

Iowa at Northwestern (What to expect)

By Brendan Stiles

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To get you all ready for Saturday's game between Iowa and Northwestern, I put together a list of things you ought to know before these two face off at Ryan Field.

At the end, I'll provide what I think are three keys to an Iowa victory.

Iowa Hawkeyes (4-3, 2-1) at Northwestern Wildcats (6-2, 2-2)

Ryan Field; Evanston, Ill.

Oct. 27, 2012

11 a.m. Central

TV: ESPN2 (Beth Mowins, Joey Galloway, Lewis Johnson)

Radio: Hawkeye Radio Network (Gary Dolphin, Ed Podolak, Rob Brooks)

Weather: [47 degrees; sunny skies; winds around 15-20 MPH](#)

Brendan's Three Keys to the Game:

1. Keep Mark in check

I understand Northwestern running back Venric Mark is fully capable of big plays in both the ground game whenever the Wildcats have the ball and as a punt returner. After all, he does lead the Big Ten in all-purpose yards. On fourth down, it's pretty obvious that Iowa should kick the ball away from him. But defensively, the group that needs to set the tone

when it comes to keeping mark in check is the defensive line. If the tackles can clog up the middle of the field, it will allow the Hawkeyes' linebackers to key in on him and prevent Mark from busting big runs. If Northwestern can create holes for him in the middle of the field though, Iowa's defense is in trouble.

2. Passing game's best chance?

Northwestern possesses a pass defense that gives up an average of 280 yards per game through the air, which ranks dead last in the Big Ten. As anemic as Iowa has been lately throwing the football, the fact of the matter is this is as good of an opportunity as quarterback James Vandenberg and the rest of the Hawkeye playmakers are going to have at righting that ship. If Iowa can't develop a solid passing game that goes vertical and goes deep from time to time on this Wildcat defense, then it's fair to wonder if it'll ever get on track in 2012. From that standpoint, this game is critical.

3. Don't fall too far behind early on

In the last four meetings between Iowa and Northwestern, the Hawkeyes have built early double-digit leads only to squander them away (although Iowa did bounce back in last year's game after blowing an early lead and eventually won). Given the psyche of this Hawkeye team, the last thing it can afford is for the script to flip on Saturday. Even though Northwestern's coming off a disheartening loss at home to Nebraska last week, this is the Wildcats' homecoming and the intangibles are going to be in their favor. If Northwestern's the team building an early lead Saturday, I'm not convinced Iowa can play from behind, especially after what transpired at Kinnick Stadium last week when the Hawkeyes lost to Penn State. If Iowa can at least keep it close, if not hold a lead itself, then this game will go down to the wire and at that point, anything goes.

10/25/2012: Talkin' Hawks podcast (Iowa at Northwestern)

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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 Oct. 27 against the Northwestern Wildcats at Ryan Field in Evanston, Ill. 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 Kevin Trahan, who covers Northwestern for [Inside Northwestern](#). This week's edition is approximately 72 minutes long, so enjoy:

[Talkin' Hawks podcast \(Iowa at Northwestern\)](#)

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10/23/2012: Iowa football notebook



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz discusses the Hawkeyes' upcoming game at Northwestern with the local media during his weekly press conference held Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, at the Hayden Fry Football Complex in Iowa City.

By Brendan Stiles

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz called it “a thorough beating.” Senior defensive tackle Steve Bigach and others all used the term “embarrassed” to describe their moods

following it.

“It” refers to the Hawkeyes’ 38-14 loss to Penn State last weekend at Kinnick Stadium. And make no mistake, “it” was as ugly a loss as Iowa has endured in the 14 seasons Ferentz has been at the helm.

“There wasn’t much that went well,” Ferentz said. “I’m sure we’ve had worse beatings, but I’d have to go back to ’04 to remember a game like that.”

Everything that could go wrong for the Hawkeyes did go wrong. Offensively, the running game was stuffed and the passing game was practically non-existent. Defensively, Iowa was carved apart by a balanced Nittany Lion attack that accumulated over 500 yards of total offense.

Even junior kicker Mike Meyer, who entered the game having made 14-of-15 field goals on the year, missed a pair of kicks that the entire team became accustomed to him making.

“We practiced so hard throughout the week and we didn’t show up like we wanted to,” junior linebacker Anthony Hitchens said.

