

Iowa vs. Nebraska Game Notes, 2-deep

OFFENSE:

WR 6 Davis, 81 Smith

LT 60 Tobin, 76 MacMillan

LG 59 Boffeli, 65 Walsh

C 53 Ferentz, 59 Boffeli

RG 63 Blythe, 50 Clark

RT 70 Van Sloten, 76 MacMillan

TE 86 Fiedorowicz, 82 Hamilton

QB 16 Vandenberg, 15 Rudock

WR 11 Martin-Manley, 83 Staggs

RB 45 Weisman, 4 Garmon

FB 92 Gimm, 41 Reisen

TE 85 Derby, 80 Krieger-Coble

DEFENSE:

DE 99 Gaglione, 95 Ott

DT 54 Bigach, 71 Davis

DT 90 Trinca-Pasat, 97 Cooper

DE 79 Alvis, 49 Spears

OLB 20 Kirksey, 39 Perry

MLB 44 Morris, 52 Alston

WLB 31 Hitchens, 36 Fisher

LCB 19 Lowery, 2 Castillo

SS 21 Law, 13 Donatell

FS 5 Miller, 37 Lowdermilk

RCB 18 Hyde, 7 Draper

SPECIAL TEAMS:

P 98 Kornbrath, 14 Wienke

PK 96 Meyer, 1 Koehn

LS 61 Kreiter, 54 Bigach

HOLDER 14 Wienke

PR 18 Hyde

KR 23 Cotton, 81 Smith

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BREAKING NEWS: Maryland to join Big Ten

By Brendan Stiles

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The University of Maryland will hold a press conference Monday afternoon announcing its intentions to join the Big Ten, which

will be effective beginning in 2014. [As initially reported by ESPN's Brett McMurphy](#), the school's Board of Regents met Monday morning and approved the decision to leave the ACC (which Maryland was a charter member of) and become the Big Ten's 13th member.

The Big Ten Network will televise the Maryland press conference live at 1:30 p.m. Central.

***Be sure to visit *HawkeyeDrive.com* later for more on this development.**

2012 Big Ten football TV schedule: Week Thirteen

Every week, we will post the TV schedule for all games featuring Big Ten teams. Here is where and when you can watch them this week:

Nov. 23:

No. 17 Nebraska at Iowa, 11 a.m., ABC

Nov. 24:

Illinois at Northwestern, 11 a.m., BTN

No. 20 Michigan at No. 4 Ohio State, 11 a.m., ABC

Indiana at Purdue, 11 a.m., BTN

Michigan State at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., BTN

Wisconsin at Penn State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2

*All times listed are Central Standard Time.

11/17/2012: Michigan 42, Iowa 17 (Links)

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Check out all of these links to content posted on Saturday after Iowa's 42-17 loss to No. 23 Michigan at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich. Please note, anything with "premium" in parentheses are links that can only be accessed by those logged in as either a paid subscriber or three-day free trial member to *HawkeyeDrive.com*:

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Hawkeyes' fate sealed in The Big House

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Watching Iowa's 2012 season has been like watching a terminally ill pet slowly succumb to its death. For the first half of this season, it showed symptoms of sickness but appeared in good shape. Then came the diagnosis and the season has since gotten worse.

On Saturday, the Hawkeyes' fate was sealed and like that sick pet lying on its deathbed, it will be euthanized by this time next week.

It wasn't merely the fact that No. 23 Michigan had its way with Iowa en route to a 42-17 win or that the Hawkeyes won't be bowl eligible for the first time since 2000. Saturday's game was a classic case of everything Iowa trying to counter what plagued it no longer being effective.

Defensively, it didn't matter who the Hawkeyes had on the field at any given point. Michigan's quarterback duo of Devin Gardner and Denard Robinson made everything they did look effortless.

The Wolverines scored touchdowns on each of their first six possessions. Gardner, who started at quarterback for the third

straight week, completed 18-of-23 passes for 314 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for three touchdowns. While Michigan moved the ball at will, the Iowa defense found itself using a variety of different personnel packages at all three levels that were to no avail.

“This is a horrible thing because the coaches, this is their job. They prepare us well throughout the week,” senior cornerback Micah Hyde said. “They watch so much film and all this and that to get us ready to play and we just come out here and show a piss-poor effort like we did.

“We just gave up too many big plays.”

Robinson, who played in his first game since suffering a nerve injury in his right arm against Nebraska three weeks ago, started at running back Saturday in what was his final game at “The Big House.” He ended up leading the Wolverines in rushing with 98 yards on the ground, including a 40-yard run at the end of the first quarter where he juked Iowa junior free safety Tanner Miller out of his shoes.

Michigan became the fifth consecutive Iowa opponent to rack up at least 400 yards of total offense against the Hawkeyes, compiling 513 total yards on the afternoon.

“There were a bunch of plays where guys were right there to contest the ball and it just didn’t happen,” Miller said. “Then there were other times where there were blown assignments and miscommunications where they were running wide open on us.

“There was a whole handful of things that went wrong.”

