

Iowa-ISU video: Anthony Hitchens

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa junior linebacker Anthony Hitchens recorded a team-high 19 tackles on Saturday in the Hawkeyes' 9-6 loss to Iowa State at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa-ISU video: James Morris

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa junior linebacker James Morris had 12 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception returned for 49 yards on Saturday in the Hawkeyes' 9-6 loss to Iowa State at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa-ISU video: James Ferentz

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa senior offensive lineman James Ferentz started at center for the Hawkeyes on Saturday in their 9-6 loss to Iowa State on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. Iowa compiled 304 yards of total offense in defeat.

Iowa-ISU video: Kirk Ferentz

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz addressed the media in a post game press conference following the Hawkeyes' 9-6 loss to Iowa State on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. Iowa is now 1-1 this season and Ferentz is now 6-8 lifetime against the Cyclones.

Iowa-ISU video: Keenan Davis

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa senior wide receiver Keenan Davis hauled in four catches for 75 yards receiving in the Hawkeyes' 9-6 loss to Iowa State on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

Iowa-ISU video: Mike Meyer

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa junior kicker Mike Meyer connected on field goals of 23 and 21 yards for the Hawkeyes, scoring their only points in a 9-6 loss to Iowa State on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

Former Hawkeyes, Cyclones relive rivalry

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CORALVILLE, Iowa – When the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones face each other Saturday afternoon, it will mark the 36th consecutive meeting between the two schools since the in-state rivalry was resumed on an annual basis in 1977.

With the fourth annual FryFest being centered around the rivalry between the Hawkeyes and Cyclones, a discussion panel was held during the event Friday afternoon at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Various players to play for both schools were on hand to take part in the panel and relive their playing experiences against the opposing team.

Among the former Hawkeyes on hand was defensive tackle John Harty, who was a member of the 1977 Iowa squad that defeated Iowa State 7-6 in the first game after the rivalry resumed. With former Cyclones such as wide receivers Jim Solus and Thomas Buck and quarterback John Quinn also on hand, the four players recounted playing in that first contest.

It was the first of four straight games that were played at Kinnick Stadium as part of the original agreement to bring back the rivalry. The Cyclones also famously wore jerseys that said "Beat Iowa" on the front for that first contest 35 years ago.

"We came out with the 'Beat Iowa' jerseys on, which was pretty bold and that's how Earle was," Solus said, referencing then-Iowa State head coach Earle Bruce. "The thing to do is to win the game and we lost. That jersey now lives in infamy."

From 1982-1997, Iowa won 16 straight games over Iowa State. Three members of the 1985 Rose Bowl team – quarterback Chuck Long, linebacker Larry Station and kicker Rob Houghtlin – were all part of the panel. Station recalled losing the first Iowa-Iowa State game he was a part of, and how then-assistant coach Dan McCarney – who would later go on to become Iowa State's head coach – was "the ringleader" among the coaches letting the players have it the following week.

"He used to talk about Iowa State so bad," Station said. "So I learned the lesson that after we lost to Iowa State that first time, we should never lose to them again."

"There was more importance on that game than almost any game of the year that I can remember."

Iowa State defeated Iowa 27-9 in 1998, ending its 16-year drought against the Hawkeyes. Former Iowa linebacker Matt Hughes was a captain on the 1998 squad and expressed how the loss still stings him to this day.

"I'll never forget that feeling of walking back to the dorms and how disgusted we were that we lost to the Cyclones," Hughes said. "It was just one of those things that was engrained into us by our coaching staff all those years. You win that game, no matter what. That was a tough one to take."

Former Iowa wide receiver Warren Holloway was on hand and mentioned a story from the 2001 game between the two teams at Jack Trice Stadium, one that was won by Iowa State, but played in November due to the game being postponed by the 9/11 attacks. While the Hawkeyes lost the game, what happened sent the message to him about the rivalry's importance.

Holloway said on the team bus, the highlight tape they watched on bus trips wasn't working, which prompted then-offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe to smash the tape in front of the team and say how they didn't need a tape to prepare them to go and win.

"For all of us that know Coach O'Keefe, that was very much out of his character," Holloway said. "All of us were just sitting there and looking at him and we didn't know how to respond. It was at that moment that I realized how important the rivalry was from the coaching standpoint.

"It wasn't just about going to a better bowl game. It was Iowa State."

Representing the most recent group of Hawkeye and Cyclone players present were four guys who all played in the 2007 meeting won by Iowa State, 15-13. One of the former Cyclones was the player who scored all of Iowa State's points that afternoon – kicker Brett Culbertson. Joining him was former Cyclone quarterback Bret Meyer, former Iowa linebacker Mike Humpal and former Iowa wideout Andy Brodell.

"That game, just knowing what that meant to the state of Iowa and everything, it really just helped me focus," Culbertson said. "Focus on what you have to do and just forget about

everything else.”

Towards the end, a question directed at both Brodell and Humpal was asked from the audience about how much of an emphasis current Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz placed on the rivalry when they played. Brodell was quick to say rivalry games, in his opinion, hinge squarely on the players.