Junior free safety Tanner Miller said from watching the film, what stood out to him was the number of mental errors committed over the course of the game.

“We didn’t come out ready to play and you just got to be prepared for it this week and come out with a little more fire,” Miller said.

Vandenberg criticism

Part of the fallout from Iowa’s loss last weekend has surrounded the quarterback position. Ferentz made the decision to stick with his starters – and more specifically senior quarterback James Vandenberg – for the duration of the game despite Penn State possessing a 31-0 lead in the third

quarter.

If Vandenberg had been taken out of the game at any point, the next man in would have been redshirt freshman quarterback Jake Rudock, who has been second behind Vandenberg on the 2-deep all season.

“I guess you could make an argument that it would give the next player experience,” Ferentz said. “But at that time, I felt like the best thing to do was keep our offense out there and let them play.”

Vandenberg finished the game 17-of-36 passing for 189 yards. He threw a late-game touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Keenan Davis, but also completed a pair of passes to the Penn State defense, as well as lost a fumble deep inside Iowa territory that led to a Nittany Lion score late in the second quarter.

His performance added to a season of struggles, as the Keokuk native has thrown only three touchdown passes to five interceptions through seven games. It also resulted in some booing from the Kinnick Stadium faithful, something Vandenberg said was the least of his worries.

“As long as I’m given the opportunity to play here at this university, to play quarterback, I’m going to do everything in my power to get us points and to move us down the field,” Vandenberg said. “As soon as [the coaches] tell me to come out or to get moved, obviously that would be a different situation.

“But as long as they want me in there, the boos, the criticism, none of that stuff really bothers me.”

On Tuesday, junior tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz was quick to come to Vandenberg’s defense, saying the blame for Iowa’s lack of offensive productivity against Penn State shouldn’t be placed squarely on the signal-caller’s shoulders.

"Fans don't see everything that goes into preparation," Fiedorowicz said. "All they see is where the ball goes. They don't see how he's being rushed in the pocket. He's under a lot of pressure and if you're getting hit, that's not something where the quarterback, as they're throwing the ball, wants to really be doing.

"It's not his fault. We had two offensive linemen go down, Mark [Weisman] wasn't able to play. The whole offense really hadn't been working together."

Scherff and Donnal out, MacMillan and Blythe in

As if being "thoroughly beat" by Penn State wasn't bad enough for the Hawkeyes last weekend, they also saw their offensive line get decimated with injuries. In a span of three plays during the first quarter, Iowa saw sophomore left tackle Brandon Scherff carted off and sophomore right guard Andrew Donnal head to the locker room on crutches.

Ferentz confirmed the worst-case scenario Tuesday, saying both Scherff and Donnal would miss the rest of the 2012 season. Ferentz said Scherff suffered a broken bone, while Donnal suffered a knee injury.

In their places are a pair of linemen that have familiarity with game experience. Redshirt freshman Austin Blythe returns to right guard after an ankle injury in Iowa's 32-31 loss to Central Michigan was what prompted Donnal to see the field in the first place. Blythe said the time he spent on the sidelines while recovering from his injury put things into perspective for him.

"Nothing's for sure," Blythe said. "You've just got to play every play with the intensity that needs to be brought in order to succeed."

Meanwhile, Scherff was replaced at left tackle by junior Nolan MacMillan, who saw his first game action in over two years

last weekend.

While MacMillan didn't have game experience playing the tackle position, he did start games at guard for Iowa in 2010. Last year, a sports hernia injury sidelined MacMillan for the entire 2011 season. Prior to the start of this season, he suffered a hand injury and went through most of fall camp playing with a club.

"I think a lot more confident in the offensive scheme and in what I'm doing," MacMillan said when comparing himself now to 2010 before injuries began to plague him. "I think I'm more physically mature."

Both Blythe and Fiedorowicz described MacMillan as "tough" and "intimidating." Junior defensive end Dominic Alvis was once roommates with MacMillan and got a first-hand glimpse of the time and energy MacMillan had spent to return to the gridiron.

"Nolan is a strong guy and he has a strong work ethic," Alvis said. "I knew he was going to do well recovering from it. I had no worries about him."

