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DAVIYON NIXON HAS EMERGED AS A
FORCE ON IOWA'S DEFENSIVE LINE.

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Defensive back Sean Considine is tackled after a 51-yard interception in the second quarter of Iowa's game at Penn State on Oct. 23, 2004. From Oct. 25, 2004 *Daily Iowan* print edition.

One of the most memorable Iowa football games of the past 20 years is also one of the ugliest. Iowa defeated Penn State on Oct. 23, 2004 by an unforgettable score of 6-4. The Hawkeyes were 4-2 on the season before their trip to State College. Penn State forced a safety only minutes into the game to go up 2-0. Iowa responded with a 27-yard field goal by Kyle Schlicher with two minutes remaining in the first quarter to take a 3-2 lead. With just under 11 minutes remaining in the second quarter, Penn State quarterback Zack Mills threw a pass over the middle that was intercepted by Iowa defensive back Sean Considine, who returned the pick 51 yards and set up the Hawkeyes in position for the go-ahead field goal. Schlicher tackled on three more points with 9:20 remaining in the first half to give Iowa all the points it needed on the defensively dominated day. There wouldn't be any more

scoring until the 8:11 mark of the fourth quarter, when Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz intentionally took a safety so the Hawkeyes could avoid punting out of their own end zone. The move paid off, and no team scored the rest of the game. Iowa's 6-4 win was its fewest points in a victory since 1957. The stout Hawkeye defense intercepted four Nittany Lion passes on the day. Neither offense tallied 200 yards. Emerging Hawkeye quarterback Drew Tate completed only 14 of his 31 passes for 126 yards and an interception. Iowa won its final five games of the season after beating Penn State in 2004, including when the team scored a last-second touchdown to beat LSU in the Capitol One Bowl. To read *The Daily Iowan's* one-on-one interview with Considine, where he looks back at Iowa's 6-4 victory and other moments from his Hawkeye career, go to page eight.

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WR	12	Brandon Smith	6-2	215	SR.
TE	84	Sam LaPorta	6-4	249	SO.
LT	77	Alaric Jackson	6-6	315	SR.
LG	73	Cody Ince	6-4	285	SO.
C	65	Tyler Linderbaum	6-3	289	SO.
RG	61	Cole Banwart	6-4	296	SR.
RT	71	Mark Kallenberger	6-5	290	JR.
WR	6	Ihmir Smith-Marssette	6-1	179	SR.
QB	7	Spencer Petras	6-5	231	SO.
RB	15	Tyler Goodson	5-10	200	SO.
FB	38	Monte Pottebaum	6-1	244	SO.
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DT	54	Daviyon Nixon	6-3	305	JR.
DT	96	Jack Heflin	6-4	312	SR.
RE	97	Zach VanValkenburg	6-4	270	SR.
LEO	35	Barrington Wade	6-1	236	SR.
MLB	44	Seth Benson	6-0	231	SO.
WLB	49	Nick Niemann	6-4	233	SR.
LC	8	Matt Hankins	6-0	180	SR.
SS	26	Kaevon Merriweather	6-0	205	SO.
FS	28	Jack Koerner	6-0	205	JR.
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Penn State Starters

LT	53	Rasheed Walker	6-6	310	SO.
LG	73	Mike Miranda	6-3	301	JR.
C	62	Michal Menet	6-4	306	SR.
RG	71	Will Fries	6-6	306	SR.
RT	79	Caedan Wallace	6-5	313	FR.
WR	3	Parker Washington	5-10	205	FR.
WR	11	Daniel George	6-2	210	SO.
WR	5	Jahan Dotson	5-11	182	JR.
QB	14	Sean Clifford	6-2	217	JR.
RB	28	Devyn Ford	5-11	205	SO.
TE	87	Pat Freiermuth	6-5	258	JR.
PK	92	Jake Pinegar	6-2	192	JR.

