



# Iowa Football

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Final Notes

1999 Iowa Hawkeyes

## THE FINAL MARK

Iowa ended the 1999 sea son with a 1-10 overall record and 0-8 mark in Big Ten Conference action following a 25-21 loss to 17th-ranked Minnesota to close the sea son.

Iowa lost three of its 10 games on, basically, the final play of the game. Northwestern scored on the fi nal play of its win over Iowa. In home losses to Indiana and Minnesota, Iowa was stopped in side the five-yardline in the fi nal sec onds of the game.

Iowa's victory, a 24-0 win over Northern Illinois, came in the third week of the season as the Hawkeyes broke open a close game in the final quarter. Iowa ral lied from a 16-point defi cit at North west ern and a 17-point defi cit vs. In di ana, but each time came up short on the score board.

The Hawkeye of fense was led over the second half of the season by the play of ju nior QB Scott Mullen, ju nior WR Kevin Kasper and soph o more RB Ladell Betts. Mullen passed for 1,415 yards while starting the final five games of the season and Kasper led Iowa's receivers with 60 catches for 664 yards and three scores. Betts led the Iowa rush ing at tack for the sec ond straight sea son, rush ing for 857 yards on 189 attempts. Betts also had 20

catches for 195 yards and led Iowa with six touch downs, five rush ing and one receiv ing.

Iowa's young of fen sive line, which of ten in cluded as many as three fresh men in the start ing line up, im proved as the sea son pro gressed.

The Hawkeye defense was led for the sec ond straight sea son by DB Matt Bowen, who had 109 tackles in 11 games. Sophomore LB Aaron Kampman recorded 100 tackles and LB Fred Barr, a true freshman, was third on the team with 75 stops. Tarig Holman led Iowa with three interceptions and Tim Dodge led Iowa in kick-off returns (23.3 average) and punt returns (10.5 average).

## A TOUGH SLATE

Iowa's 1999 football schedule was ranked as the fourth stron gest in the na tion, ac cord ing to the Sagarin Rat ings at the end of the sea son.

Six Hawkeye opponents (Nebraska, Wisconsin, Penn State, Michigan State, Min ne sota and Ohio State) were ranked in the As so ci ated Press top 25 through out the sea son and six of the 11 foes earned bowl game invitations. Five of Iowa's 10 losses came to teams ranked in the top 15 in the Bowl Cham pion ship Rank ings.

## THREE NAMED ALL-BIG TEN

RB Ladell Betts and WR Kevin Kasper on offense, along with safety Matt Bowen on de fense, earned all-Big Ten hon ors.

League coaches voted Betts to the sec ond team, while Bowen was named sec ond team by a vote of Big Ten me dia. Kasper earned hon or able men tion recognition.

Betts led the team in rushing with 857 yards and Kasper led Iowa re ceiv ers with 60 catches for 664 yards. Bowen led Iowa in tack les with 109.

## BETTS, BOWEN ARE MVPS

Soph o more RB Ladell Betts and se nior DB Matt Bowen were namd co-winners of the Roy J. Carver Most Valu able Player Award. Betts led the team in rush ing for the sec ond straight sea son and Bowen led the team in tack les for the sec ond straight year.

Scott Pospisil, a senior DT, earned the Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" award.

The Forest Evashevski Scholastic Achie ve ment Award was given to se nior DB Joe Slattery.

Coaches Appreciation Awards were given to Kevin Kasper (offense), Aaron Kampman (defense) and Doug Miller (spe cial teams). Also hon ored for their special teams play were Travis Senters, Tim Dodge and Thad Sheldon.

Hus tle Team Awards were given to Corey Brown (de fense) and Rob Thein (offense), and Team Leader Awards were given to Tony Burrier (offense) and Howard Hodges (de fense).

## FIVE CAPTAINS NAMED

Iowa's per ma nent team cap tains for the 1999 season included DB Matt Bowen and DL Scott Pospisil on de fense, QB Randy Reiners and FB Rob Thein on offense and LB Travis Senters on spe cial teams.