Offensively, it didn’t matter that sophomore running back Mark Weisman returned or that junior tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz played the best game of his career to date. Iowa only managed 17 points, which included a touchdown late when the outcome was well out of reach.

Weisman started at running back for the first time since Oct. 27 when he injured his groin in a 28-17 loss to Northwestern. Without the services of sophomore running back Damon Bullock – who was held out due to a back injury – Weisman rushed for 63 yards on 16 carries and also hauled in that late touchdown catch.

Fiedorowicz entered Saturday's contest with 31 receptions through 10 games. Against Michigan, he had eight catches for 99 yards, both of which were team-highs. With wide receivers only accounting for two of the 19 completions that senior quarterback James Vandenberg had, the use of Fiedorowicz and redshirt freshman tight end Henry Krieger-Coble came into play early and often in the first half before everything got out of hand.

But as the deficit grew bigger, Iowa began to press offensively and eventually found itself struggling to move the football like it has the bulk of 2012.

"We got too far behind," Weisman said. "We've got to be able to put points up quick and we just didn't get it done."

Now with one game left, there's no bowl at stake. Even if the Hawkeyes were to win on their Senior Day against No. 16 Nebraska, it's still a losing season, something that Iowa – prior to Saturday – hadn't endured since 2006.

Before the 2012 season gets placed to rest, Iowa fans will get to say their final goodbyes to the team at Kinnick Stadium next Friday, much like one would just before its sick pet is put down.

"I've got six days left as a Hawkeye," said Vandenberg, one of 19 seniors who will see their college career end next week. "I'll live it as hard as I can, go as hard as I can and go out swinging."

COMMENTARY: A defensive disaster (premium)

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – What was once a proud defense is anything but.

For the fifth straight week, Iowa lost. This time, it was No. 23 Michigan imposing its will on the Hawkeyes to the tune of 42-17. For the fifth straight week, it was the Hawkeye defense surrendering 400-plus yards en route to defeat.

Michigan didn't just bully Iowa. It humiliated the Hawkeyes in "The Big House" on Saturday. The Wolverines scored touchdowns on their first six possessions of the game. They accumulated 513 yards of total offense, the most given up by Iowa at any point this season.

Not only that, but Michigan did this with its second-string quarterback, Devin Gardner, at the helm as Denard Robinson progressed his way back into game action Saturday for the first time in three weeks.

It didn't matter if the Wolverines were running the ball or throwing it. Heck, one could even argue that if Michigan didn't get too cute with some of its play-calling, it could've hung up 50-60 points on this Iowa defense.

But what made Saturday's showing worse than any other this season by the Hawkeye defense was that it didn't matter which 11 guys were on the field. It didn't make a difference if a three-year starter or a guy getting his first significant

playing time was out there. Iowa was getting carved left, right and up the middle. If there was a hole or a lane, Michigan found it and went full speed.

The most telling sequence of this game came in the second quarter. Michigan faced third down and Iowa went to a dime package, which hasn't really benefited the Hawkeyes at any point this season when they've faced mobile quarterbacks like the two possessed by the Wolverines. For instance, that 73-yard touchdown run Iowa gave up to Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch in the season opener came with the Hawkeyes in dime.

Gardner scrambled and picked up a first down, but the play was called back because of a holding penalty on Michigan. So on third-and-long, Iowa changed back to its base 4-3 defense and Gardner proceeded to connect with a wide open Roy Roundtree in the end zone for a Michigan touchdown.

It would only get worse from that point. The defensive line couldn't shed blockers, contain was practically non-existent and the secondary repeatedly got torched any time the Wolverines attempted to go vertical with their passing attack. Iowa was that bad.

When the same problems are taking place week after week, it's beyond the point of simply critiquing personnel or saying execution failed. The defensive scheme isn't working and it's that side of the ball that has been a letdown in at least five of Iowa's seven losses this season.

Forget about next week. There's no reason to think Nebraska won't move the ball like Michigan, or Purdue, or Indiana, or Northwestern, or Penn State all have on the Hawkeyes during Iowa's losing streak.

Going forward, adjusting to the personnel coming back is a must if this defense is going to be back to what it once was. If that means benching players that have started numerous

games, so be it. If that means making a drastic schematic change, so be it. Something has to change here, or this problem will go beyond this season.

Iowa-Michigan video: Micah Hyde

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Iowa senior cornerback Micah Hyde recorded eight tackles and an interception in the Hawkeyes' 42-17 loss to No. 23 Michigan on Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

Iowa-Michigan video: Christian Kirksey

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Iowa junior linebacker Christian Kirksey finished with eight tackles in the Hawkeyes' 42-17 loss to No. 23 Michigan on Saturday at Michigan Stadium.

Iowa-Michigan video: James Vandenberg

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Iowa senior quarterback James Vandenberg completed 19-of-26 pass attempts for 181 yards and two touchdowns in the Hawkeyes' 42-17 loss to No. 23 Michigan on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa-Michigan video: Tanner Miller

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Iowa junior free safety Tanner Miller finished with four tackles in the Hawkeyes' 42-17 loss to No. 23 Michigan on Saturday at Michigan Stadium.