Preparing for Colter, Mark

The Hawkeyes now play three of their next four games away from Kinnick Stadium, starting this week with a trip to Evanston, Ill., to take on a 6-2 Northwestern squad. Iowa won last year's meeting 41-31, but prior to that had lost five of six against the Wildcats. Northwestern won the most recent meeting at Ryan Field 21-17 back in 2010, a game where the Hawkeyes squandered a 10-point fourth-quarter lead.

As far as Northwestern was concerned, the bulk of the talk at the football complex on Tuesday surrounded its two biggest playmakers on offense – running back Venric Mark and quarterback Kain Colter.

Mark currently leads the Big Ten in all-purpose yards and not

only is a home-run threat on the ground for the Wildcats, but also in the return game.

“He’s an amazing player,” said senior cornerback Micah Hyde, who handles the punt return duties himself for Iowa. “He’s dangerous when he gets the ball in his hands and he’s one of the quickest guys in the Big Ten.

“He can break any given run at any time. We’ve got to prepare our best and try to contain him.”

Meanwhile, Colter is a player Iowa got a little bit of taste for playing last season at Kinnick Stadium, but he has since become more of a focal point in Northwestern’s offense. Not only does he play the quarterback spot, but there will be numerous occasions throughout Saturday’s game where Colter will line up in the slot and either run or catch the football (a la Kordell Stewart back in the mid-1990s with Colorado and later, the Pittsburgh Steelers).

Last season against the Hawkeyes, both Colter and Northwestern’s other quarterback Trevor Siemian tossed fourth-quarter touchdown passes. Colter was 2-of-4 for 44 yards passing and also had a team-high 76 yards rushing and six catches for 71 yards receiving.

“You just got to not let him become a spark,” junior linebacker Christian Kirksey said. “They do move him at quarterback and receiver, so you just got to stay in tune and just treat him at the position he’s playing.”

Homecoming for Weisman

This weekend’s game happens to be Northwestern’s Homecoming contest. It’s also a homecoming of sorts for one prominent Hawkeye player. Sophomore running back Mark Weisman was raised in Buffalo Grove, Ill., approximately 19 miles Northwest of Ryan Field.

“It will be fun to play at home,” Weisman said. “A lot of people will be coming to the game. It should be cool.”

While the Hawkeyes are already somewhat familiar with the Chicagoland area having played at Soldier Field already this season, Weisman’s role on the team has also changed dramatically. He said he’s anticipating a greater turnout of family and friends this weekend not only because of proximity to his hometown, but also due to the fact he’s now playing running back as opposed to starting at fullback in that season opener against Northern Illinois.

“We still take the same preparation no matter what, but it will be fun out there,” Weisman said. “I’ll definitely have some fun.”

Gift from Cotton

Perhaps the only positive stemming from Iowa’s loss to Penn State was junior wide receiver Jordan Cotton’s touchdown via a 92-yard kickoff return that prevented the Hawkeyes from being shut out.

As it turns out, Cotton’s score did more than just put Iowa on the scoreboard.

Jordan’s father, Marshall Cotton, was celebrating his birthday last Saturday when the Hawkeyes played Penn State. Jordan said there was only one thing his father wanted for his birthday – for Jordan to score a touchdown. Even though Iowa trailed 38-0 when the touchdown occurred, Jordan was excited to at least be able to fulfill that request.

“He was happy for me,” Jordan Cotton said. “He would’ve been more happy if we had gotten the ‘W,’ but he was still happy.”

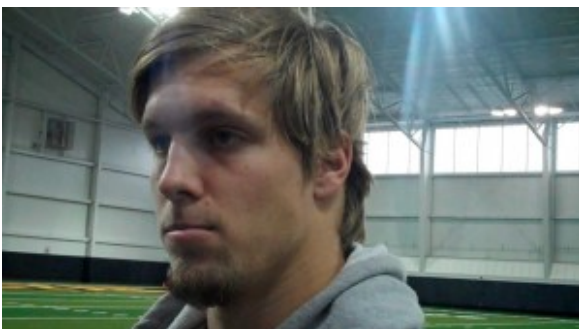
10/23/2012: Iowa player audio with photos (premium)