DE	18	Shaka Toney	6-3	252	JR.
DT	97	PJ Mustipher	6-4	300	SR.
DT	55	Antonio Shelton	6-2	327	SO.
DE	28	Jayson Oweh	6-5	252	JR.
OLB	40	Jesse Luketa	6-3	242	JR.
MLB	13	Ellis Brooks	6-1	233	JR.
OLB	12	Brandon Smith	6-3	244	SO.
CB	5	Tariq Castro-Fields	6-0	191	SR.
S	1	Jaquan Brisker	6-1	210	SR.
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P	98	Jordan Stout	6-3	208	JR.

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No. 9 Indiana vs. No. 3 Ohio State	OHIO STATE Rooting for you, Hoosiers.	OHIO STATE Gene Hackman isn't coaching this underdog Hoosiers team.	OHIO STATE The Horseshoe.	OHIO STATE I just couldn't do it. I know I'm a coward.	OHIO STATE I hope I'm wrong.	OHIO STATE Do I want to pick the Hoosiers? Yes. But the Buckeyes are too good.	OHIO STATE I paused on this for a minute.
No. 10 Wisconsin vs. No. 19 Northwestern	WISCONSIN The Wildcats will keep it closer than the Wolverines did.	WISCONSIN It's Week 5 and this will be the third game for the Badgers. Confused yet?	WISCONSIN The fun for Northwestern ends here.	NORTHWESTERN It's 2020, this just Fitz.	WISCONSIN Northwestern is still undefeated?	WISCONSIN Badgers are back.	WISCONSIN Did you see the Badgers last week?
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Leader on the line

The former junior college athlete started one game for Iowa last season. Now he's one of the team's best players.

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Daviyon Nixon, as he will acknowledge, is always talking. But his play on the field in 2020 is speaking louder than anything.

Nixon, Iowa's charismatic 6-foot-3, 305-pound defensive tackle that Alabama once coveted enough to offer a scholarship, is playing at a level few others in the Big Ten — or the nation — can match through four games this season.

And that's being noticed. By his current teammates and coaches, by former Hawkeyes, and by an NFL Draft researcher and analyst.

Nixon's stat sheet reflects how disruptive he's been on seemingly every snap of his redshirt junior year to this point — 23 tackles, 12 of them solo, seven of them for loss, three sacks, and a forced fumble.

But coming into the season, Iowa defensive line coach Kelvin Bell had a goal that Nixon needed to accomplish to reach his next level. It didn't have to do with any statistic.

Teammate first, leader second

Iowa recruited Nixon out of high school and signed him to a letter of intent in 2017. Academic troubles meant the Kenosha, Wisconsin, native did not qualify to attend Iowa right away, so Nixon spent a year at Iowa Western Community College.

Nine tackles for loss and five sacks earned Nixon second-team all-conference honors in his only season at Iowa Western. Alabama was among the SEC programs that took an interest in Nixon in his time in junior college, but Nixon chose to remain loyal to the Hawkeyes.

Nixon eventually made it into Iowa and redshirted in 2018 in order to focus on his studies. He briefly entered the transfer portal before ever suiting up on game day for Iowa. But he ended up staying in Iowa City, and last season was his first time seeing the field with the Hawkeyes.

Despite only starting one game last season as two veteran defensive tackles filled the lineup, Nixon played the third-most



Iowa defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon prepares to tackle during the Iowa football game against Miami (Ohio) at Kinnick Stadium on Aug. 31, 2019. The Hawkeyes defeated the Redhawks 38-14. Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

snap on Iowa's defensive front. He finished with three sacks and 5.5 tackles for loss.

As a projected starter coming into 2019, an uptick in production was expected from Nixon. As for how he was going to do that, Bell provided an unexpected answer.

"Be a good teammate," Bell said at Iowa football media day in October. "Period. When I talk about being a good teammate, that is setting the example and that is holding others accountable to that example. If he can do those things, the sky's the limit. The leadership role, that is above being a good teammate. I want him to be a good teammate."

Nixon has started at defensive tackle in Iowa's first four games of the season and has emerged as a force on the Hawkeye front. Beyond that, he's learned more about what Bell was preaching.

Before Nixon even plays his first snap of a game, he's in the middle of a huddle speaking to his teammates, like he did before Iowa's matchup with Northwestern, or dancing along to "We Ready" as pregame warmups came to an end prior to the Min-

nesota game.

