Nine Hawkeyes heading to NFL Combine

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Nine former Hawkeyes have been invited to the 2011 NFL Scouting Combine, scheduled to take place later this month at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind.

This group consists of three offensive players, five defensive, and one special teams. According to nflcombine.net, the nine invitees are Ricky Stanzi, Allen Reisner, Julian Vandervelde, Adrian Clayborn, Christian Ballard, Karl Klug, Jeremiha Hunter, Tyler Sash, and Ryan Donahue.

All four days workouts at the NFL Scouting Combine will feature at least one former Hawkeye. Day One will be highlighted by special teams, offensive linemen, and tight ends. Day Two features quarterbacks, running backs, and wide receivers. Day Three showcases defensive linemen and linebackers. Day Four focuses on defensive backs.

Each player is scheduled to spend four days in Indianapolis for the NFL Scouting Combine, with workouts being done on the final day of their trips to Indianapolis.

The NFL Scouting Combine <u>officially begins on Feb. 23, with</u> the first set of workouts scheduled for Feb. 26.

Since the Hawkeyes' 2010 season ended with a 27-24 win over Missouri in the Insight Bowl, Donahue and Klug both participated in the East-West Shrine Game on Jan. 22, while Stanzi and Ballard both played in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 29. Hunter, along with former wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, will play on Feb. 5 in the NFLPA Game (formerly

Texas vs. The Nation), which is happening in San Antonio, Texas.

No official date has been set yet for Iowa's Pro Day, which would be held next month in Iowa City. The 2011 NFL Draft is scheduled for April 28-30.

Below are the dates that each former Hawkeye heading to the NFL Scouting Combine would be scheduled to work out:

Feb. 26, 2011: DAY ONE - Donahue, Reisner, Vandervelde

Feb. 27, 2011: DAY TWO - Stanzi

Feb. 28, 2011: DAY THREE - Ballard, Clayborn, Hunter, Klug

March 1, 2011: DAY FOUR — Sash