

11/1/2012: Talkin' Hawks podcast (Iowa at Indiana)

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Every Thursday during the 2012 football season, *HawkeyeDrive.com* will feature "Talkin' Hawks," a podcast to get you ready for the Hawkeyes' upcoming game and other college football action.

This week, we preview Iowa's game on Nov. 3 against the Indiana Hoosiers at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Ind. Former Iowa defensive back [Chris Rowell](#) joins me to provide insight on the Hawkeyes and share his thoughts on all the games featured in this week's [HawkeyeDrive.com Pick 'Em](#). Rowell will be a part of the podcast every week all season long.

Joining as a guest this week in the podcast's middle segment is Dustin Dopirak, who covers Indiana for [The Bloomington Herald-Times](#). This week's edition is approximately 78 minutes long, so enjoy:

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10/30/2012: Iowa football notebook



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz discusses his team's upcoming game at Indiana during his weekly press conference held Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, at the Hayden Fry Football Complex in Iowa City.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – When the Iowa Hawkeyes travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to face the Indiana Hoosiers, there could potentially be a ton at stake.

Sitting at 4-4 after losses each of the last two weeks, Iowa needs to win two of its remaining four games to become bowl-eligible for the 12th straight season (Iowa missed a bowl game in 2007 despite being 6-6). With the Big Ten having a pair of teams – No. 6 Ohio State and Penn State – both barred from postseason play altogether this year, reaching the six-win

plateau would virtually guarantee the Hawkeyes receiving an invite to a Big Ten-affiliated bowl game.

But considering that Iowa still has yet to play the two teams currently tied atop the Legends Division – Michigan and No. 21 Nebraska – Saturday's game against Indiana could ultimately be the difference between a bowl trip and sitting at home for the holidays come December.

"I don't think anyone's hanging their heads. I didn't detect that Sunday," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said, referencing the last time he met with his team following its 28-17 loss to Northwestern this past weekend. "What we need to do is just worry about where we're at this week."

While the Hawkeyes are reeling from consecutive losses to Penn State and Northwestern, the Hoosiers have been a team trending upward. They enter Saturday's game with a 3-5 record, but four of those losses have come by a combined total of 10 points. Not only that, but Indiana snapped an 11-game losing streak in Big Ten play last weekend as it defeated Illinois, 31-17, for Kevin Wilson's first conference win as its head coach.

"Indiana is not a pushover team and I hope they don't think that we are," senior wide receiver Keenan Davis said. "It's going to be a competitive game."

Bracing for "the hit"

Sophomore running back Damon Bullock knew it would come eventually. Seeing his first game action in six weeks following a concussion suffered in the third game of the season against Northern Iowa, Bullock knew as he got more carries against Northwestern that at some point, a big hit would be laid on him and how he responded to it would prove significant.

"I didn't really take a good hit in practice all week, so I was anxious to actually get hit and see how I'd react to it,"

Bullock said.

Just getting to this point proved more challenging than anticipated. Bullock was medically cleared prior to Iowa's game against Michigan State back on Oct. 13. However, he found himself having a setback during the week and ended up not making the trip to East Lansing.

He finally made it back last weekend, catching a pass in the first quarter from senior quarterback James Vandenberg on one of his first plays from scrimmage. Bullock would continue to get some reps at running back while the starter, sophomore Mark Weisman, was riding a stationary bike on the sideline. Weisman re-entered the game, but after one play, had to come back out permanently, giving Bullock his opportunity to be the feature back.

The hit he awaited came in the second half. In fact, he got hit in the head. Bullock was down briefly, but managed to get back to his feet and finish the game.

"I slammed my head, closed my eyes and I woke back up and was ready to go," Bullock said.

As it turns out, the timing couldn't have worked out better for Iowa getting Bullock back. Ferentz said Tuesday it is unlikely Weisman will be able to play against Indiana due to the injury he suffered last weekend, meaning Bullock will get the start this Saturday against a Hoosier defense that surrenders a league-high 222.5 yards per game on the ground.

"As the game went on, he got stronger," senior center James Ferentz said. "We're really lucky to have a back like him back."