## 1999 Results/2000 Schedule

1999 Re sults (1-10, 0-8)				2000 Sched ule	
Sept 4	Nebraska	L	7-42	Aug. 26	Kan sas State (at KC)
Sept. 11	at Iowa State	L	10-17	Sept. 9	Western Mich i gan (VCD)
Sept. 18	No. Illinois	W	24-0	Sept. 16	Iowa State
Oct. 2	at Mich. State	L	3-49	Sept. 23	at Nebraska
Oct. 9	Penn State	L	7-31	Sept. 30	at Indiana
Oct. 16	at North western	L	21-23	Oct. 7	Mich i gan State (HC)
Oct. 23	Indiana (HC)	L	31-38	Oct. 14	at Illinois
Oct. 30	at Ohio State	L	11-41	Oct. 21	Ohio State (PD)
Nov. 6	Illinois	L	24-40	Oct. 28	Wisconsin
Nov. 13	at Wisconsin	L	3-41	Nov. 4	at Penn State
Nov. 20	Minnesota	L	21-25	Nov. 11	Northwestern
				Nov. 18	at Minnesota

## ***Coach Kirk Ferentz***

Kirk Ferentz (pronounced FAIR-rintz, rhymes with parents) completed his first season as Iowa's head football coach with a 1-10 record. Ferentz in four seasons as a college head coach holds a career record of 13-31.

Ferentz, 43, joined the Iowa staff after serving as assistant head coach and offensive line coach of the Baltimore Ravens of the National Football League. He had been part of the Baltimore (Cleveland Browns prior to the move) staff for six years.

Ferentz was named head coach of the Maine Bears in 1990 and held that position for three years. Ferentz was a member of Hayden Fry's Iowa staff for nine years as offensive line coach (1981-89). He coordinated Iowa's running game during his coaching stint with the Hawkeyes. Iowa appeared in eight bowl games during the time Ferentz was an Iowa assistant. A pair of Rose Bowls (1982 & 1986), two Holiday Bowl appearances (1986-87) and a pair of Peach Bowl visits (1982 & 1988), along with appearances in the Gator (1983) and Freedom Bowls (1984) highlighted his previous Iowa stay. Iowa's record in those nine years was 73-33-4 and included two 10-win and two nine-win seasons.

Ferentz was born in Royal Oak, MI and attended high school in Pittsburgh, PA. Kirk earned his bachelor's degree in English Education from the University of Connecticut in 1978 where he was a football captain.



### **IOWA DEPTH CHART**

The Iowa depth chart for the final week of the season included 13 seniors, 12 juniors, 16 sophomores, six redshirt freshmen and two true freshmen.

### **ACADEMIC HONORS**

Three members of Iowa's 1999 football team were recently named to the second GTE Academic All-America team. Those players include Rob Thein, a finance major with a 3.58 GPA, Thad Sheldon, a science education major with a 3.27 GPA, and Aaron Kampman, an elementary education major with a 3.39 GPA. Thein and Sheldon are seniors and Kampman is a sophomore.

### **TWELVE EARN ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN**

Twelve members of Iowa's 1999 football team earned academic All-Big Ten honors, including senior FB Rob Thein, who was honored for the fourth time in his career.

Eight Hawkeyes earned their second academic award, including OL Jay Bickford, LB Mike Dolezal, DB Ryan Hansen, WR Kevin Kasper, LB Roger Meyer, OL Thad Sheldon, DB Joe Slattery and DB Matt Stockdale.

OL A.J. Blazek, OL Jay Dittman and LB Aaron Kampman were honored for the first time.

### **FIRST TIME STARTERS**

Fifteen Hawkeye players started for the first time in their career in 1999. That list included DL Jerry Montgomery, LB Derrick Davison, LB Fred Barr, DT Corey Brown, DB Shane Hall, LB LeVar Woods and DT Scott Pospisil on defense and OL Eric Steinbach, OL Bruce Nelson, OL Jay Bickford, OL A.J. Blazek, OL Andy Lightfoot, OL B.J. Van Briesen, WR Kevin Kasper and WR Chris Oliver on offense.