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Following losses to Purdue and Northwestern to begin the season, both games in which Nixon was one of Iowa's lone bright spots, he dismissed any personal accomplishments he made and noted that it

— Hawkeye linebacker Seth Benson

As the whistle blows and the game begins, when Nixon isn't dominating at the line of scrimmage, he's out on the field during a timeout congratulating Iowa's offensive line for opening up holes in the run game, or pacing up and down the sideline firing his teammates up before a late drive.

"We came out here for a reason, and that's just to get the job done," Nixon said. "So if we're out there, you've got to be out there in the moment and you've got to love it."

Nixon's emergence as a vocal leader accompanies a team-first attitude, no matter how he — or Iowa — performs.

wasn't enough because the team lost.

Bell's message is one Nixon took to heart. He's made an effort to be a good teammate. And in the process, he's turned into one of Iowa's best players.

Becoming one of the Big Ten's best

The four Iowa games so far this season have already produced enough standout snaps from Nixon for him to produce his own highlight tape.

"He certainly has grown and practiced really well..." Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz



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Iowa defensive tackle Daviyon Nixon motions for the crowd to get louder during the Iowa football game against Purdue at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 19, 2019.

said the week after the Northwestern game. “He clearly has worked his way into a starting role where he’s impacting our defense in a positive way.”

With the absence of starting defensive tackle Austin Schulte from the lineup for the first three weeks of the year, Nixon has played more snaps than even he expected coming into the season, and he’s taken advantage of the opportunity.

Against Purdue in Week 1, Nixon chasing down wide receiver David Bell on a bubble screen and tackling the speedy playmaker was perhaps more impressive than any of his 2.5 tackles for loss on the day. Following that up was an 11-tackle, 1.5-sack day against Northwestern in which Nixon dominated despite being double-teamed by the Wildcat offensive line.

“I did get double-teamed a lot,” Nixon said. “It’s something I’m used to now, growing up with my stature and my size. I’m always getting double-teamed. I’ve had it in high school where teams would watch film and change the whole game plan because of me. You just got to be productive as much as possible.”

Last week against Minnesota, a tipped pass and another takedown of the opposing quarterback stood out from Nixon.

The most memorable play from Nixon’s season may be one that didn’t even count — a fumble recovery against Michigan State which he scooped up, then proceeded to

outrun every Spartan on the field to the end zone with for a score, before the play was reviewed and called back.

“I was very disappointed in that,” Nixon said the following week with a grin. “That would have been my first career touchdown ever.”

There’s not much else for Nixon to be disappointed in as far as his play on the field goes.

Nixon creates mayhem up front. From clogging up running lanes to making a beeline to the passer, Nixon is always creating chaos for opposing offenses.

“Daviyon is a great player,” defensive end Zach VanValkenburg said. “We really rely on him to make a lot of plays. Obviously, it’s a group effort. But he’s a great player, and he really brings a group together.”

“Daviyon’s a guy who’s been in our program, but now you’re seeing him play with confidence,” Ferentz said. “He’s always played with high energy, but he’s starting to develop a little confidence.”

If Nixon continues to take his game to another level, he may soon find himself playing at the next level.

Potential as a professional

While Nixon was having his way with Purdue’s offensive front, former Iowa offensive lineman James Daniels tweeted that this was going to be Nixon’s final college season, implying a shot at the NFL is

near.

Former standout Hawkeye defensive linemen Jaleel Johnson and Mike Daniels have publicly recognized and highlighted Nixon’s play, as has Ben Fennell.

Fennell has spent years analyzing NFL Draft prospects, including at the NFL Network. Since 2015, Fennell has worked as a segment producer for NFL Films for content relating to the draft and the combine. He researches and provides analysis on players around college football, and has worked with NFL Network draft experts like Mike Mayock and Daniel Jeremiah.

Nixon stood out for Fennell early in the season.

After Nixon’s performance against Northwestern, Fennell tweeted that the defensive tackle had his attention.