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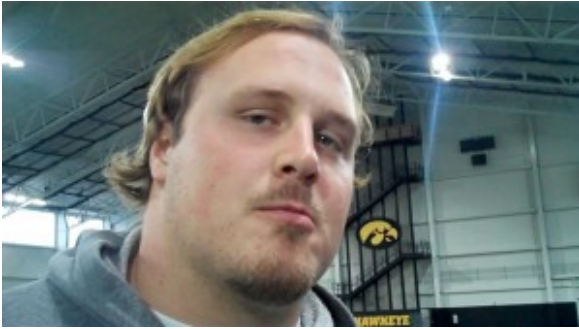
IOWA CITY, Iowa – On Tuesday, 16 members of the Iowa football team spoke with the media to discuss the Hawkeyes' upcoming game on Oct. 27 at Northwestern.

Below is audio from each of the following players – junior free safety Tanner Miller, senior defensive tackle Steve Bigach, junior linebacker Anthony Hitchens, junior linebacker Christian Kirksey, senior quarterback James Vandenberg, redshirt freshman guard Austin Blythe, junior offensive lineman Nolan MacMillan, sophomore running back Mark Weisman, junior tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz, senior cornerback Micah Hyde, senior strong safety Tom Donatell, junior wide receiver Jordan Cotton, redshirt freshman defensive tackle Darian Cooper, sophomore defensive tackle Carl Davis, junior cornerback B.J. Lowery and junior defensive end Dominic Alvis:



Tanner Miller, Oct. 23, 2012

[Tanner Miller, junior free safety](#)



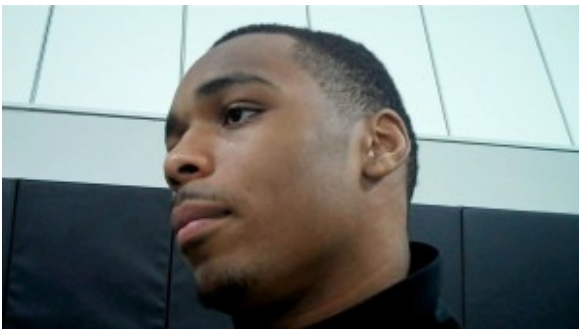
Steve Bigach, Oct. 23, 2012

[Steve Bigach, senior defensive tackle](#)



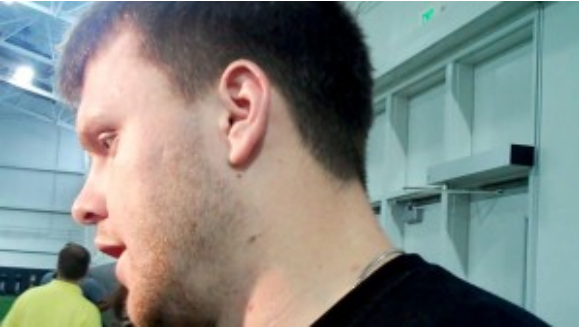
Anthony Hitchens, Oct. 23, 2012

[Anthony Hitchens, junior linebacker](#)



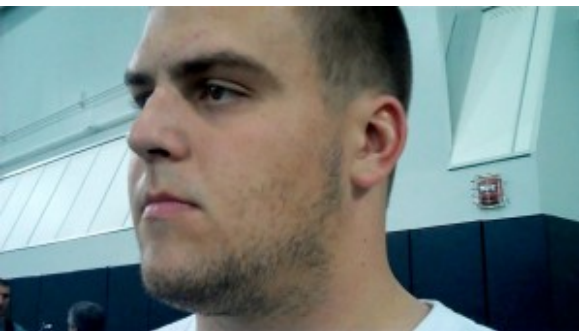
Christian Kirksey, Oct. 23, 2012

[Christian Kirksey, junior linebacker](#)



James Vandenberg, Oct. 23, 2012

[James Vandenberg, senior quarterback](#)



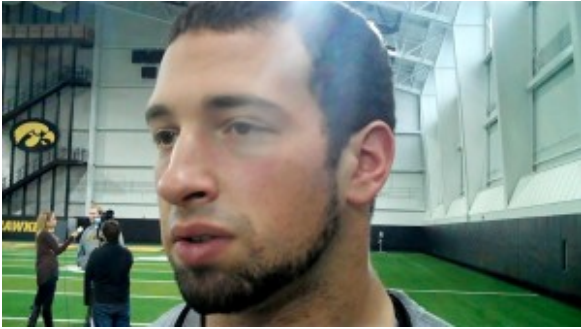
Austin Blythe, Oct. 23, 2012

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



Nolan MacMillan, Oct. 23, 2012

[Nolan MacMillan, junior left tackle](#)



