

HALFTIME: Iowa 27, Tennessee Tech 0

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – At halftime inside Kinnick Stadium, the Iowa Hawkeyes lead the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles, 27-0.

The first quarter proved brutal for Iowa. Following three pass plays to start the game, sophomore running back Marcus Coker coughed the football up to Tennessee Tech on his first carry. After a Golden Eagle 3-and-out, Coker would fumble again on his fourth carry and was pulled for true freshman running back Mika'il McCall.

McCall would rush for 61 yards on nine carries before leaving the game on crutches with an ankle injury that occurred with 24 seconds left in the opening quarter. Iowa would score on its second series of the game when sophomore kicker Mike Meyer connected on a 39-yard field goal to put the Hawkeyes ahead, 3-0.

On its opening drive of the second quarter, Iowa would march 58 yards down field and junior quarterback James Vandenberg would run in for a one-yard touchdown run to make the score, 10-0. The drive was highlighted by a 23-yard reception by junior Keenan Davis where he caught the ball off a deflection before his knee was marked down just before breaking the plane of the goal-line.

Vandenberg would toss his first touchdown pass of the season in the second quarter when he connected with senior wide receiver Marvin McNutt for an 88-yard score that made it 17-0. On Tennessee Tech's ensuing possession, sophomore linebacker James Morris recorded an interception on a ball thrown right

to him and returned it to the Golden Eagle 9-yard line. Meyer would add a 20-yard field goal four plays later to extend Iowa's lead to 20-0.

Tennessee Tech would drive in the final minutes, only for senior cornerback Shaun Prater to record an interception and return it 89 yards for a touchdown, putting the Hawkeyes ahead 27-0.

Be sure to visit *HawkeyeDrive.com* later this evening for complete coverage of Iowa's game against Tennessee Tech.