In a scouting breakdown of Nixon he wrote for *The Daily Iowan*, Fennell noted the area he’s seen Nixon grow the most this season is his tenacity to get to the ball.

“More urgency,” Fennell wrote. “Seeing better hustle/effort and some counter moves to shed blocks late in the down and flow to the football. Few of the [plays] in Week 1 came as a result of him hustling and finishing.”

Fennell’s NFL comparisons for Nixon in terms of playing style and build are former Purdue defensive lineman and current Carolina Panther Kawann Short, as well as Matt Ioannidis, a member of the Washington Football team who had an accom-

- “Nixon has flashed short area quickness and burst – a critical trait for an interior rusher.”
- “Nixon is incredibly stout at the point of attack – especially against double teams. He can play the run effectively on early downs – not a liability.”
- “Nixon has excellent lower body strength to hold his ground against these double teams. Many times he’s actually able to split these blocks as well. Nixon is able to sink hips/keep feet in the ground and battle with his hands/upper body. He also has a knack of getting skinny and reducing surface area for the double team block to be effective.”
- “Stout at point of attack. Rarely knocked back.”

plished college career at Temple.

The attributes leading to these comparisons, in Fennell’s words:

The biggest thing Nixon can do to improve his play on the field, Fennell says, comes when he is rushing the passer. In true pass-rush situations, a faster get-off from Nixon, as well as being more active and violent with his hands, would make him an even bigger challenge to block.

“Usually he’s tasked with playing the run first,” Fennell said, “which hurts his ability to fly upfield.”

Fennell currently sees Nixon as a Day 3, developmental interior defensive line prospect with an interesting upside. That upside could continue to grow as Nixon shows more on tape this season, maybe even into the earlier rounds of the draft.

Nixon has months before he even needs to consider weighing his options for the next level. And there’s no guarantee the redshirt junior even takes that step after this season. But he’d likely have the opportunity to do so.

Scouts from 15 NFL franchises attended last weekend’s Iowa-Minnesota game in Minneapolis.

It’s safe to assume Nixon was one of the players being evaluated.

The first four games of the 2020 season have seen Nixon grow as a leader and a defender. He’s become a player opposing offensive linemen must hate to block and opposing coaches are sure to dread game-planning for, and a vocal leader that leads by example for his fellow Hawkeyes.

Nixon accepted Bell’s challenge and displayed what he can do in the first half of Iowa’s regular season schedule. Topping that in the second half of it and beyond is the next challenge.

But if his play this year is any indication, Nixon is up for it.



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1	Nolan Donald	WR	5-9	194	#Fr	Morton, IL	45	Nick Phelps	P	5-10	207	Soph	Kingsley, IA
2	Ryan Gersonde	P	6-4	194	Jr	Milwaukee, WI	46	Logan Klomp	LB	6-2	232	Soph	Jewell, IA
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4	Dane Belton	DB	6-1	205	Soph	Tampa, FL	48	Bryce Schulte	TE	6-3	241	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
4	Leshon Williams	RB	5-10	208	Fr	Chicago, IL	49	Nick Niemann	LB	6-4	233	Sr	Sycamore, IL
5	Jestin Jacobs	LB	6-4	235	#Fr	Englewood, OH	50	Zach Kluver	LS	6-0	195	#Fr	Ankeny, IA
6	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR	6-1	179	Sr	Newark, NJ	50	Louie Stec	DT	6-0	261	#Fr	LaGrange Park, IL
7	Reggie Bracy	DB	6-0	203	Fr	Mobile, AL	51	Coy Cronk	OL	6-5	305	Sr	Lafayette, IN
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8	Alex Padilla	QB	6-1	198	#Fr	Greenwood Village, CO	54	Matt Fagan	OL	6-5	294	Soph	Council Bluffs, IA
9	Jack Combs	WR	6-1	190	Jr	Grand Rapids, MI	54	Daviyon Nixon	DT	6-3	305	Jr	Kenosha, WI
9	Tory Taylor	P	6-4	225	Fr	Melbourne, Australia	55	Luke Empen	OL	6-4	287	Soph	Clinton, IA
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28	Jack Koerner	DB	6-0	205	Jr	Des Moines, IA	85	Luke Lachey	TE	6-6	237	Fr	Columbus, OH
28	Isaiah Wagner	WR	6-3	205	Fr	Pleasant Hill, IA	85	Logan Lee	DL	6-5	267	#Fr	Orion, IL
29	Sebastian Castro	DB	5-11	197	#Fr	Oak Lawn, IL	86	Jameson Witte	DL	6-5	276	Fr	O'Fallon, MO
29	Jackson Ritter	WR	6-3	208	#Fr	Frankfort, IL	86	Tommy Kujawa	TE	6-3	237	Jr	Greendale, WI
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40	Josef Smith	LB	6-3	210	Fr	Britt, IA	96	Jack Hefflin	DL	6-4	312	Sr	Prophetstown, IL
41	Colton Dinsdale	FB	5-11	232	Sr	Reinbeck, IA	97	Liam Reardon	LS	6-1	190	Fr	Chicago, IL
42	Shaun Beyer	TE	6-5	248	Sr	Shellsburg, IA	97	Zach VanValkenburg	DL	6-4	270	Sr	Zeeland, MI
43	Matt Lorbeck	DL	6-4	255	Sr	Green Bay, WI	98	Chris Reames	DL	6-7	255	#Fr	Van Meter, IA
44	Seth Benson	LB	6-0	231	Soph	Sioux Falls, SD	99	Noah Shannon	DL	6-0	288	Soph	Aurora, IL