Getting the O-line resituated

With season-ending injuries to both Brandon Scherff and Andrew Donnal, the offensive line had some reconfiguring done prior

to playing Northwestern.

Junior Nolan MacMillan filled in for Scherff at left tackle and was originally listed on Iowa's 2-deep last week as the starting left tackle. As it turned out, he not only didn't start at left tackle against the Wildcats, but he didn't even start, period. As of Monday, MacMillan was listed as a second-string player at three different positions along the line.

The guy who did get the start at left tackle was Matt Tobin, who had started every game this season prior to last weekend at left guard. Although it was different seeing him play on the outside, Tobin said he had gained plenty of experienced lined up as a tackle in practice over the years.

"That was the only place I practiced," Tobin said, reflecting back on prior seasons before playing more frequently at guard. "Then they moved me inside and I played a little bit. I was just stationed there at the beginning of the year and then Scherff got hurt, so I moved out.

While Tobin switched one spot over, his old spot of left guard was initially filled by redshirt freshman Jordan Walsh, who ended up rotating in and out with MacMillan at that spot. Austin Blythe, another redshirt freshman playing at guard, described Walsh as someone who acts shy off the field but exudes confidence on it.

"He's probably one of the best guys at finishing [plays], especially at practice," Blythe said. "Just being able to put guys on the ground on a consistent basis, I mean, we all do it. But he's just one of the better guys at it in practice and that's just something he has got in his attitude."

Kirk Ferentz said Walsh played "like a young player" at times, but graded out O.K. in his eyes after re-watching the film. He said the same about Blythe, who made his first start back at right guard since suffering an ankle injury against Central Michigan.

“Hopefully with all three guys that are playing guard right now, I think we’ll see them play a little faster this week just because of the experience factor,” Ferentz said.

High-octane Hoosier offense

Once again, Iowa finds itself facing a team that has become an offensive juggernaut this season in Indiana.

Last season, the Hoosiers were rebuilding from scratch under head coach Kevin Wilson. Indiana showed its potential from time-to-time, but only managed to win one game. Not only that, but there was also turmoil surrounding the program both inside and out.

At this time last year, Wilson had lost his top prize in recruiting when in-state quarterback Gunner Kiel – the younger brother of then-Indiana quarterback Dusty Kiel – de-committed from Indiana, only to commit to LSU first, then ultimately end up at Notre Dame. When the Hoosiers played the Hawkeyes last October, it was Tre’ Roberson taking the snaps.

Roberson won the starting job at the beginning of this season, only to suffer a season-ending injury in Indiana’s second game of the year against Massachusetts. Since that time, the Hoosiers have been rotating between Cameron Coffman and Nate Sudfeld at quarterback, with Coffman starting every game, but Sudfeld coming in a la a relief pitcher in baseball.

“Both these guys will run the football,” Ferentz said. “I think the difference [in contrast to Northwestern] is if they’re on the move, they’re looking to throw the ball and then they’ll pull it down and go.

“They do have some cold runs, but their intent if they break the pocket is more to throw the football, where last week, it was a little different story.”

As an offense, the Hoosiers are one of the most prolific in

the Big Ten this season. The Hoosiers average 443.4 yards per game in total offense, which is second in the conference to Nebraska. Indiana has scored at least 24 points in every contest this season and leads the Big Ten in red zone offense, converting 34 of its 36 trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line into points.

Senior defensive tackle Steve Bigach is among those fully aware of how potent Indiana is offensively, but he said hearing things such as "this game could become a track meet" isn't something that phases him or anyone else on the defensive side of the ball.

"Going against a good opponent, a team that can score a lot of points, as a defense you take that personally," Bigach said. "It's our job to go out and stop them, but that all comes from within.

"We just need to go out and perform."

10/30/2012: Iowa player audio with photos (premium)

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – On Tuesday, 10 members of the Iowa football team spoke with the media to discuss the Hawkeyes' upcoming game on Nov. 3 at Indiana.