### **FIRST TIME HAWKEYES**

Fifteen Hawkeye players, including two true freshmen, saw the first game action of their Iowa careers in 1999. That list included OL Bruce Nelson, OL A.J. Blazek, OL Andy Lightfoot, LB Derrick Davison, DB Derek Pagel, DL Jon Pettlon, LB Fred Barr, DB Vincent Wilson, OL Eric Steinbach, OL B.J. Van Briesen, DL Colin Cole, RB Siaka Massaquoi, WR Tony Burrier, punter Jason Sproull and DB Cameron Smith. Barr and Cole, former prep team mates at South Plantation (FL) HS, were the only true freshmen to see action for Iowa in 1999.

### **IOWA CAPTAINS BY THE WEEK**

Iowa named weekly game captains in 1999, as opposed to recent years when permanent captains were named.

The Hawkeyes also named a Leadership Council, a group of 10 players selected by their teammates to play a leadership role throughout the season.

Iowa's captains each week were as follows:

<b>Nebraska:</b>	FB Rob Thein, DL Corey Brown, DB Matt Bowen, DB Doug Miller
<b>Iowa State:</b>	TE Zeron Flemister, DL Ed Saidat, DB Matt Bowen, LB Travis Senters
<b>No. Illinois:</b>	WR Bashir Yamini, OL Thad Sheldon, DB Matt Bowen, DB Tarig Holman
<b>Mich. State:</b>	QB Randy Reiners, DE Anthony Herron, DB Matt Bowen, DE Scott Pospisil
<b>Penn State:</b>	FB Rob Thein, WR Tim Dodge, DB Matt Bowen, DL Scott Pospisil
<b>Northwestern:</b>	QB Randy Reiners, WR Tim Dodge, DT Corey Brown, DB Matt Bowen
<b>Indiana:</b>	RB Ladell Betts, DL Scott Pospisil, LB Travis Senters, OL Thad Sheldon
<b>Ohio State:</b>	FB Rob Thein, DB Matt Bowen, DL Corey Brown, LB Roger Meyer
<b>Illinois:</b>	FB Rob Thein, DB Matt Bowen, DT Anthony Herron, WR Chris Oliver
<b>Wisconsin:</b>	RB Ladell Betts, DB Tarig Holman, LB Aaron Kampman, LB Travis Senters
<b>Minnesota:</b>	QB Randy Reiners, RB Rob Thein, DB Matt Bowen, LB Travis Senters

## **IOWA RECORDS**

- *Junior QB Scott Mullen tied a school record with 60 pass attempts in the loss to Indiana.*
- *Mullen's 36 completions vs. Indiana set a Kinnick Stadium record and the 60 attempts tied the stadium record.*
- *Mullen's 74 offensive plays (14 rush, 60 pass) vs. Indiana established a Kinnick Stadium record and his 473 yards total offense set a stadium record. In the Big Ten, Mullen's 74 plays ties for the fifth best in league history and the 473 yards total offense ranks 10th best. Mullen's 60 pass attempts tie for seventh in league history and the 36 completions tie for 10th best.*
- *Mullen's 473 yards total offense vs. Indiana rank as the third best single game performance by an Iowa player and the 426 passing yards rank fifth best at Iowa.*
- *Mullen's 340 yards passing vs. Minnesota ranks as the 14th best single game performance at Iowa.*
- *Mullen's 1,415 passing yards for the season, which he totaled in just five games, ranks 17th best for a single season and his career passing total of 1,748 yards ranks 17th in career passing yards.*
- *Senior QB Randy Reiners completed his career with 2,008 passing yards, which ranks 13th best in career passing yardage.*
- *WR Kevin Kasper tied a school record with 13 receptions in the loss at Ohio State. Kasper's 664 receiving yards rank 18th best for a single season and his 60 catches in 1999 tie for fourth best for single season receptions.*
- *Kasper has 974 career receiving yards and only 24 Iowa receivers have totaled as many as 1,000 career receiving yards. Kasper ranks 19th in career receptions with 75.*
- *Sophomore RB Ladell Betts rushed for 857 yards this season, a total that ranks 15th best for a single season, and his career total of 1,536 yards in two seasons ranks 16th best in career rushing.*
- *Senior DB Tarig Holman, who led Iowa with three interceptions, had eight career thefts to tie for 15th on the career list.*
- *Senior DB Matt Bowen, who led the Hawkeyes in tackles for the second straight season, ranks 32nd in career tackles with 222 stops.*
- *As a team, the 36 completions and 61 attempts vs. Indiana set Kinnick Stadium records. The 426 yards passing vs. the Hoosiers ranks seventh best for single game passing yards. As a team, Iowa's 36 completions tie as the seventh highest total in Big Ten history and the 61 attempts rank eighth best for a single game.*