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1	Jaquan Brisker	S	6-1	212	Sr	Pittsburgh, PA	48	Cody Romano	S	6-2	207	Soph	Newton, NJ
2	Micah Bowens	QB	5-11	196	Fr	Las Vegas, NV	49	Michael Wright	SN	6-1	197	Fr	Roswell, GA
2	Keaton Ellis	CB	5-11	186	Soph	State College, PA	50	Will Knutsson	OL	6-2	319	Soph	Fredericksburg, VA
3	Donovan Johnson	CB	5-9	180	Jr	Detroit, MI	50	Max Chizmar	LB	6-2	229	Jr	Mars, PA
3	Parker Washington	WR	5-10	205	Fr	Sugar Land, TX	51	Jimmy Christ	OL	6-7	298	Fr	Sterling, VA
4	Journey Brown	RB	5-11	217	Jr	Meadville, PA	51	Hakeem Beamon	DT	6-3	298	#Fr	Midlothian, VA
5	Jahan Dotson	WR	5-11	182	Jr	Nazareth, PA	52	Blake Zalar	OL	6-1	286	#Fr	Coal City, PA
5	Tariq Castro-Fields	CB	6-0	191	Sr	Upper Marlboro, MD	53	Rasheed Walker	OL	6-6	310	Soph	Waldorf, MD
6	Cam Sullivan-Brown	WR	6-0	191	Jr	Bowie, MD	53	Fred Hansard	DT	6-3	324	Jr	Burlington, NJ
7	Will Levis	QB	6-3	222	Soph	Madison, CT	54	George French	OL	6-8	320	Fr	Bethlehem, PA
8	Marquis Wilson	CB	5-11	176	Soph	Windsor, CT	54	Fatorma Mulbah	DT	6-3	289	Fr	Harrisburg, PA
9	Ta'Quan Roberson	QB	5-11	195	#Fr	Orange, NJ	55	Anthony Whigan	OL	6-4	315	Jr	Lexington Park, MD
9	Joey Porter Jr.	CB	6-2	193	#Fr	Bakersfield, CA	55	Antonio Shelton	DT	6-2	327	Sr	Columbus, OH
10	TJ Jones	WR	6-1	202	#Fr	Lake City, FL	56	Amin Vanover	DE	6-4	279	Fr	Newark, NJ
10	Lance Dixon	LB	6-2	221	#Fr	West Bloomfield, MI	57	Ibrahim Traore	OL	6-5	325	Fr	Bronx, NY
11	Daniel George	WR	6-2	210	Soph	Fort Washington, MD	59	Kaleb Konigus	OL	6-2	291	Soph	Lehman, PA
12	Brandon Smith	LB	6-3	244	Soph	Louisa, VA	62	Michal Menet	OL	6-4	306	Sr	Birdsboro, PA
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13	Ellis Brooks	LB	6-1	233	Jr	Mechanicsville, VA	66	Nick Dawkins	OL	6-4	310	Fr	Allentown, PA
14	Sean Clifford	QB	6-2	217	Jr	Cincinnati, OH	69	C.J. Thorpe	OL	6-3	313	Jr	Glenshaw, PA
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17	Joseph Johnson III	CB	6-2	168	Fr	Richmond, VA	73	Mike Miranda	OL	6-3	301	Jr	Stow, OH
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19	Trent Gordon	S	5-11	199	Soph	Spring, TX	76	Justin Kopko	OL	6-3	318	#Fr	Hanover, PA
20	Adisa Isaac	DE	6-4	251	Soph	Brooklyn, NY	77	Sal Wormley	OL	6-3	317	#Fr	Newark, NJ
21	Noah Cain	RB	5-10	226	Soph	Baton Rouge, LA	77	Judge Culpepper	DT	6-4	291	Soph	Tampa, FL
21	Tyler Rudolph	S	6-0	203	#Fr	Waterbury, CT	78	Golden Israel-Achumba	OL	6-4	345	Fr	Bowie, MD
23	Curtis Jacobs	LB	6-1	226	Fr	Glen Burnie, MD	79	Caedan Wallace	OL	6-5	313	#Fr	Robbinsville, NJ
24	Keyvone Lee	RB	6-0	230	Fr	St. Petersburg, FL	80	Malick Meiga	WR	6-4	198	Fr	Saint Jerome, PQ
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ONE ON ONE WITH SEAN CONSIDINE

