Pair of Hawkeye football players to transfer

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Senior quarterback Cody Sokol and and sophomore-to-be defensive back Ruben Lile have both been granted releases from their scholarships and will transfer, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz confirmed in a statement released by the UI on Monday. Sokol's departure was first reported by Tom Kakert and Blair Sanderson of HawkeyeReport.com.

Sokol will transfer to Louisiana Tech, where he will be immediately eligible for one more season. He originally transferred to Iowa before the 2012 season after playing two seasons at Scottsdale Community College.

Sokol was part of a three-way competition last off-season for the starting quarterback job, which was won by Jake Rudock. He then got demoted to third-string behind C.J. Beathard and appeared in mop-up duty of the Hawkeyes' 38-17 win at Nebraska on Nov. 29.

Lile redshirted in 2012 after suffering a season-ending knee injury during fall camp. Last season, he appeared in three games during the month of September and recorded one tackle, which came in Iowa's 27-21 win at Iowa State on Sept. 14.

"Ruben expressed a desire to transfer closer to home and we will do all we can to help him with his request," Ferentz said. Lile is a native of Detroit.