

11/23/2010: Kirk Ferentz teleconference transcript (premium)

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Below is a written transcript of Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's teleconference on Tuesday with the Big Ten media:

Ferentz's opening statement:

"Well, it was a tough loss on Saturday. A very hard-fought game by both teams. To Ohio State's credit, they got it done in the fourth quarter, and we weren't able to. It was a tough loss, and we'll move on. We got to get ready for a trip up to Minnesota this week, Playing on the road again, so we just got to get ready to do our best and try to get another win."

On the differences between defending Terrelle Pryor and Denard Robinson:

"Yeah, I think the offenses are very different. They both present challenges. It's just a different tempo of offense when you play Michigan. They run a lot of plays, and they're going to try to keep things on the move. Ohio State is a little bit more deliberate. They're both efficient offenses and very productive offenses. Both quarterbacks have played very well this year."

On Adam Robinson's playing status:

"We'll keep him out this week. He should be ready for a bowl game, but this week is out of the question, I think."

On if he would be back for a bowl:

"Yeah, I think so."

On if he was able to review the play Robinson got hurt on against Ohio State last weekend:

"Yeah, I think it might have gone either way as far as whether or not the defender got there prior to the ball. I would suggest he did, but it was a bang-bang play. Those can go either way. As far as the legality of it, I don't think we have any problem with that. It was just an aggressive football play."

On the importance of a rivalry game with Minnesota:

"You know, I distinctly remember 1981. I learned a lot of things in 1981, my first year here, one of which was just the intensity of that rivalry. It went all the way through the '80s, and I don't think it has changed much. It's a trophy game. Very historic from that standpoint. It means an awful lot to the people in the state of Iowa. Again, that's kind of what I learned in the '80s, and I don't think that has changed much. The last time out, Minnesota played an excellent football game, so we've got to be prepared for quite a challenge."

"They've got a lot of good players. The quarterback, I think, just moved into fifth all-time throwing in the conference, which says an awful lot about his career. He has done a great job. They've got a lot of good players, so we've got to be ready to go."

On the emotion of this final regular season game for the Iowa seniors:

"We're veterans of Senior Days this year. This will be our fourth one, including ours this past Saturday. We've had three on the road now, and this will be No. 4, which might be an NCAA record. I'm not sure. But anyway, it's always an emotional day. It will be emotional for our guys, too. I would

hope. I would think. It's our last time out in the regular season, last Big Ten game the seniors will play, and they've done a great job. We've got 26 guys that are a part of this class. They've really done a great job over the last three years. All 26 are going to graduate in either December or in May, which we're excited about as well, and nine were named to the all-Academic Big Ten team last week.

"It has been a great group. They have done a lot of great things on the field, a lot of great things off the field. This game has a lot of significance for a lot of reasons, for everybody involved here. I know it's the same way for Minnesota."