## **KASPERTIES RECEPTION RECORD**

Junior WR Kevin Kasper came on strong in Iowa's last five games after being slowed by an ankle injury early in the season. In the last five games of the season, Kasper had 46 receptions for 532 yards. Kasper had 98 yards on six catches vs. Minnesota, eight catches for 84 yards at Wisconsin, seven catches for 95 yards vs. Illinois, 13 catches for 135 yards at Ohio State and 120 yards on 12 catches vs. Indiana.

for the season had 60 catches for 664 yards and three TDs. He ranked second in the Big Ten in receptions per game (6.0) and sixth in receiving yards per game (66.4). His receptions are the most by an Iowa receiver since Marv Cook had 63 catches (767 yards) in 1988. For his career Kasper has 75 catches for 974 yards.

Kasper did not play in the Iowa State game and he had just 14 catches through the first six games of the season.

## **HAWKEYES IN POST-SEASON GAMES**

Three Iowa players were selected for post-season action following the 1999 season.

TE Zeron Flemister was selected to play in the Blue-Gray Game in Montgomery, AL, the All-Star Gridiron Classic in Orlando, FL and the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii.

DB Matt Bowen was tabbed to play in the Hula Bowl and the Blue-Gray Game and DB Tarig Holman was selected for the Blue-Gray Game.

## **BARR, NELSON EARN FRESH MAN HONORS**

LB Fred Barr and OL Bruce Nelson by The Sporting News as third team freshmen All-Americans.

Nelson, a redshirt freshman from Emmetsburg, started all 11 games at offensive tackle. Nelson joined the Hawkeye program as a walk-on tight end, moved to tackle last spring and was one of Iowa's most consistent performers during the 1999 season.

Barr, from Plantation, FL, moved into the starting line-up vs. Northwestern and started the final six games of the season. Barr finished the year as Iowa's third leading tackler. Barr had 74 tackles, including four tackles for loss and one QB sack.

## **TEN WERE WALK-ONS**

Ten members of Iowa's final two-deep joined the program as walk-ons. That list includes offensive linemen Bruce Nelson, Pete Traynor and B.J. Van Briesen, TE Jed Dull, wide receivers Ryan Barton and Kevin Kasper, kickers Tim Douglas, Greg McLaughlin and Jason Sproull and defensive line man Scott Pospisil.

### **BETTS LEADS IOWA RUSHING AT TACK**

Sophomore RB Ladell Betts led Iowa's rushing attack with 857 yards and five TDs on 189 attempts. Betts had 19 carries for 77 yards vs. Minnesota, along with two catches for 15 yards and a TD. At Wisconsin Betts had 73 yards on 16 carries. Against Illinois Betts rushed 16 times for 140 yards, including a 47-yard TD run. Against Indiana Betts led Iowa with 67 yards rushing and three receptions for 45 yards, while scoring two touchdowns in a game for the second time in his career. At Northwestern he rushed for 103 yards on 16 carries. He gave Iowa a 21-16 advantage in the fourth quarter with a 74-yard run that is the longest of his career. Betts rushed 33 times for 174 yards vs. Northern Illinois (both career highs) and as a freshman he surpassed the century mark vs. Indiana (31-151) and Northwestern (30-112). Betts rushed for over 100 yards in a game three times in 1999 and five times in his career.

Along with leading Iowa in rushing, Betts also had 20 receptions for 195 yards. Betts averaged 77.9 rushing yards and 95.6 all-purpose yards per game, ranking sixth in the Big Ten in rushing yards per game.

Betts in 1998 established Iowa records for rushing yards by a freshman in a single game and in a season and became the first freshman ever to lead Iowa in rushing yards for a season. He had 151 yards at Indiana and for the year he rushed 188 times for 679 yards and five TDs. Betts is the first Hawkeye freshman to rush for over 100 yards more than once in a season.