Below is audio from each of the following players – senior center James Ferentz, junior linebacker Anthony Hitchens, junior cornerback B.J. Lowery, senior quarterback James

Ferentz, senior left tackle Matt Tobin, senior defensive tackle Steve Bigach, sophomore running back Damon Bullock, redshirt freshman right guard Austin Blythe, senior cornerback Micah Hyde and senior wide receiver Keenan Davis:



James Ferentz, Oct. 30, 2012

[James Ferentz, senior center](#)



Anthony Hitchens, Oct. 30, 2012

[Anthony Hitchens, junior linebacker](#)



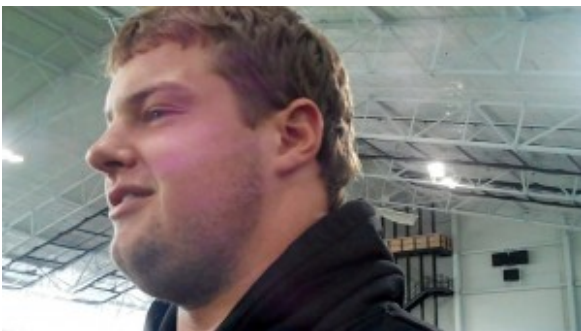
B.J. Lowery, Oct. 30, 2012

[B.J. Lowery, junior cornerback](#)



James Vandenberg, Oct. 30, 2012

[James Vandenberg, senior quarterback](#)



Matt Tobin, Oct. 30, 2012

[Matt Tobin, senior left tackle](#)



Steve Bigach, Oct. 30, 2012

[Steve Bigach, senior defensive tackle](#)



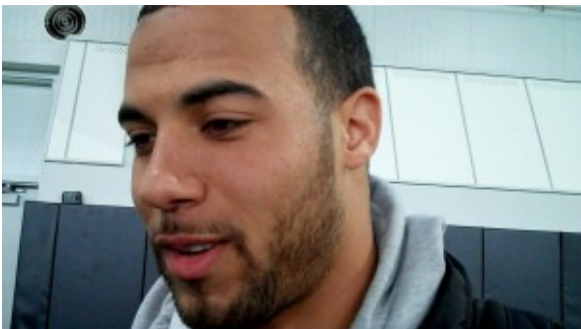
Damon Bullock, Oct. 30, 2012

[Damon Bullock, sophomore running back](#)



Austin Blythe, Oct. 30, 2012

[Austin Blythe, redshirt freshman right guard](#)



Micah Hyde, Oct. 30, 2012

[Micah Hyde, senior cornerback](#)



Keenan Davis, Oct. 30, 2012

[Keenan Davis, senior wide receiver](#)

10/30/2012: Kirk Ferentz press conference transcript

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Below is a PDF from the Iowa sports information department featuring the complete transcript from Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's press conference on Tuesday in Iowa City:

[Coach Ferentz – 10 30 12](#)

10/30/2012: Kirk Ferentz teleconference transcript

(premium)

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Below is a written transcript of Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's teleconference on Tuesday with the Big Ten media:

Ferentz's opening statement:

"It was a tough loss for us on the road this past Saturday. Now we travel down to Indiana and play a team that's coming off a real good win. They got a road win Saturday and as impressive as that is the improvement they've made. The losses they've had, basically they've had four games they lost by 10 points. So they're playing really well, playing with a lot of confidence and I think certainly last Saturday was a big step for them, giving them confidence, winning on the road like that."

On his team's ability to force turnovers as frequently as it has:

"I think that's one of the things we've done well. We've protected the ball pretty well offensively and our defense has been opportunistic. They've done a good job both with interceptions and fumble recoveries. The guys are working hard and that's certainly a positive statistic for us."

On how Indiana's defense looks to him on film and how he thinks it has improved:

"Yeah, I think that's probably the thing I would reference. They have some new players out there. Obviously, everybody graduates players each year. But I think that's one of the areas where statistics may not bear it out at this given point. They're doing a lot of things really well defensively and I think they're playing a lot better than they were last

year.

"It starts up front. They've got two really veteran guys inside that play well. They played well a year ago and they're playing even better now. They've got a lot of experience, those two guys. They play at, I think, a very, very high level. I think they've improved at linebacker. They've got a couple of new guys there that have really given them some octane and their secondary is very talented, very athletic and very active.

