a freshman, completing 78 percent of pass attempts ... also earned three letters in baseball and basketball.

**Personal** - - Born 1/15/03 ... business/finance major ... parents are Lori and Chris Labas ... high school coach was Martin Poder.

## Griffin Liddle (little)

Defensive Line

6-3, 275, Freshman

Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf HS)

**High school honors** - - Earned first-team all-state and all-conference honors as a junior and senior ... second-team all-state and first-team all-conference as a sophomore ... earned second-team all-conference honors as a freshman ... **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman ... helped prep team reach state semifinals as freshman, sophomore and junior ... team reached state quarterfinals as a senior ... prep team compiled four-year record of 34-10 ... recorded 18 tackles, five sacks and seven tackles for loss as a senior ... had 49 tackles, nine tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks as a junior ... made 37 tackles, 4.5 tackles and

two sacks as a sophomore ... had 20.5 tackles, five tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks as a freshman ... team captain as a junior and senior ... also lettered four years in wrestling ... state wrestling champion as a junior and senior, after reaching state finals as a sophomore and semifinals as a freshman ... earned both freestyle and Greco wrestling All-American honors as a prep.

**Personal** - - Born 4/1/03 ... open major ... academic letterwinner four straight years ... member of prep Honor Roll four straight years ... parents are Charis and Josh Liddle ... father wrestled for Iowa ... high school coach was Aaron Wiley.

## Max Llewellyn (lou-WELL-un)

Defensive Line

6-5, 245, Freshman

Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)

**High school honors** - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior ... first-team all-state and all-district as a senior ... **Career** - - Three-year letterman as a defensive end, helping prep team reach state playoffs as a junior and senior, with a two-year mark of 13-6 ... recorded 13 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks as a senior ... made 13 receptions for 278 yards in seven games on offense as a senior ... had 11 tackles for loss and four sacks as a junior, with seven receptions for 95 yards on offense ... team captain as a senior.

**Personal** - - Born 8/16/02 ... business major ... academic all-state ... parents are Amy Kintzie and Shawn Llewellyn ... brother, Luke, will join the Iowa baseball program in the fall of 2021 ... high school coach was Sam Anderson.

## Michael Myslinski (miss-LIN-ski)

Offensive Line

6-3, 285, Freshman

Jacksonville, Fla. (Bishop Kenny HS)

**High school honors** - - Named to northeast Florida Super 11 team as a senior ... named Blue Grey All-American as a senior ... as a junior earned team Blue Collar Award ... team defensive MVP as a freshman ... **Career** - - Three-year football letterman as offensive lineman, while also playing defense ... recorded five sacks and seven tackles for loss as a junior ... three sacks as a sophomore ... team leadership council final three years as a prep ... team captain as a senior ... three-year basketball letterman as a prep.

**Personal** - - Born 11/1/01 ... exercise science major ... Academic Excellence Award for four years for GPA above 3.0 ... parents are Amy and Tom Myslinski ... high school coach was Tim Krause.

# HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

## Jeremiah Pittman

**Defensive Line**

**6-3, 265, Freshman**

**Palatine, Ill. (St. Viator HS)**

**Hawk Item** -- Did not have a senior football season because of the global coronavirus pandemic.

**High school honors** -- Named all-conference and all-area as a junior . . .

**Career** -- Three-year varsity letterman . . . started for varsity three straight years, as team reached 5A state playoffs freshman season . . . had 31 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and four sacks, as a junior . . . team captain as sophomore, junior and senior . . . also competed in track and field as sprinter and thrower, qualifying for state as a thrower.

**Personal** -- Born 1/2/03 . . . business/finance major . . . academic all-state . . . named to high Honor Roll and member of National Honor Society . . . parents are Lena and James Pittman . . . high school coach was David Archibald.