Betts has 377 career carries for 1,536 yards in 22 games and ranks 16th in career rushing yards.

### **MULLEN MAKES HIS MOVE**

Junior QB Scott Mullen made the most of his starting assignments in Iowa's last five games. Mullen completed 126-223 passes (56.5%) for 1,415 yards (283 passing yards per game) and five TDs, and he rushed 47 times for 112 yards and three scores. In the season finale Mullen completed 28-51 passes for 340 yards and three TDs. Mullen played in 10 games during the season, but had not completed a pass through the first six games of the year. Still, he ended the year ranked sixth in the Big Ten in total offense (169.9) and eighth in passing yards per game (157.2). His three touchdown passes vs. Minnesota are the most by an Iowa quarter back since Matt Sherman had three passing TDs vs. Michigan State in 1996.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS CONTRIBUTE**

Iowa's special teams blocked five kicks, scored two touchdowns and set up one touchdown and one field goal. Iowa scored a touchdown vs. Nebraska on a blocked punt and returned a blocked field goal vs. Northern Illinois for a score. An 86-yard kick off return set up a field goal at Michigan State and a recovered fumble by Vincent Wilson led to a touchdown at Northwestern. Iowa's fifth blocked kick came at Wisconsin when DT Anthony Herron blocked a PAT.

### **BOWEN SURPASSES 200 TACKLES**

Senior DB Matt Bowen led Iowa in tackles with 109 and he also became the 46th player in Iowa history to record 200 career stops. Bowen had 10 tackles in the loss to Minnesota and he had nine tackles at Wisconsin.

Bowen had 222 career tackles and he ranked sixth in the Big Ten in tackles per game in 1999. His 11 tackles vs. Illinois included one tackle for loss and he also had a pass break-up. Bowen had 12 tackles and his first interception of the season vs. Penn State, he had 12 tackles and two pass break-ups at Northwestern and he had nine tackles at Ohio State. Bowen came up with a big defensive play in the win over Northern Illinois, blocking a field goal attempt in the fourth quarter that teammate LeVar Woods returned 87-yards for a touchdown to give Iowa a 17-0 advantage. Bowen in 1998 led Iowa with 92 tackles in 11 games. He started 22 straight games for the Hawkeyes over the past two seasons.

### **DODGE SETS UP IOWA POINTS**

WR Tim Dodge led Iowa's special teams for the season, averaging 23.3 yards on 25 kick off returns and 10.5 yards on six punt returns. Dodge vs. Minnesota had 74 yards on three kick off returns and vs. Illinois he had six kick off returns for 97 yards and a 31-yard punt return. Dodge had an 86-yard kick off return vs. Michigan State and he had five returns for 107 vs. Penn State. Dodge ranked third in the Big Ten and 46th in the nation in kick off returns. Dodge is a sophomore who originally came to Iowa to run track. Dodge earned all-America honors in track in 1999, running a leg on Iowa's 4x400-meter relay team that placed fourth in the nation. Dodge scored the first touchdown of his career in Iowa's loss to Nebraska, returning a blocked punt 10 yards for a score.

### **KAMPMAN KEEPS ON MAKING TACKLES**

Sophomore LB Aaron Kampman ranked second on the team with 100 tackles in 1999 and he recorded 10 tackles or more in four games. Kampman had 15 tackles in the loss at Wisconsin, including eight solo stops. He led Iowa with 12 tackles at Michigan State, including 10 solo stops. He had nine tackles vs. Minnesota, eight tackles vs. Ohio State, seven tackles in the loss to Penn State, 12 tackles at Northwestern and 10 tackles in the loss to Indiana. Kampman ranked seventh in the Big Ten in tackles per game. He had six solo tackles and one assist vs. Nebraska, including one tackle for loss. Kampman had eight tackles in the loss at Iowa State, six tackles in the win over Northern Illinois and five stops vs. Illinois.

Kampman played as a true freshman in 1998, but did not see action until the third game. In eight games Kampman had 49 tackles, eight tackles for loss, six QB sacks, two forced fumbles and one pass break-up.