“I think, quite honestly, he just expected us to approach the game differently,” Brodell said. “When you play in a rivalry game, and it certainly has been a rivalry game the past 10 years, you know you better show up to play. At that point, I don’t think the coaches need to say anything.

“If we lose the game, it’s either we didn’t do something right or Iowa State played exceptionally well. It doesn’t have anything to do with what he’s doing to motivate us.”

9/7/2012: I-Club breakfast video

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – As he does every Friday morning before a home football game, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz spoke at the Johnson County I-Club Breakfast inside the Sheraton Hotel. This week, he discussed the Hawkeyes’ upcoming game against intrastate rival Iowa State.

Ferentz was introduced by UI president Sally Mason. In addition to that, Ferentz formally introduced his 2012 class of true freshmen players to the crowd on hand at the Sheraton,

which includes his youngest son, Steve.

Ferentz on Modell's death

Ferentz gave *HawkeyeDrive.com* a brief comment following Friday's I-Club Breakfast on the passing of former NFL owner Art Modell, who died early Thursday morning in Baltimore. Prior to being named Iowa's head coach in December of 1998, Ferentz spent six years working for Modell – three seasons as the offensive line coach of the Cleveland Browns (1993-95) and three years holding the same job title with the Baltimore Ravens (1996-98). During his tenure with the Ravens, Ferentz was also the team's assistant head coach.

"A great man," Ferentz said of Modell. "He was just tremendous to myself and to our entire family. Great sense of humor. Revolutionary in terms of what he did for the league. He was just an outstanding guy. First class."

Iowa vs. Iowa State (What to expect)

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To get you all ready for Saturday's game between Iowa and Iowa State, I put together a list of things you ought to know before heading to Kinnick Stadium.

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

Iowa Hawkeyes (1-0) vs. Iowa State Cyclones (1-0)

Kinnick Stadium; Iowa City, Iowa

Sept. 8, 2012

2:30 p.m. Central

TV: BTN (Kevin Kugler, Chris Martin, Chuck Long, Jon Jansen)

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

Weather: [69 degrees; sun; wind from NW](#)

Brendan's Three Keys to the Game:

1. Don't let Iowa State break contain

Whether it's Steele Jantz, Shontrelle Johnson or James White running around with the football, Iowa's defense cannot allow any of them to break contain like they did in last year's contest at Jack Trice Stadium. This is what allowed Iowa State to sustain drives and what killed the Hawkeyes more than anything else in the 44-41 triple overtime loss. If Iowa struggles with this again, the defense is going to be in for another long afternoon.

2. Yards after catch

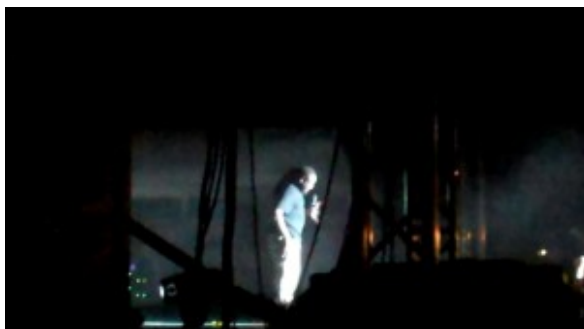
Iowa State is going to blitz like crazy afternoon for two reasons: 1. It's part of the Cyclones' defensive identity; 2. Iowa's offensive line struggled mightily at picking up the blitz last week against Northern Illinois to the tune of surrendering six sacks. The Hawkeyes' offense is heavily predicated on the short passing game, so with this in mind, Iowa's going to need guys like Keenan Davis, Kevonte Martin-Manley, C.J. Fiedorowicz and others to pick up yards after the catch. If big plays can be made by these guys in those types of situations, it's going to open up the running game, which

might actually play to Iowa's strength this week.

3. Win the turnover battle

Iowa cannot afford to give Iowa State any short fields to work with on Saturday. Conversely, the Hawkeyes need to force turnovers if they're going to get to Jantz's head. One of the biggest reasons why Iowa had previous success against Iowa State was because it not only won the turnover battle, but dominated it. Last year, it was a Marcus Coker fumble that gave the Cyclones life and from that point on, Iowa State outplayed Iowa. Whoever forces more turnovers is winning this game, plain and simple.

9/6/2012: Hawkapalooza video



T-Pain performs on stage during a free concert that was part of the fourth annual "Hawkapalooza" held Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, at Hubbard Park in Iowa City.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – The weekend of “organized chaos” on the UI campus began Thursday with the fourth annual “Hawkapalooza” taking place at Hubbard Park. This year’s pep rally was followed by a free concert featuring the hit rapper, T-Pain.

Below are videos from the pep rally featuring both the men’s basketball and football teams. The men’s basketball video features head coach Fran McCaffery introducing his entire roster and letting senior forward Eric May speak to the crowd on hand. As for the football video, the team was represented by five seniors – defensive end Steve Bigach, cornerbacks Micah Hyde and Greg Castillo, center James Ferentz and quarterback James Vandenberg. Bigach was the only player who spoke on stage while the team was being recognized.