

2012 NFL Draft: Teams that could take Hawkeyes (premium)

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Before spending my fall Saturdays covering Iowa football games for this site, one of the first things I do when I arrive in the press box is check the seating chart. For the one obvious reason, I check it so I know where I'm supposed to be sitting. Last season, the press box seating chart served an additional purpose for me.

Over the course of the 2011 season, I kept track of which NFL teams had scouts on hand at each of the Hawkeyes' games. The purpose of this list is to give you all an idea of which teams might be worth keeping an eye on during this weekend's draft as far as where some of the Hawkeye players in this year's draft could potentially land.

This isn't to say any NFL team not on this list won't take any Iowa players. The other point that needs to be made is that for all we know, the scouts on hand at a given game could have been looking at someone playing for whoever the Hawkeyes' opponent was on that given day. For example, there were six teams with scouts at Iowa's game against Iowa State. One of them could have been at that game solely to scout an Iowa State player their team's targeting. I don't know.

What I do know is everything I've written below and thought would be interesting to share with the draft approaching.

A couple of tidbits on the list below: Iowa's seating chart listed teams at every home game. Penn State and Purdue did not include NFL scouts on their press box seating charts, but that doesn't mean NFL teams weren't on hand at either game. The

evening of the Insight Bowl, Fiesta Bowl representatives confirmed to *HawkeyeDrive.com* that NFL scouts were in the stadium, but since they weren't seated in the press box at Sun Devil Stadium, there wasn't a list of which teams were specifically on hand.

There was also one road game – Minnesota – where the seating chart listed four teams on hand, but didn't specifically say which teams and only two of the four were actually in the press box.

I've listed the teams below in alphabetical order and also included some notes on each team:

Buffalo Bills – Sept. 10 at Iowa State

– *The Bills were one of six teams on hand at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State.*

– *10 draft picks: 1st – 10th; 2nd – 41st; 3rd – 71st; 4th – 105th, 124th; 5th – 144th, 147th; 6th – 178th; 7th – 217th, 251st*

– *Last Hawkeye taken by Bills: OT Kyle Calloway, 2010, 7th round*

– *Team needs per NFL.com: OL, LB, CB, WR, QB*

Cleveland Browns – Sept. 3 vs. Tennessee Tech, Oct. 29 at Minnesota

– *The Browns were one of two teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Tennessee Tech and one of two teams known to have been on hand at TCF Bank Stadium when Iowa played Minnesota. They are also one of five teams known to have scouted multiple Hawkeye games in 2011.*

– *13 draft picks: 1st – 4th, 22nd; 2nd – 37th; 3rd – 67th; 4th – 100th, 118th; 5th – 139th, 160th; 6th – 204th, 205th; 7th – 211th, 245th, 247th*

- *Last Hawkeye taken by Browns: QB Mike Cilek, 1970, 6th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: RB, QB, OL, WR, CB, S*

Dallas Cowboys – Sept. 24 vs. ULM

- *The Cowboys were the only team on hand at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played ULM.*
- *8 draft picks: 1st – 14th; 2nd – 45th; 3rd – 81st; 4th – 113th, 135th; 5th – 152nd; 6th – 186th; 7th – 222nd*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Cowboys: OL Joe Levelis, 1984, 6th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: WR, CB, S, TE*

Detroit Lions – Sept. 3 vs. Tennessee Tech

- *The Lions were one of two teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Tennessee Tech. They actually had two scouts on hand for this game and this was the only known instance in 2011 of a team having multiple scouts at a Hawkeye game.*
- *7 draft picks: 1st – 23rd; 2nd – 54th; 3rd – 85th; 4th – 117th; 5th – 158th; 7th – 219th, 230th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Lions: CB Amari Spivey, 2010, 3rd round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: CB, WR, RB, LB*

Green Bay Packers – Oct. 22 vs. Indiana

- *The Packers were one of four teams on hand at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Indiana.*
- *12 draft picks: 1st – 28th; 2nd – 59th; 3rd – 90th; 4th – 123rd, 132nd, 133rd; 5th – 163rd; 6th – 197th; 7th – 224th, 235th, 241st, 243rd*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Packers: OT Bryan Bulaga, 2010, 1st*

round

– *Team needs per NFL.com: S, CB, LB, DL, RB, OL, WR*

Houston Texans – Sept. 10 at Iowa State

– *The Texans were one of six teams at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State.*

– *8 draft picks: 1st – 26th; 2nd – 58th; 3rd – 76th; 4th – 99th, 121st; 5th – 161st; 6th – 195th; 7th – 233rd*

– *Last Hawkeye taken by Texans: None*

– *Team needs per NFL.com: OL, WR, LB, DL, CB*

Kansas City Chiefs – Sept. 10 at Iowa State, Nov. 5 vs. Michigan

– *The Chiefs were one of six teams at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State and the only team at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Michigan.*

