

Morris receives conference accolade

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Iowa senior linebacker James Morris became the second Hawkeye in as many weeks to be named the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Week, the conference announced Monday.

A week after senior cornerback B.J. Lowery received the same honor, Morris earned it this week following the Hawkeyes' 23-7 victory over Minnesota in what was their Big Ten opener. In that game, the Solon native recorded eight tackles, a sack and an interception late in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Morris is the third Iowa player to receive any honors from the conference this season. In addition to him and Lowery, junior wide receiver Kevonte Martin-Manley was named the Big Ten's Special Teams Player of the Week last week.