"So they're doing a lot of really good things. If you look at their tackles-for-loss statistics, their sacks, those types of things, they're a very disruptive group."

On the running back situation between Mark Weisman's injury and what Damon Bullock brings:

"We don't expect Mark to play. He was run out of the game the other day, so I don't think it's likely that he'll play this week. That's bad news, certainly. The good news is we finally got Damon back after six weeks and got him back out there. He started out a little slow, a little bit rusty for obvious reasons, but I thought he played well and competed hard.

"Hopefully one of these days, we'll have a chance to get these guys together. But Damon really did a nice job out there and we're going to need him again Saturday."

On the development Micah Hyde has made over his career:

"You know, he's just a great young guy and really came in that way. He just came in with a great attitude, works extremely hard. He was a little bit of a tweener in recruiting, if you will. He was getting a lot of attention from Mid-American schools. A good player and just all around, a good athlete. So he came in and I really feel like he could've played receiver for us as well as defensive back, but that's kind of where he fit in.

"We had a tough game the other day, but he really had two stellar plays. He killed a punt, kept it from going into the end zone and we were able to kill the ball at the 1-yard line. John Wienke punted it down there and that's not a play everybody can make, but it was an outstanding play. And then they turned around unfortunately and hit a big play, a 70-plus yard run with a very fast running back, and Micah tracked him down. He not only made the tackle, but it was a smart tackle. From the sideline, it looked like he was going to horse-collar the back and then he grabbed him, then just re-adjusted his hands and was able to bring him down.

"You know, that to me speaks volumes about the kind of player Micah is, those back-to-back plays basically. So it was a great hustle play. He showed more speed than we thought he had on that one, but it's kind of the way he is. He just does everything full speed."

On Hyde showing his speed on that particular tackle:

"Well, yeah. The week before, we saw [Northwestern's Venric Mark] go 80 yards untouched and he could've gone 100 if he could have against a bunch of fast guys. That running back is fast. There's no question about that. I think Micah showed a different gear there. Maybe we need to put Micah at running back."

On if he thought about playing Hyde on offense:

"Not recently. But we had thought about him at receiver. He has just been too valuable for us on defense."

On what he's looking to see from his defense against Indiana's high-powered offense:

"Well, we just have to play as well as we possibly can. This is the third week in a row now we're playing a really high-paced, fast-paced offensive team. Ironically, just the way our schedule shakes out, we played the three fastest operating

teams in the league back to back here. It's going to be a challenge, but if there's good news there, we've had practice at it, so we should be used to that part of it.

"But it still gets down to the key stopping any team, whether they're high-paced or a deliberate team, is get off the field. That's the name of the game on defense is get off the field. We just have to do a better job of that. That's what we'll focus on this week and it's going to be a real challenge. They've done a great job of moving the football and more importantly, they've scored points and that's what you're shooting for on offense."

On what he has seen from Indiana quarterback Nate Sudfeld:

"Yeah, I think they're similar in style – both quarterbacks are. But I think the thing that stands out to me the most is you're looking at a player who was playing high-school football a year ago at this time and he stepped in and didn't seem real phased by the environment or the situation. That's certainly a good sign for any player, but certainly with a quarterback having a little bit more on his plate, that's really impressive."

On what else Indiana brings offensively from a personnel standpoint beyond the QB position:

"Well, I mentioned a lot. I think their defense is really improved and they're young on the offensive line, but I think that group has improved. The guys that are back – the center has played forever – and the guys with experienced have improved their play and they've got some young players playing that are doing a nice job also. That's the first thing that jumps out at you."

"The running back was good a year ago. He's still very good. We played when the running quarterback was in. He's out right now. So it's a different style attack from what we saw a year ago. Last but not least, their outside guys are really

talented. They're very, very skilled players and they're very productive players. Two of the three have very good size. The other guy is just a really explosive player.

"So they give you a lot to worry about, a lot to defend. But their scheme is well-conceived and most importantly, the players execute it well."

10/29/2012: State of the Big Ten, Volume 71 (premium)

Every Monday, we will be running a weekly series titled "State of the Big Ten," which will be made available to all members of HawkeyeDrive.com. This series of columns will focus on one major headline regarding the conference and go in-depth on the subject at hand.