– *8 draft picks: 1st – 11th; 2nd – 44th; 3rd – 74th; 4th – 107th; 5th – 146th; 6th – 182nd; 7th – 218th, 238th*

– *Last Hawkeye taken by Chiefs: QB Ricky Stanzi, 2011, 5th round*

– *Team needs per NFL.com: OL, DL, RB, CB, S*

Miami Dolphins – Sept. 17 vs. Pittsburgh

– *The Dolphins were the only team at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Pittsburgh. Also of note, Miami hired former Iowa offensive line coach Joe Philbin as its head coach this offseason and Philbin hired former Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe as the Dolphins' wide receivers coach after O'Keefe resigned from his post at Iowa back on Feb. 3.*

– *8 draft picks: 1st – 8th; 2nd – 42nd; 3rd – 72nd, 73rd; 4th*

- 103rd; 5th – 145th; 6th – 196th; 7th – 215th
- Last Hawkeye taken by Dolphins: LB A.J. Edds, 2010, 4th round
- Team needs per NFL.com: WR, QB, OL, DL, LB, CB

Minnesota Vikings – Oct. 15 vs. Northwestern, Oct. 22 vs. Indiana

- The Vikings were the only team at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Northwestern and one of four teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Indiana. They are also one of five teams known to have scouted multiple games and the only team known to have scouted consecutive Hawkeye games during the 2011 season.
- 10 draft picks: 1st – 3rd; 2nd – 35th; 3rd – 66th; 4th – 98th, 128th, 134th; 5th – 138th; 6th – 175th; 7th – 210th, 223rd
- Last Hawkeye taken by Vikings: DL Christian Ballard, 2011, 4th round
- Team needs per NFL.com: OL, CB, LB, DL, WR, RB

New Orleans Saints – Oct. 29 at Minnesota

- The Saints were one of the two teams known to have had scouts on hand at TCF Bank Stadium when Iowa played Minnesota.
- 5 draft picks: 3rd – 89th; 4th – 122nd; 5th – 162nd; 6th – 179th; 7th – 234th
- Last Hawkeye taken by Saints: TE Austin Wheatley, 2000, 5th round
- Team needs per NFL.com: CB, WR, LB

New York Giants – Sept. 10 at Iowa State

- *The Giants were one of six teams on hand at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State.*
- *7 draft picks: 1st – 32nd; 2nd – 63th; 3rd – 94th; 4th – 127th, 131st; 6th – 201st; 7th – 239th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Giants: SS Tyler Sash, 2011, 6th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: WR, OL, DL, LB, TE, CB*

New York Jets – Sept. 10 at Iowa State, Nov. 12 vs. Michigan State

- *The Jets were one of six teams on hand at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State and one of two teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Michigan State. They are also one of the five teams known to have scouted multiple Hawkeye games in 2011.*
- *10 draft picks: 1st – 16th; 2nd – 47th; 3rd – 77th; 5th – 154th; 6th – 187th, 202nd, 203rd; 7th – 232nd, 242nd, 244th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Jets: RB Shonn Greene, 2009, 3rd round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: WR, OL, LB, CB, S*

San Francisco 49ers – Oct. 22 vs. Indiana

- *The 49ers were one of four teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Indiana. One thing of note here is that San Francisco linebackers coach Ed Donatell is the father of current Iowa safety Tom Donatell.*
- *7 draft picks: 1st – 30th; 2nd – 61st; 3rd – 92nd; 4th – 125th; 5th – 165th; 6th – 199th; 7th – 237th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by 49ers: DB Merton Hanks, 1991, 5th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: OL, DL, CB, WR*

Seattle Seahawks – Sept. 10 at Iowa State

- *The Seahawks were one of six teams on hand at Jack Trice Stadium when Iowa played Iowa State.*
- *6 draft picks: 1st – 12th; 2nd – 43rd; 3rd – 75th; 4th – 106th; 6th – 181st; 7th – 225th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Seahawks: TE Tony Jackson, 2005, 6th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: OL, DL, LB, CB, WR*

Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Nov. 25 at Nebraska

- *The Buccaneers were the only team on hand at Memorial Stadium when Iowa played Nebraska.*
- *6 draft picks: 1st – 5th; 2nd – 36th; 3rd – 68th; 5th – 140th; 6th – 174th; 7th – 212th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Buccaneers: DE Adrian Clayborn, 2011, 1st round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: RB, OL, LB, S, CB, TE*

Tennessee Titans – Oct. 22 vs. Indiana, Nov. 12 vs. Michigan State

- *The Titans were one of four teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Indiana and one of two teams at Kinnick Stadium when Iowa played Michigan State. They were also one of five teams known to have scouted multiple Hawkeye games in 2011.*
- *7 draft picks: 1st – 20th; 2nd – 52nd; 3rd – 82nd; 4th – 115th; 5th – 155th; 6th – 190th; 7th – 227th*
- *Last Hawkeye taken by Titans: DT Karl Klug, 2011, 5th round*
- *Team needs per NFL.com: CB, WR, DL*