DI Sports Editor Austin Hanson talks to the former Hawkeye safety about his memorable game against Penn State in 2004.



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The Daily Iowan: You joined the Iowa football team as a walk-on in 2000. Did you ever imagine that you would become a starter and even go pro at that point?

Sean Considine: No, not at all. I walked on at the University of Iowa and I'm not sure I would've had the confidence to do it on my own, but my dad played Division I football at Northern Illinois University and they actually recruited me pretty extensively coming out of high school. At the last second, they asked me to walk on to Northern and so I kind of went into a scramble, and my dad was the one who said, 'Hey, if you're going to walk on at a program, instead of walking on to a MAC level school, why don't you look into the Big Ten schools?' And I had pretty good grades and stuff like that so I got accepted at places like Purdue and Iowa and some other schools that I was interested in and ended up out there in Iowa City, and I was just hoping to somehow make the team, let alone, playing in the NFL someday.

DI: Obviously coach Ferentz's father passed away the week of that 6-4 Penn State game. What was it like to have Kirk absent from practice for a few days? How did that change things in terms of routine?

SC: I remember that week vividly. When your leader has something like that hap-



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Iowa free safety Sean Considine takes out Arizona State wide receiver Matt Miller on Sept. 20, 2003.

pen, it affects everybody emotionally. We knew his father and we knew how close the relationship he had with him was. Coach Ferentz is a very emotional guy. So, when he had that happen we could see how it affected him, emotionally. We all respected that. We all have our own fathers and can imagine what the day is going to be like when you lose your father, how difficult it is – especially somebody that was so involved in your life and a leader in everything that you've done. Defensively, I don't think it was that notable of him being out of practice. As you know, Norm Parker and his staff on defense [ran their own drills at practice for defensive players]. That's one thing I've always respected about coach Ferentz. He really relied on his assistant coaches to do their job and do it well, and Norm Parker was basically the leader of our defense. I think most of the decisions were probably run by coach Ferentz, but I think Norm was in charge. So, we had a great week of preparation and just the entire team kind of rallied around coach Ferentz in that situation and just really wanted to find any way possible to win, and as you probably know, that game turned into being one of the most crazy, back-and-forth, defensive battle games that you might ever see. To go out there to Happy Valley, in [coach Ferentz's] neck of the woods where he kind of grew up, and where he has just laid his father to rest. To win a ballgame 6-4

was just an incredible memory we all got to share together.