## Beau Stephens

**Offensive Line**

**6-6, 300, Freshman**

**Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)**

**High school honors** -- Semifinalist for Buck Buchanan Award as a senior . . . first-team all-conference on both offense and defense as a senior . . . first-team all-conference, all-district, and all-state on offense as a junior, while earning second-team all-conference honors on defense . . . all-conference honorable mention as a sophomore . . . **Career** -- Five-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman, helping prep team reach state playoffs each season . . . reached state title game as a freshman after winning conference championship . . . recorded 19 tackles as a senior, with seven tackles for loss and one sack, along with one blocked kick . . . team captain as a sophomore, junior and senior . . . also competed in basketball and wrestling as a prep.

**Personal** -- Born 11/1/02 . . . exercise science major . . . parents are Valerie and Justin Stephens . . . high school coaches were David White and Kelly Donohoe.

## Karson Sharar (SHIRE)

**Linebacker**

**6-2, 200, Freshman**

**Iowa Falls, Iowa (Iowa Falls-Alden HS)**

**High school honors** -- Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a junior . . . earned first-team all-district honors as a sophomore, junior and senior . . . **Career** -- Three-year football letterman . . . recorded 81 tackles as a senior, along with 1,325 all-purpose yards and 15 total touchdowns . . . totaled 41 tackles as a junior, along with 1,115 all-purpose yards and 17 touchdowns . . . 32.5 tackles as a sophomore, along with 585 all-purpose yards and eight touchdowns . . . team captain as a senior . . . also competed in basketball as a prep, earning all-state honors.

**Personal** -- Born 3/7/03 . . . business major . . . parents are Kim and Lincoln Sharar . . . high school coach was Don Anderson.

### 2021 IOWA FOOTBALL COMMITTED WALK-ONS

| NAME            | POS.  | HT.  | WT. | YR. | HOMETOWN            | HIGH SCHOOL          | HS COACH       | PRONUNCIATION |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----|-----|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Zach Brand      | RB    | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | Grimes, Iowa        | Dallas Center-Grimes | Scott Heitland |               |
| Luke Elkin      | LS    | 6-1  | 200 | Fr. | Neenah, Wis.        | Neenah               | Steve Jung     | L-kin         |
| Andrew Lentsch  | TE    | 6-4  | 225 | Fr. | W. Des Moines, Iowa | Dowling              | Tom Wilson     | LENT-sch      |
| Denin Limouris  | TE/FB | 6-2  | 220 | Fr. | Glen Ellyn, Ill.    | Glenbard West        | Chad Hetlet    | Luh-MORE-us   |
| Eli Miller      | LB    | 6-1  | 200 | Fr. | Sedalia, Co.        | Lipscomp Academy     | Trent Dilfer   |               |
| Johnny Pascuzzi | TE    | 6-4  | 225 | Fr. | Olathe, Kan.        | Rockhurst            | Ed McCaffrey   | pa-SKEW-zee   |
| Jaxon Rexroth   | DB    | 6-2  | 190 | Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa  | Xavier               | Kelly Donohoe  |               |
| Brennan Sweeney | DL    | 6-3  | 220 | Fr. | Waukon, Iowa        | Waukon               | Duane Schulte  |               |
| Kelby Telander  | LB    | 6-4  | 190 | Fr. | North Liberty, Iowa | Liberty              | Chad Beermann  |               |
| Max White       | RB    | 5-10 | 190 | Fr. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa  | Kennedy              | Jeff Gordon    | TEA-land-ir   |
| Alec Wick       | WR    | 6-1  | 180 | Fr. | Iowa City, Iowa     | Regina               | Brian White    |               |
|                 |       |      |     |     |                     |                      | Marv Cook      | wick          |

# BIG COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

## August 28

Nebraska at Illinois

## September 2

Ohio State at Minnesota

## September 4

### Iowa at Iowa

Texas-San Antonio at Illinois  
West Virginia at Maryland  
Western Michigan at Michigan  
Michigan State at Northwestern  
Penn State at Wisconsin  
Oregon State at Purdue  
Temple at Rutgers