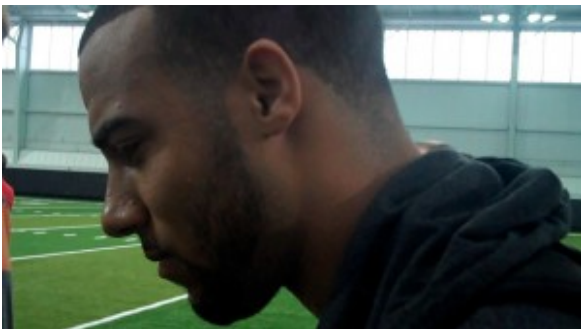
Mark Weisman, Oct. 23, 2012

[Mark Weisman, sophomore running back](#)



C.J. Fiedorowicz, Oct. 23, 2012

[C.J. Fiedorowicz, junior tight end](#)



Micah Hyde, Oct. 23, 2012

[Micah Hyde, senior cornerback](#)



Tom Donatell, Oct. 23, 2012

[Tom Donatell, senior strong safety](#)



Jordan Cotton, Oct. 23, 2012

[Jordan Cotton, junior wide receiver](#)



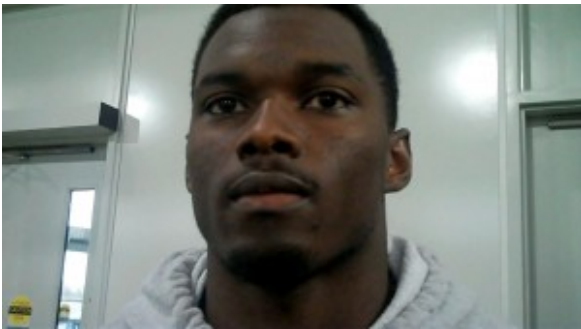
Darian Cooper, Oct. 23, 2012

[Darian Cooper, redshirt freshman defensive tackle](#)



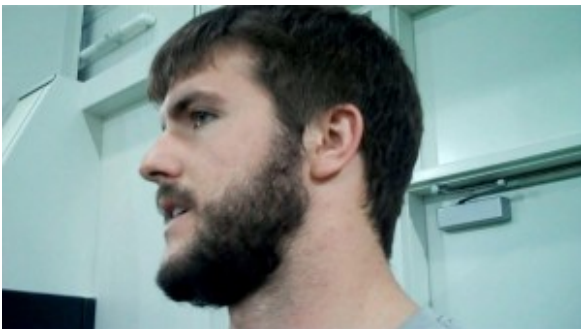
Carl Davis, Oct. 23, 2012

[Carl Davis, sophomore defensive tackle](#)



B.J. Lowery, Oct. 23, 2012

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



Dominic Alvis, Oct. 23, 2012

[Dominic Alvis, junior defensive end](#)

10/23/2012: 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 23 12](#)

10/23/2012: 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 weekend for us. Penn State played a tremendous football game and we had a great environment in our stadium, but we just couldn't match their tempo. They played a tremendous game and it was a disappointing night for us. We looked at the tape Sunday and we've moved on now and trying to get ready for a very good Northwestern team."

On what he feels the team needs to work on this week after reviewing the film:

"I mean, where would you want to start? There wasn't much we did well and Penn State had a lot to do with it. They played excellent football. They've been playing better with each week and they played an excellent football game and we didn't match them. So we lost a game and we'll just go back to work. It's not one specific area, I don't think."

On if he considered putting his backup QB in late with the game well in doubt:

"Yeah, you think about a lot of things during the course of the game. Obviously, we left our starters in there. We just felt like it was the best thing to do at that time."

On how running back Mark Weisman has looked and if he'll be more of a factor against Northwestern:

"We're hoping so. He has got – if we go through this week without any reoccurrences – then hopefully he'll be a week stronger. He really made a good comeback last week. Played a little while, but there wasn't much in terms of holes being open, that type of thing. So the game got out of hand and we just felt like it was best to get him out of there. I think he'll be fine."

