

8/23/2012: Talkin' Hawks podcast (2012 Iowa season preview)

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The 2012 college football season is upon us, meaning it's time for the return of the "Talkin' Hawks" podcast for the third straight autumn here on *HawkeyeDrive.com*.

Now during the past two years, the first podcast has taken place the week of Iowa's season opener. I've decided to take a different approach this year by posting the first podcast of the fall one week sooner, one that previews the Hawkeyes' upcoming 2012 season.

Joining me for this season preview edition of "Talkin' Hawks" is former Hawkeye defensive back Chris Rowell, who was a weekly part of the podcast last year and will be again in 2012. Rowell played five seasons at Iowa and was a member of the 2009 squad that finished 11-2 and defeated Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

In this nearly two-hour podcast, Rowell and I discuss the reshuffling and new hires made to the Iowa coaching staff as well as examine the Hawkeyes position by position and give our thoughts on each of the six BCS conferences, giving those who subscribe to or visit this site a taste of what teams will be mentioned regularly in the *HawkeyeDrive.com* Pick 'Em, [which has officially begun accepting entries for the season's first week](#). At the end, we also share both our Heisman Trophy and BCS National Championship predictions, and provide final thoughts we have about the Hawkeyes prior to the season starting.

Our next edition of the "Talkin' Hawks" podcast will be posted Aug. 30, as Rowell and I preview Iowa's season opener against Northern Illinois at Soldier Field and share our picks for each of the 10 games featured in the season's first *HawkeyeDrive.com* Pick 'Em. For now though, I hope you enjoy our 2012 season preview edition of the "Talkin' Hawks" podcast:

[Talkin' Hawks podcast \(2012 Iowa season preview\)](#)

**Intro sound byte credit to my former Daily Iowan colleague Ryan Young for putting that together.*

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL COVERAGE:

*Below are links to the eight position breakdowns written earlier this month about the Iowa Hawkeyes: [Quarterbacks](#), [Running Backs](#), [Wide Receivers and Tight Ends](#), [Offensive Line](#), [Defensive Line](#), [Linebackers](#), [Secondary](#), [Special Teams](#)

*Below are links to season previews of the other Big Ten teams, each of which include audio from players recorded from Big Ten Media Days last month in Chicago (please note you must have either a paid monthly or yearly subscription, or a three-day free trial, to *HawkeyeDrive.com* to access all of these): [Penn State](#), [Ohio State](#), [Indiana](#), [Illinois](#), [Purdue](#), [Wisconsin](#), [Northwestern](#), [Minnesota](#), [Nebraska](#), [Michigan State](#), [Michigan](#)