### **BARR BURSTS ON THE SCENE**

LB Fred Barr, one of two true fresh men to play for the Hawkeyes in 1999, earned his first career start at Northwestern. Barr started the final six games of the year and ranked third on the team with 74 tackles. Barr had five tackles and a forced fumble in the loss to Minnesota and he had seven tackles at Northwestern in his first career start. Barr also played well in the loss to Indiana, leading Iowa with 12 tackles, including nine solo stops. At Ohio State Barr recorded 11 tackles, including one tackle for loss, and he had nine stops vs. Illinois. At Wisconsin Barr recorded 10 tackles, including one tackle for loss.

### **SCOTT POPS 'EM**

Senior DL Scott Pospisil, who joined the Iowa team as a walk-on, started for the first time in his career in Iowa's win over Northern Illinois, and he was in the starting line-up in Iowa's last five games of the season. Pospisil responded with five solo tackles, two assists and a QB sack vs. Northern Illinois. He had eight tackles vs. Illinois, seven at Wisconsin, six at Ohio State and five vs. Indiana and Penn State. Two of his tackles vs. Indiana were for negative yards, including one QB sack. At Northwestern Pospisil had six solo tackles and three assists, including two tackles for loss and a QB sack. In the loss at Iowa State Pospisil had three solo tackles and six assists, including one tackle for loss. Pospisil led Iowa with nine tackles for loss and six QB sacks and he was fourth on the team with 66 tackles.

### **DOUGLAS DOES IT**

PK Tim Douglas made 6-11 field goal attempts in 1999, hitting from 47 yards vs. Iowa State, 46 yards in the win over Northern Illinois, 30 yards at Michigan State, 22 yards vs. Indiana, 38 yards at Ohio State and 33 yards vs. Illinois. One of his attempts vs. Indiana was blocked and another was a 56-yard attempt to end the first half. His 44-yard attempt vs. Penn State hit the up right and bounced away. Douglas made all 19 of his PATs this season and he led Iowa in scoring with 37 points.

Douglas made 12-22 field goals at Iowa, with eight of the 12 covering at least 40 yards. Three of his kicks were over 50 yards. In his first season with the Hawkeyes in 1998, Douglas made a name for himself with a record setting performance at Illinois. Douglas booted three field goals, each over 50 yards, in Iowa's 37-14 win.

The 58-yarder is an Iowa record and ranks as the ninth longest ever in the Big Ten, and the 51-yarders tie as the seventh longest in Iowa history. Douglas tied an NCAA record with his three kicks of at least 50 yards at Illinois a year ago.

## ***Iowa Internet Address***

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### **MCLAUGHLIN GETS THE KICK**

Iowa kicker Greg McLaughlin booted the first field goal of his career in the second quarter of the loss at Wisconsin before missing his second attempt. McLaughlin is a junior from Waterloo who had not attempted a field goal in his career prior to the Wisconsin game. McLaughlin's only previous score as a Hawkeye came in the first game of the 1997 season when he made the only PAT attempt of his career in Iowa's win over Northern Iowa.

### **BAKER A BUSY MAN**

Punter Jason Baker was been a busy man for Iowa in 1999, punting 70 times for a 42.3-yard average. He ranked third in the Big Ten and 30th in the nation in punting average. Baker had 11 punts of at least 50 yards, including 61-yard and 59-yard punts at Wisconsin, a 58-yarder vs. Illinois, a 57-yarder at Ohio State and a 56-yarder at Iowa State. Fourteen of his punts were downed inside the 20 and 13 resulted in a fair catch.

Baker had his best day of the season at Wisconsin, averaging 50 yards on six punts. Baker had a season-best 61-yard punt in the first half and a 59-yard effort in the third quarter. Four of his six punts at Wisconsin were at least 52 yards and the Badgers were able to return just one of the six kicks.

Baker averaged 39.8 yards on 76 punts in 1998, including a career-best 79-yarder at Illinois. Fifteen of his kicks were downed inside the 20. Baker was named special teams Most Valuable Player in the 1997 Norwest Sun Bowl, where he averaged 48.9 yards on eight punts, and he has two of the longest punts in school history (79 yards at Illinois in 1998 and 76 yards vs. Arizona State in 1997).