On if Weisman is still humble even given the success that he has had:

"Yeah. Outside of last Saturday, he has really run the ball well and has just done a wonderful job. It's a neat story, but the best part about the story is exactly what you're referring to. He's a tremendous young guy. Very, very quiet. I'm sure he's a little more outspoken away from the building, but with us, he has just been a guy that shows up with a great attitude and works extremely hard and obviously, he's a tough young man, too. It's a real neat story and we feel very fortunate"

that he's here."

On how he feels Penn State quarterback Matt McGloin's skills fit in Bill O'Brien's offense:

"Well, I think it's a real credit to Coach O'Brien and mostly to Matt. You know, I'm not saying he wasn't a good quarterback last year, but he's leading the Big Ten in passing and to me, he's kind of representative of their football team. We've seen him, at least from my vantage point, I think he has improved every week and he played a stellar game the other night.

"But beyond playing, from the sidelines at least and watching tape, it occurs that he's a real strong leader and I think they've got a lot of great leadership on that football team from my vantage point. But certainly he has done a real fantastic job for them."

On if there are signs of the offense starting to break through or if major things need to happen:

"You know, we're not surrendering or not planning to show up for the rest of the season. You know, what happened Saturday, I'd like to think it was an aberration. I'm not diminishing Penn State's role. They played a tremendous football game. We didn't and unfortunately, I've been involved in games like that. I don't think that's representative of our football team. It may be of theirs. They're playing very, very well. But I'd like to think we're a little bit better than that. We're not planning on any major overhauls. We just have to do what we do better."

On if he feels Northwestern still is difficult to prepare for despite offensive numbers sputtering:

"Yeah, we do. They're always a challenge. This year's a little bit different. They've been playing two different quarterbacks. But the common denominator is they have a real good attack. It's well thought out. Their guys, they throw and

catch really well and they've done that for a real long time.

"They've got a running back who is extremely dynamic. 'Explosive' is a big word nowadays and he certainly fits that. You know, he can take it the distance from anywhere, basically, and when the running quarterback is in there, he can basically do the same thing. So they've got a lot of things to prepare for and they're always a tough, tough match-up."

On if it's easier to get his guys to prepare for Northwestern given the Wildcats' recent success vs. Iowa:

"I think it's probably an important game for everybody this weekend, not just in our game, but everywhere in the conference. It's just what football is all about, so, you know, credit to them. They've done well. But what has happened over the last year, two years or seven years really doesn't matter this week. It's the team that plays the best on Saturday."

On the work linebacker Anthony Hitchens put in the offseason to get to where he is today:

"Anthony's a guy that has done a good job since he has gotten here. We played him as a true freshman on special teams and played him at a couple of different positions. He had a short stint at running back – I guess everybody on our roster has – but he was there for a little bit. He played some safety and then we finally settled him at the end of the year in 2010 at linebacker and he actually played a little bit in the bowl game.

"You know, he has worked hard and he's continuing to progress. Statistics are good, but the good news for us is he can continue to be a much better football player. He's making tackles and that's where it all starts on defense, but as far as reading his keys and getting where he has to get quicker, that's a challenge for every player. I think it's something he

can continue to improve on.”

On how players have picked up on Greg Davis’ system and what things they need to keep working on:

“Well, I mean, it’s everything. You work on everything and I think we’re making progress. But it didn’t show up Saturday, that’s for sure. But it’s a long road. We’ll just keep working. We’ll go back to work today and just see if we can’t get better.”

On whether he sees opportunities for the passing game to get going against Northwestern’s defense:

“You know, there are opportunities every week. It’s just how you play. You know, I think they’ve done a good job defensively. To me, just looking at them, I think that’s one of the things that I think they’ve settled in with what they want to be and how they want to play defensively. They make several changes and adjustments that pose challenge for offense.

“So they’ve done a good job and they’ve played some good teams. They’re a 6-2 football team that has been playing well and the two games they lost, they lost in the fourth quarter. So they’re an excellent football team and we’ve certainly got to be reprehensible this week in getting ready for them.”