## September 11

### Iowa at Iowa State

Illinois at Virginia  
Idaho at Indiana  
Howard at Maryland  
Washington at Michigan  
Youngstown State at Michigan State  
Miami, Ohio at Minnesota  
Buffalo at Nebraska  
Indiana State at Northwestern  
Oregon at Ohio State  
Ball State at Penn State  
Purdue at Connecticut  
Rutgers at Syracuse  
Eastern Michigan at Wisconsin

## September 18

### Kent State at Iowa

Maryland at Illinois  
Cincinnati at Indiana  
Northern Illinois at Michigan  
Michigan State at Miami, Florida  
Minnesota at Colorado  
Nebraska at Oklahoma  
Northwestern at Duke  
Tulsa at Ohio State  
Auburn at Penn State  
Purdue at Notre Dame  
Delaware at Rutgers

## September 25

### Colorado State at Iowa

Illinois at Purdue  
Indiana at Western Kentucky  
Kent State at Maryland  
Rutgers at Michigan  
Nebraska at Michigan State  
Bowling Green at Minnesota  
Ohio U. at Northwestern  
Akron at Ohio State  
Villanova at Penn State  
Notre Dame vs. Wisconsin  
(Chicago)

## October 2

### Iowa at Maryland

UNC-Charlotte at Illinois  
Minnesota at Purdue  
Northwestern at Nebraska  
Michigan at Wisconsin  
W. Kentucky at Michigan State  
Indiana at Penn State  
Ohio State at Rutgers

## October 9

### Penn State at Iowa

Wisconsin at Illinois  
Maryland at Ohio State  
Michigan at Nebraska  
Michigan at Indiana  
Michigan State at Rutgers

## October 16

### Purdue at Iowa

Michigan State at Indiana  
Nebraska at Minnesota  
Rutgers at Northwestern  
Army at Wisconsin

## October 23

Illinois at Penn State  
Maryland at Minnesota  
Northwestern at Michigan  
Wisconsin at Purdue  
Ohio State at Indiana

## October 30

### Iowa at Wisconsin

Rutgers at Illinois  
Minnesota at Northwestern  
Purdue at Nebraska  
Maryland at Indiana  
Michigan State at Michigan  
Ohio State at Penn State

## November 6

Iowa at Northwestern  
Illinois at Minnesota  
Ohio State at Nebraska  
Michigan State at Purdue  
Wisconsin at Rutgers  
Indiana at Michigan  
Penn State at Maryland

## November 13

### Minnesota at Iowa

SE Louisiana at Nebraska  
Northwestern at Wisconsin  
Purdue at Ohio State  
Rutgers at Indiana  
Maryland at Michigan State  
Michigan at Penn State

## November 20

### Illinois at Iowa

Minnesota at Indiana  
Nebraska at Wisconsin  
Purdue at Northwestern  
Michigan at Maryland  
Michigan State at Ohio State  
Rutgers at Penn State

## November 26

### Iowa at Nebraska

## November 27

Northwestern at Illinois  
Wisconsin at Minnesota  
Indiana at Purdue  
Maryland at Rutgers  
Ohio State at Michigan  
Penn State at Michigan State