### **PERFECT ON PATS**

Iowa kickers have made 50 straight PAT kicks without a miss. That streak includes 19 PATs in 1999, 18-18 in 1998 and the final 13 PAT kicks of 1997. Iowa's last miss was against Indiana in 1997, on the final PAT attempt in Iowa's 62-0 victory in Iowa City.

### **IN THE REDZONE**

For the sea son Iowa was 18-27 in the redzone, with nine rushing touchdowns, four passing touchdowns and five field goals, to go with five missed field goals, one in ter cep tion and three failed fourth down con ver sions.

Iowa's op pon ents were 35-49 in the redzone, with 13 rushing TDs, 13 pass ing TDs and nine field goals to go with six turnovers, two missed field goals, four failed fourth down con ver sions and two pos ses sions of not scor ing at the end of the game.

### **ON THE AVERAGE**

In 11 games, Iowa av er aged 4.9 yards on 299 first down plays, 4.7 yards on 237 sec ond down plays, 4.1 yards on 159 third down plays and 1.5 yards on 18 fourth down con ver sions. Iowa con verted five of 18 fourth down at tempts dur ing the sea son.

### **AVERAGE SCORING DRIVES**

Iowa's 25 scor ing drives this sea son av er aged 54.7 yards, seven plays and 2:36 in elapsed time.

Iowa's op po nents had 56 scor ing drives, which av er aged 60.6 yards, 7.5 plays and 2:51 in elapsed time.

### **BIG PLAYS**

It's no se cret that Iowa lacked the big play in 1999, but the Hawkeye of fense did show the big play po ten tial over the sec ond half of the sea son. In 11 games Iowa had seven rush ing plays over 20 yards, 20 pass plays, 21 kick off re turns, three punt re turns, seven field goals, one in ter cep tion re turn and one blocked FG re turn over 20 yards and 11 punts over 50 yards.

Iowa's op po nents this sea son had 23 rushes of at least 20 yards, 42 pass plays and 14 kickoff returns of at least 20 yards, 12 field goals of at least 25 yards and 13 punts over 50 yards.

### **POINTS OFF TURNOVERS**

In 11 games, Iowa scored 24 points fol low ing 15 op po nent turnovers, including two touchdowns as a result of block ing one punt and one field goal.

Iowa's op po nents scored 48 points fol low ing Iowa's 17 turnovers.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP COACHES**

Three mem bers of the Iowa coach ing staff have won na tional cham pi on ships, while a fourth, Carl Jack son, earned a Super Bowl cham pi on ship in 1995 as an as sis tant with the San Fran cisco 49'ers.

Pat Flaherty was the offensive line coach at Penn State when the Nittany Lions won the na tional ti tle in 1982. Ken O'Keefe was the head coach at Al le gheny Col lege and Joe Philbin was an as sis tant there when Al le gheny won the 1990 Di vi sion III na tional ti tle.

## ***Iowa FAX On Demand***

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### **IOWA NOTES**

Iowa's two touch downs in the sec ond quar ter vs. In di ana marked the first time this sea son Iowa scored a touch down in the first half. Iowa scored a touch down on its first drive at Ohio State, mark ing the first time this sea son Iowa scored in the opening period, and Iowa's first drive vs. Illinois re sulted in a field goal . . . with 426 yards pass ing vs. In di ana Scott Mullen be came the first Iowa QB to pass for over 300 yards since Matt Sherman had 334 yards vs. Ohio State in 1995. Mullen later passed for 340 yards vs. Min ne sota . . . Iowa won the coin toss in eight of 11 games. Iowa de ferred on four oc ca sions but elected to re ceive vs. Penn State, In di ana, Il li nois and Wis con sin . . . four of Iowa's 11 op po nents scored a touchdown on their first possession, while Iowa scored on its first drive in two of 11 games . . . Michigan State's punt re turn for a touch down is the first al lowed by Iowa since Ohio State scored on a blocked punt in 1996. Iowa had not al lowed a non-block punt re turn for a score since 1995 when Northwestern's Brian Musso had a 60-yard re turn for a score . . . in the open ing game loss to Ne braska, Iowa had no pen al ties, and Iowa had just three pen al ties vs. North west ern and Ohio State. Iowa had not played a football game with no pen al ties since Oc to ber 25, 1975, a 31-7 loss to Min ne sota in Kinnick Sta dium, a span of 275 games.