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Last weekend proved to be as good as any that the faithful in Bloomington, Ind., have had in a long time.

It began Friday morning (Oct. 26) when the AP released its preseason poll for the 2012-13 college basketball season. Like the USA Today/Coaches preseason poll, the Indiana Hoosiers found themselves ranked No. 1 in the country.

The optimism surrounding Tom Crean's basketball program is warranted. Sophomore center Cody Zeller opted to return for his sophomore season and on Monday, he was one vote short of being named a unanimous preseason all-American (he garnered 64 of the possible 65 votes). Zeller was also named the Big Ten's

Preseason Player of the Year.

In fact, the Hoosiers have all five starters from last year's squad that reached the Sweet 16 back, plus they brought in Crean's best recruiting class since he took over in 2008. The hype around Indiana is very real and rightfully so.

But perhaps as significant is what took place on the gridiron one state over the following day. Indiana's football Hoosiers left Champaign, Ill., with a 31-17 win over the Illinois Fighting Illini. It snapped a five-game losing streak overall where four of the five losses came by a combined 10 points. The victory was also Kevin Wilson's first in Big Ten play as Indiana's head coach, and it snapped an 11-game losing streak the Hoosiers had against conference foes.

And don't look now, but should Indiana beat a reeling Iowa squad at home on Nov. 3, it sets up a game next week at Memorial Stadium against Wisconsin where the winner controls its destiny towards playing in the Big Ten Championship Game. That game, by the way, is being played at Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Stadium (or approximately an hour away from Bloomington).

This dynamic is interesting in the sense that most figured if anyone could stand in Wisconsin's way of playing in the Big Ten title game (since neither Ohio State and Penn State can), it would be Indiana's other Big Ten team, Purdue. But instead, the Boilermakers have gone into a downward spiral, while the Hoosiers finally broke into the win column after coming so close in recent weeks against quality teams such as Ohio State and Michigan State.

What Wilson is doing this year is kind of remarkable. This is a team that added new wrinkles to its offense this offseason and lost quarterback Tre' Roberson to a season-ending injury in its second game of the season. In fact, Indiana was where highly-touted in-state recruit Gunner Kiel was going to play before de-committing last year and ultimately winding up at

Notre Dame. When he first committed, Kiel was being viewed as a possible savior of Hoosier football.

But these quarterback issues – and right now, Indiana plays two of them – haven't completely crippled Indiana's firepower offensively. This is a team that had a 17-0 lead against Michigan State and scored 49 points in its loss to Ohio State.

Now maybe the talk of this team winning six games or even playing up the road in Indianapolis on Dec. 1 is unrealistic. It sounds that way when considering that Indiana hasn't played in the Rose Bowl in over 40 years. But the fact that this discussion is even taking place is an indicator that the Hoosiers are trending upward and will be able to regularly compete for bowl games under Wilson.

Keep in mind also that this current nucleus is relatively young. He's starting to get more of his guys in the style of play he wants to use. If Wilson continues to mold Indiana into a team that could regularly compete for conference crowns, his name will become a hot commodity anytime a big-time coaching job has a vacancy to fill.

Things are looking bright in the Hoosier State and could continue to get brighter over the coming weeks and months.

Iowa at Indiana Game Notes, 2-deep

OFFENSE:

WR 6 Davis, 81 Smith

LT 60 Tobin, 76 MacMillan

LG 65 Walsh/76 MacMillan

C 53 Ferentz, 59 Bofelli

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 32 Bullock, 4 Garmon

FB 38 Rogers, 92 Gimm

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 2 Castillo, 19 Lowery

SS 13 Donatell, 21 Law

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

[Iowa vs. Indiana Game Notes](#)

2012 Big Ten football TV schedule: Week Ten

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. 3:

Michigan at Minnesota, 11 a.m., BTN

Iowa at Indiana, 2:30 p.m., BTN

No. 21 Nebraska at Michigan State, 2:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN2

Illinois at No. 6 Ohio State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Penn State at Purdue, 2:30 p.m., ESPNU