DI: Did you guys know that Kirk was going to be coaching that afternoon or was that kind of in question at some points during the week?

SC: I think we knew that he would be back for the game. I think that was important to him to be there, to do what was right for his family, but also be there to lead his football family into that game. So it was just a very emotional experience and just an incredible game, the way that game went throughout the whole day. Of all the games I ever played in college, that one is probably brought up the most besides the Capital One [Bowl], just because of the score of the game and the way that whole game went. ESPN seems to like to talk about that game quite a bit because of the unusual nature of the scoring.

DI: People still talk about that 6-4 game to this day. How does it make you feel having been a part of that game that it is still relevant up to this day?

SC: It's just fun. The older you get, for me personally, I'm 39 years old, I got five little kids and they all want to know about their dad and his football career and stuff like that. As you get older, time moves on. We get to focus on other things, which is good,

but it's just kind of fun sometimes to be able to go back in time and talk about some of the experiences and the games that you played as a young man and the successes and victories. [The 6-4 game] is one of [the games] that gets brought up quite a bit. So, I've had the chance to tell the story of that 6-4 game, not only to a lot of the media and fans, but also to my own kids. This has kind of been a fun opportunity for me to share my football stories with a lot of different types of people.

DI: I wanted to ask you about your interception. What did you see on that play and how did you make that play?

SC: I think they ran a deep crosser. Phil Parker is just an unbelievable coach. He does a great job of calling defenses and teaching Xs and Os and stuff, but I think the one thing that maybe a lot of people don't understand about Phil is, which I think is his best quality, he does a great job of teaching young football players how to study the game of football. In the film room, watching film doing all that type of stuff, and a lot of times when you do that at a very very high level, in certain down and distances and certain situations in a football game, you kind of know, as a defensive player, more than likely what's about to happen next. I think [the interception] was one of those situations where they put themselves into a down and distance where I probably had a very good idea of what play was coming, and it came, and that's where you get a chance to jump in front of the football, and you know, hopefully score. If I was a little faster I would have maybe gotten all the way [to the end zone], but I was coming off a foot injury. So, I actually didn't even expect to play that game and I warmed up as if I would play. I told Phil I thought I could limp my way through the game, and I ended up playing and we did pretty well, so it worked out good.

DI: So you didn't know you were actually going to be playing in that game until just before kickoff?

SC: I actually did not think I was going to play, and I believe my parents did not come out to the game because I told them it was a long drive and that more than likely I wasn't going to play. I hadn't practiced in like three weeks. I had a Lisfranc sprain in my foot, which almost ended my whole season. I almost had to get surgery, but ended up coming back into that game and just kind of between the adrenaline and taking a little bit of Tylenol or whatever, got through the game, and I was glad I did because it was a heck of a game to be a part of.



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SCOUTING REPORT

PENN STATE



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After he backed up star Trace McSorley, Penn State quarterback Sean Clifford had started 15 of the last 16 games for the Nittany Lions, including the first four contests this season.

That streak may end on Saturday.

In the second quarter of Penn State's game against Nebraska, with the Nittany Lions already trailing the Cornhuskers 24-3, head coach James Franklin benched

Clifford. On his final play on the turf Saturday, Clifford fumbled while being sacked by Cornhusker safety Deontai Williams. Williams picked up the ball and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown.

In came sophomore Will Levis.

Levis led a commendable comeback effort. Penn State out-scored Nebraska 20-6 while he was under center. But it wasn't enough as the Nittany Lions came up short, 30-23, and fell to 0-4 on the season.

Levis provided a spark to Penn State's offense as soon as he entered the game, on his first drive, Levis led the Nittany Lions on a long 13-play, 52-yard drive ending in a field goal.

In total, Levis threw for 219 yards and completed 14-of-31 pass attempts. The Madison, Connecticut, native did not throw any touchdowns or interceptions

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Penn State head coach James Franklin speaks during the second day of Big Ten Football Media Days in Chicago, Ill., on July 19, 2019.