### **ROSE BOWL EXPERIENCE**

Five mem bers of the Iowa coach ing staff have coached or played in the Rose Bowl. Kirk Ferentz coached in two Rose Bowl games while on the Iowa staff and Bret Bielema played in the Rose Bowl for the Hawkeyes. Carl Jackson coached in three Rose Bowl games while at Iowa and Norm Parker and Phil Parker both coached in the Rose Bowl while at Mich i gan State.

### **IOWA ON THE TUBE**

Nine of Iowa's 11 games in 1999 were televised, with only the Indiana and Illinois games not on television. ABC televised the Nebraska and Wisconsin games and FOX Sports Net televised the Iowa State game. ESPN Plus televised games vs. Northern Illinois, Michigan State, Penn State, Northwestern, Ohio State and Minnesota.

### **INDIVIDUAL BIG TEN STATS**

Individually, Tim Dodge ranked 3rd in kickoff returns (23.3), Matt Bowen ranked 6th in tackles (10.2), Tarig Holman tied for 8th in interceptions (three) and ranked 9th in pass break-ups (12), Kevin Kasper ranked 2nd in interceptions per game (6.0) and 6th in receiving yards (66.4), Ladell Betts ranked 6th in rushing (79.3), Jason Baker ranked 3rd in punting (42.3), Aaron Kampman ranked 7th in tackles (9.5), Scott Mullen ranked 6th in total offense (169.9) and 8th in passing yards per game (157.2) and Chris Oliver ranked 10th in punt returns (8.2).

**Nationally, Kasper ranked 23rd in catches per game, Baker was 30th in punting average, Dodge was 46th in kickoff returns and Betts ranked 50th in rushing yards per game.**

### **HAWKEYES IN THE NFL**

Fifteen former Iowa football players were listed on opening day rosters in the National Football League. That figure ranks Iowa sixth among the 11 Big Ten schools. The former Hawkeyes on opening day rosters included Tavian Banks, Jacksonville; Mike Devlin and Tom Knight, Arizona; Jared DeVries, Detroit; Tim Dwight, Atlanta; Quinn Early, New York Jets; Damon Gibson and Sedrick Shaw, Cleveland; Mike Goff, Cincinnati; Merton Hanks, Seattle; Damien Robinson, Tampa Bay; Scott Slutzker, New Orleans; Ross Verba, Green Bay; and Mike Wells and Casey Wiegmann, Chicago.

### **BIG TEN STANDINGS**

	Big Ten			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wisconsin	7	1	.875	9	2	.818
Michigan State	6	2	.750	9	2	.818
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Penn State	5	3	.625	9	3	.750
Minnesota	5	3	.625	8	3	.727
Illinois	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Purdue	4	4	.500	7	4	.636
Ohio State	3	5	.375	6	6	.500
Indiana	3	5	.375	4	7	.364
Northwestern	1	7	.125	3	8	.273
Iowa	0	8	.000	1	10	.091

### **BIG TEN IN SEVEN BOWL GAMES**

Wisconsin vs. Stanford, Rose Bowl  
Michigan vs. Alabama, Orange Bowl  
Michigan State vs. Florida, Citrus Bowl  
Purdue vs. Georgia, Outback Bowl  
Penn State vs. Texas A&M, Alamo Bowl  
Minnesota vs. Oregon, Sun Bowl  
Illinois vs. Virginia, Mickey Rupp Bowl

### **BIG TEN SHINES IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION**

Big Ten Conference teams in 1999 posted a 28-7 (80%) record in non-conference action, the best non-conference record for Big Ten teams since a 26-2-2 mark in 1960.

### **IOWA IN ROBINSON CLASSIC IN 2000**

Iowa will open the 2000 football season against Kansas State in the third annual Eddie Robinson Football Classic. The contest will be played at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City on Saturday, August 26. Game time is tentatively set for 1 p.m. The game will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

### **SPRING PRACTICE DATES SET**

Iowa will begin spring practice on Wednesday, March 22 and the annual Coca-Cola Spring Game will be held Saturday, April 15 in Kinnick Stadium.