***All times listed are Central Standard Time.**

10/27/2012: Northwestern 28, Iowa 17 (Links)

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Check out all of these links to content posted on Saturday after Iowa's 28-17 loss to Northwestern at Ryan Field in Evanston, Ill. 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 gashed by Wildcats in 28-17 loss

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EVANSTON, Ill. – For the second consecutive week, the Iowa Hawkeyes dug themselves into a hole they couldn't get out of and left Ryan Field on Saturday with a 28-17 loss to Northwestern. This was the Wildcats' sixth win over Iowa in the last eight years and the Hawkeyes now find themselves at .500 both overall (4-4) and in Big Ten play (2-2).

From the opening minute to the final gun, Northwestern imposed its will. Even though Iowa clawed its way back in the second half with 14 unanswered points, it wasn't enough.

It began with the Hawkeyes winning the coin toss, but deferring to the second half due to strong winds coming from the North. The Wildcats took advantage of the opportunity by marching 75 yards on 11 plays and going up 7-0 on a 5-yard touchdown run from quarterback Kain Colter, the first of three he had on the afternoon.

Colter and Mark combined for 328 of Northwestern's 349 rushing yards against Iowa's defense on 42 combined carries between the two players.

"They just did a good job of executing," sophomore defensive tackle Louis Trinca-Pasat said.

Iowa initially responded with a 40-yard field goal from junior kicker Mike Meyer on its opening drive to trim its deficit to 7-3. The Hawkeyes had another stellar special teams play take

place at the start of the second quarter when senior cornerback Micah Hyde downed a John Wienke punt going against the wind at the Northwestern 1-yard line.

However, the Wildcats' first play from scrimmage ended up being a 72-yard scamper from Mark that would've been a 99-yard touchdown run if not for Hyde chasing him down. Colter would score his second touchdown from two yards out six plays later to extend the Northwestern lead to 14-3.

"You get a chance to change field position, and that's a big thing in our games," Hyde said. "It's tough. As a defense, you kind of had the momentum right there to try and stop them and then the very first play, they gash us."

One of the lone bright spots on the day for Iowa began to emerge during the second quarter in sophomore running back Damon Bullock. Playing in his first game since suffering a concussion Sept. 15 against Northern Iowa, Bullock finished with 107 yards rushing on 22 carries. He played the entire second half in place of sophomore Mark Weisman, who was injured in the second quarter.

"It's really nice to have Damon back and he has got some unique talents," senior quarterback James Vandenberg said. "We need to get Mark back healthy, too. But having both of those guys definitely really helps our football team."

Northwestern would go for the jugular early in the third quarter. First, reserve running back Tyris Jones blocked a Connor Kornbrath punt that was downed at the Iowa 4-yard line. The very next play, Colter notched the hat trick with a 4-yard score to make it 21-3. Following another Hawkeye 3-and-out, Colter tossed a 47-yard touchdown pass to wideout Christian Jones that put the Wildcats ahead 28-3 less than five minutes into the second half.

"On that one, I don't think it was by their design necessarily," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "We had two

new players in there. One new player totally, but two guys in different positions. As luck would have it, somehow we didn't communicate well enough up there."

Iowa would get two touchdowns late in the game, both of which were 1-yard touchdown runs by Vandenberg. Through eight games this season, Vandenberg has now run for as many touchdowns (3) as he has tossed touchdown passes. He finished 24-of-38 passing for 214 yards, but went without a touchdown pass for the second time in three weeks.

Trailing 28-17 late in the fourth quarter, Iowa called timeout facing a 4th-and-3 from Northwestern's 24-yard line. Instead of taking the field goal to make it an eight-point contest, the Hawkeyes went for it on fourth down but ended up turning the ball over on downs.

"We were moving the ball well in that quarter and we just felt like that was our best shot," Ferentz said on his decision to go for it on fourth down.

Iowa plays at Indiana Nov. 3. No kickoff time has been announced, but the game will be televised by BTN. The Hoosiers (3-5, 1-3) snapped a five-game losing streak Saturday, defeating Illinois, 31-17. It was Kevin Wilson's first Big Ten win as Indiana's head coach.