## December 4

Big Ten Championship Game  
(Indianapolis, Ind.)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| Name                      | Pronunciation      |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Head Coach Kirk Ferentz   | FAIR-ints          |
| Asst. Coach Brian Ferentz | FAIR-ints          |
| 96 Lucas Amaya            | Ah-MAY-ah          |
| 94 Yahya Black            | WHY-yay            |
| 1 Aaron Blom              | BLOMB              |
| 86 Jeff Bowie             | BO-ee              |
| 14 Brody Brecht           | BRECK-t            |
| 15 Dallas Craddieth       | CRAD-ith           |
| 45 Deontae Craig          | dee-AUHN-tae       |
| 74 David Davidkov         | DAVID-cough        |
| 17 Brenden Deasfernandes  | dee-EZ-fur-nan-dez |
| 3 Cooper DeJean           | DEE-jean           |
| 56 Nick DeJong            | dee-YOUNG          |
| 67 Gennings Dunker        | Jennings           |
| 44 Luke Elkin             | L-kin              |
| 69 Tyler Endres           | AUN-drez           |
| 52 Asher Fahey            | FAY-hee            |
| 90 Ryan Gersonde          | gir-SAUN-day       |
| 41 Jaden Harrell          | HAIR-uhl           |
| 27 Jermari Harris         | jir-MAR-ee         |
| 20 Deavin Hilson          | DEV-in             |
| 48 Ethan Hurkett          | HERK-it            |
| 11 Connor Kapisak         | KAP-uh-sak         |
| 93 Jake Karchinski        | kar-CHIN-ski       |
| 28 Jack Koerner           | KERN-ir            |
| 86 Tommy Kujawa           | KOO-yah-vuh        |
| 5 Joey Labas              | LAY-bus            |
| 85 Luke Lachey            | luh-SHAY           |
| 49 Andrew Lentsch         | LENT-sch           |
| 59 Griffin Liddle         | little             |
| 42 Denin Limouris         | luh-MORE-us        |
| 48 Max Llewellyn          | lou-WELL-un        |
| 13 Henry Marchese         | mar-CASE           |
| 14 Quavon Matthews        | QWAY-vohn          |
| 26 Kaevon Merriweather    | KAY-vohn           |
| 80 Josiah Miamen          | me-AUH-mun         |
| 53 Michael Myslinski      | miss-LIN-ski       |
| 8 Alex Padilla            | puh-DEE-ah         |
| 40 Turner Pallissard      | PAL-is-ard         |
| 82 Johnny Pascuzzi        | pa-SKEW-zee        |
| 7 Spencer Petras          | PEE-tris           |
| 38 Monte Pottebaum        | POT-uh-bomb        |
| 89 Nico Ragaini           | ruh-GAIN-ee        |
| 64 Kyler Schott           | SHOT               |
| 48 Bryce Schulte          | SHUL-tee           |
| 30 Quinn Schulte          | SHUL-tee           |
| 43 Karson Sharar          | SHIRE              |
| 40 Josef Smith            | JOSEPH             |
| 84 Austin Spiewak         | SPEE-wack          |
| 25 Kelby Telander         | TEA-land-ir        |
| 42 Zach Twedt             | tweet              |
| 18 Diante Vines           | dee-AUHN-tae       |
| 17 Wyatt Wegener          | WEG-uh-nur         |
| 18 Alec Wick              | wick               |
| 86 Jameson Witte          | WHIT-ee            |
| 87 Elijah Yelverton       | YELL-vir-ton       |

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## BIG TEN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL DIVISIONS

### East Division

Indiana  
Maryland  
Michigan  
Michigan State  
Ohio State  
Penn State  
Rutgers

### West Division

Iowa  
Illinois  
Minnesota  
Nebraska  
Northwestern  
Purdue  
Wisconsin



# **2021 Iowa Schedule**

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sept. 4</b>  | <b>Indiana</b>         |
| <b>Sept. 11</b> | <b>at Iowa State</b>   |
| <b>Sept. 18</b> | <b>Kent State</b>      |
| <b>Sept. 25</b> | <b>Colorado State</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 2</b>   | <b>at Maryland</b>     |
| <b>Oct. 9</b>   | <b>Penn State</b>      |
| <b>Oct. 16</b>  | <b>Purdue</b>          |
| <b>Oct. 23</b>  | <b>Open</b>            |
| <b>Oct. 30</b>  | <b>at Wisconsin</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 6</b>   | <b>at Northwestern</b> |
| <b>Nov. 13</b>  | <b>Minnesota</b>       |
| <b>Nov. 20</b>  | <b>Illinois</b>        |
| <b>Nov. 26</b>  | <b>at Nebraska</b>     |