

Morris receives second weekly honor from conference

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Iowa senior linebacker James Morris was named the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Week, the conference announced Monday. This is the second time Morris has received this accolade.

In the Hawkeyes' 17-10 overtime victory over Northwestern last weekend, Morris finished with eight tackles, had two sacks of Wildcat quarterback Kain Colter and recovered a fumble forced by fellow senior linebacker Anthony Hitchens during the second quarter. Morris is also the first player in the FBS this season to reach minimums of 50 tackles, three sacks and three interceptions.

This comes just four weeks after Morris' first weekly honor from the Big Ten following the Hawkeyes' 23-7 win over Minnesota on Sept. 28 and it marks the third time an Iowa player has been recognized by the league as Defensive Player of the Week (senior cornerback B.J. Lowery garnered the honor back in September after the Hawkeyes' 59-3 win over Western Michigan).