On the difficulty of preparing for Northwestern’s two-quarterback system:

“It’s a challenge because I think they are two very different guys and the offense has the potential to change with each guy playing quarterback. Obviously, when [Kain] Colter’s not playing quarterback, he’s in position where he can hurt you in a lot of different ways. He’s an extraordinary athlete and it’s a credit for them, first of all, for recruiting him. He has been an excellent player. I believe he is from Colorado. And then secondly, they utilize him in a lot of smart ways. So

it just puts a lot of pressure on you defensively, but they've always done a great job with that."

On the status of right guard Andrew Donnal, who along with left tackle Brandon Scherff, was injured in Iowa's loss to Penn State:

"Yeah, it looks like both of them are out for the season. Both suffered severe injuries and they were significant injuries on Saturday. It's unfortunate, but that's part of college football. That's part of football in general. It's just really disappointing because mainly players work extremely hard close to 12 months a year just to play 12 games. I hate to see anybody on any team have that taken away, but it's unfortunately part of what football entails."

10/22/2012: State of the Big Ten, Volume 70 (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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The 2012-13 college basketball season hasn't even tipped off yet and already, it has been tumultuous for Tubby Smith and the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

On Friday, forward Trevor Mbakwe walked out of a Miami

courtroom avoiding jail time following a DUI arrest last July. Not even 24 hours had passed before assistant coach Saul Smith – Tubby’s son – was arrested on suspicion of a DUI in Minneapolis. Saul Smith has since been placed on unpaid administrative leave by Minnesota athletics director Norwood Teague and further punishment could still be coming his way.

Even if this is Saul’s first offense, the punishment needs to be harsher here and he probably should be fired altogether.

First of all, there’s the timing. The fact that he even allowed himself to be put in this position in the first place is bad. But again, add in the fact that this occurred just after one of his own players just dodged sitting in a jail cell for the exact same offense is pretty poor judgment. Honestly, anyone associated with that program right now ought to avoid consuming any alcohol of any kind right now.

Sure, the argument can be made that this is a free country and they all should be allowed to do whatever they want in their free time as long as they’re not breaking the law. The argument isn’t for everyone involved with Minnesota basketball to not be allowed to drink ever again. Just not right now. Not right after the legal process had just played out in the case of someone who just happens to be the best player on the team.

But back to Saul Smith. Let’s re-emphasize another key factor here – he’s Tubby’s son. Yeah, he’s just one of the assistant coaches, but the fact of the matter is he’s going to be held to a higher standard based on name alone. That’s something that happens in all lines of business, not just in the world of college basketball.

It’s already hard enough on Tubby Smith knowing one of his assistants just got arrested on DUI suspicion and has to take an unpaid administrative leave. But compound that with the fact that the particular assistant just happens to be his son and it only makes things more stressful on him, not just as a

coach but as a father as well.

Look, Minnesota has a chance to be a pretty good team this season. The Golden Gophers made a nice run in March all the way to the NIT championship game where they lost to Stanford and they return the two players who made that run possible in point guard Andre Hollins and forward Rodney Williams.

And oh yeah, Mbakwe was granted an extra year of eligibility after missing the majority of last season with a torn ACL. On the court, Minnesota has three solid basketball players to build around.

But the distractions are already beginning to mount. Add in that there's going to be extra incentive for Tubby Smith to have a bounce-back season with the hiring of Teague as the school's new AD and this was clearly the last thing he needed to deal with.

If Minnesota can avoid further distraction, then it should be fine. But if not, remember that it's now not only a poor decision by a player making times in Minneapolis rough, but also a poor decision by an assistant coach that probably should've known better more than anyone else involved in that program.

Iowa at Northwestern Game Notes, 2-deep

OFFENSE:

WR 6 Davis, 81 Smith

LT 76 MacMillan, 60 Tobin

LG 60 Tobin, 65 Walsh

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 45 Weisman/4 Garmon, 33 Canzeri

FB 38 Rogers, 92 Gimm

DEFENSE:

DE 99 Gaglione, 94 McMinn

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. Northwestern Game Notes](#)

2012 Big Ten football TV schedule: Week Nine

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:

Oct. 27:

Indiana at Illinois, 11 a.m., BTN

Iowa at Northwestern, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Purdue at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., BTN

Michigan State at Wisconsin, 2:30 p.m., ABC/ESPN2

No. 9 Ohio State at Penn State, 4:30 p.m., ESPN

No. 20 Michigan at Nebraska, 7 p.m., ESPN2

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

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