

Iowa's +/- in 2013 Big Ten play after 9 games (premium)

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This is the third installment of a series examining Iowa basketball player's plus-minuses during Big Ten play. [Part One](#) was written Jan. 11, while [Part Two](#) came Jan. 23, one day following the Hawkeyes' 72-63 loss to then-No. 14 Ohio State.

Iowa has reached the halfway point of its Big Ten slate, making this an appropriate time to provide this third update in our series about (+/-), a statistic used by basketball coaches in evaluating individual players and how their team is doing when said player is on the court during a game.

Since the second part was written, Iowa has played three games, going 1-2 during this stretch. The one win came at home on Jan. 31 against Penn State and was sandwiched between a pair of road losses to Purdue and then-No. 23 Minnesota, both of which came by three points with the former being decided in overtime.

Now typically, the data I have gathered for this series has come courtesy of the site, statsheet.com. The only game where accurate plus-minus data was available however was Iowa's win over Penn State. The loss to Purdue featured some significant errors, with the biggest being the amount of playing time it had listed in the second half of that game for freshman guard Mike Gesell. As for the Hawkeyes' most recent loss to the Golden Gophers over the weekend, the site (for whatever reason) doesn't have any plus-minus data from any of Minnesota's home games. So the data from those two games I had to actually compute on my own by going through the play-by-play sheets made available during postgame.

This new set of data illustrates some major changes that everyone who follows Iowa is quite familiar with by now. The same four players on the plus side through six games all remain there at the moment. However, junior forward Melsahn Basabe was inserted into the starting lineup in place of freshman guard Anthony Clemmons prior to the Penn State contest and differences in both players' data stand out. Basabe's plus-minus has been 0 in each of his two starts. Meanwhile, Clemmons has gone two straight games of finishing in the plus column since becoming a reserve again. Considering how he said after the Penn State game how he felt some relief in being taken out of the starting lineup, his numbers from the last two games show just comfortable he has become.

There are three other observations worth mentioning. First with regards to junior guard Devyn Marble, the one portion of his numbers that will stand out is going to come from the Minnesota game, where he was virtually non-existent for Iowa. Secondly, it's worth mentioning that with regard to sophomore guard Josh Oglesby, his plus-minus data has gotten better recently and it coincides with him starting to get more involved in games. He had the best plus-minus of anyone in the Hawkeyes' loss to the Golden Gophers.

Lastly, it's safe to say Iowa's rotation has been trimmed down from 11 players to 10. That's because freshman guard Pat Ingram hasn't played any minutes in the Hawkeyes' last three games and has only appeared in four of Iowa's nine Big Ten contests thus far, so his numbers are the same as last time.

Like the previous two posts in this series, there are three sets of numbers next to each name. The number surrounded by parentheses is the +/- . The first set of numbers is the point differential when that particular player is playing. Next to the +/- is the number of minutes played during the Big Ten season.

Underneath each player's name will be data from the three most

recent games, which will then be broken up with data from each individual game.

Aaron White: 436-475; (-39); 267:14

Last 3 games: 154-162; (-8); 94:48

– at Purdue: 39-48; (-9); 29:09

– vs. Penn State: 69-58; (+11); 34:05

– at Minnesota: 46-56; (-10); 31:34

Mike Gesell: 407-426; (-19); 258:37

Last 3 games: 147-163; (-16); 97:06

– at Purdue: 55-61; (-6); 39:13

– vs. Penn State: 48-46; (+2); 26:44

– at Minnesota: 44-56; (-12); 31:09

Devyn Marble: 392-414; (-22); 233:11

Last 3 games: 133-132; (+1); 84:54

– at Purdue: 53-50; (+3); 34:46

– vs. Penn State: 61-56; (+5); 31:52

– at Minnesota: 19-26; (-7); 18:16

Eric May: 279-301; (-22); 185:26

Last 3 games: 91-94; (-3); 54:13

– at Purdue: 21-22; (-1); 15:37

– vs. Penn State: 31-31; (0); 15:26

– at Minnesota: 39-41; (-2); 23:10

Anthony Clemmons: 306-333; (-27); 182:14

Last 3 games: 84-78; (+6); 45:29

– at Purdue: 12-23; (-11); 11:20

– vs. Penn State: 35-26; (+9); 14:36

– at Minnesota: 37-29; (+8); 19:33

Melsahn Basabe: 266-253; (+13); 165:29

Last 3 games: 111-104; (+7); 71:51

– at Purdue: 43-36; (+7); 30:39

– vs. Penn State: 45-45; (0); 25:22

– at Minnesota: 23-23; (0); 15:50

Zach McCabe: 257-247; (+10); 147:25

Last 3 games: 79-81; (-2); 53:58

– at Purdue: 29-33; (-4); 24:09

– vs. Penn State: 22-14; (+8); 11:47

– at Minnesota: 28-34; (-6); 18:02

Josh Oglesby: 220-221; (-1); 139:39

Last 3 games: 67-48; (+19); 44:23

– at Purdue: 17-17; (0); 13:20

– vs. Penn State: 17-14; (+3); 10:39

– at Minnesota: 33-17; (+16); 20:24

Adam Woodbury: 209-233; (-24); 139:11

Last 3 games: 79-86; (-7); 51:55

– at Purdue: 20-29; (-9); 16:33

– vs. Penn State: 40-32; (+8); 20:26

– at Minnesota: 19-25; (-6); 14:56

Gabe Olaseni: 137-97; (+40); 78:49

Last 3 games: 41-25; (+16); 26:23

– at Purdue: 22-7; (+15); 10:14

– vs. Penn State: 12-13; (-1); 9:03

– at Minnesota: 7-5; (+2); 7:06

Pat Ingram: 45-39; (+6); 26:58

Last 3 games: 0-0; (0); 0:00

– at Purdue: DNP

– vs. Penn State: DNP

– at Minnesota: DNP

**The next post in this series will come following the Hawkeyes' next three games against Wisconsin, Northwestern and Penn State. with data from those three contests. For more on the (+/-) statistic, current Portland Trail Blazers head coach Terry Stotts [wrote this article](#) about it from his days as an assistant coach with the Milwaukee Bucks.*