

Hill, Lile both out for 2012 season

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A pair of true freshmen will miss the entire 2012 season due to ACL injuries.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz announced in a release that defensive back Ruben Lile and running back Barkley Hill will both be sidelined as a result of injuries that occurred this month while the Hawkeyes were in fall camp. In Hill's case, his knee injury came on the final play of the scrimmage conducted during Iowa's open practice on Aug. 18 at Kinnick Stadium.

Ferentz said Hill would have ACL reconstruction surgery done later this week, while Lile has already been operated on successfully for his knee injury.

Hill's loss has a bigger impact as Iowa was already getting thin at running back. The Hawkeyes are now down to sophomore Damon Bullock, true freshman Greg Garmon, junior Brad Rogers (who is also a fullback), true freshman Michael Malloy and sophomore Andre Dawson. Bullock is expected to be the starter for Iowa's season opener in Chicago on Sept. 1 against Northern Illinois.