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in just under three quarters of action.

One of Levis' completions against Nebraska showed that the redshirt junior has all the physical skills necessary to lead Penn State.

With 10:29 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Nittany Lions' quarterback spun out of a potential Garrett Nelson sack and unleashed a pass to tight end Pat Feiermuth. The ball traveled over 40 yards in the air, thrown from Penn State's 25 yard-line and caught at the Nebraska 34. Feiermuth caught the pass in stride but was tracked down at the two yard-line.

After a sack brought the Nittany Lions back to the five yard-line on first-and-goal, Penn State running back Devyn Ford ran it in on the next snap. That touchdown and the subsequent extra point closed the gap to 30-23.

Penn State's rushing attack is dangerous. Along with Ford's score, fellow running back Keyvone Lee added the Nittany Lions' first touchdown of last week's game with just under eight minutes left in the third quarter. Lee took

the handoff from Levis on a second-down play and toasted the ball up the middle going untouched into the endzone from 31 yards out.

Penn State ran the ball by committee against Nebraska. Apart from Ford, who had 66 yards on 16 carries, and Lee, who totaled 49 yards on eight attempts, a third running back, Cazi-ah Holmes totaled 50 yards on four carries.

Both quarterbacks were valuable parts of the rushing attack, too. Before he was pulled, Clifford ran six times for 19 yards and, his in-game successor, Levis carried the ball the most of any Penn State player. Levis ran it 18 times for 61 yards.

This season, Penn State is averaging nearly 160 rushing yards per game and has four touchdowns



Katina Zentz/The Daily Iowan

Iowa running back Tyler Goodson carries the ball during the Iowa football game against Penn State in Iowa City on, Oct. 12, 2019. The Nittany Lions defeated the Hawkeyes 17-12.

on the ground this year.

If Iowa stops the run and makes Levis beat them in just his second collegiate start — and takes advantage of a defense

allowing 34.8 points per game — the Hawkeyes have a great chance to win their third game in a row and move to 3-2.

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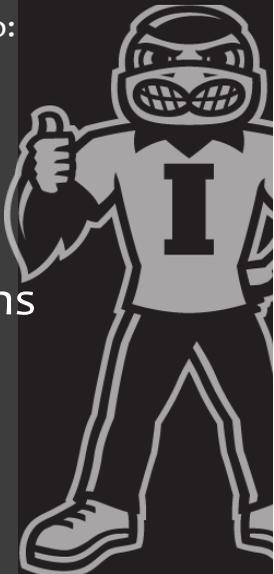
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**“As long as there are games,
I’m happy.”**

Purdue @ Minnesota
Friday | 6:30 p.m. | BTN

Minnesota has not looked up to par, and Purdue has weapons that can finish games. The boat will probably sink again.

No. 9 Indiana @ No. 3 Ohio State
11 a.m. | FOX

It’s 2020, so it’s not shocking that these are the best teams in the East, However, Ohio State is on another level compared to the rest of the conference.

Michigan State @ Maryland
11 a.m. | BTN

Outside of beating it last Saturday, Michigan State looks like a MAC team. Maryland is starting to look like a Big Ten team.

Illinois @ Nebraska
11 a.m. | BTN

Both teams are fortunate to have won a game this season. This game could turn out either way, but it won’t look pretty.

Iowa @ Penn State
2:30 p.m. | BTN

When it wasn’t 2020, I thought this would be the game of the week. But now Penn State looks lost, and Iowa is just Iowa.

No. 10 Wisconsin @ No. 19 Northwestern
2:30 p.m. | ABC

Pat Fitzgerald has once again orchestrated a Northwestern turnaround. Regardless, Wisconsin is the real deal and should take care of business in

Michigan @ Rutgers
6:30 p.m. | BTN

This will be a closer game than was expected at the beginning of the season, but not for a good reason. If Rutgers wins, Ann Arbor will be upset.

POWER RANKINGS

1) Ohio State

Did the Buckeyes enjoy their week off?

2) Indiana

Tom Allen should win coach of the year from every publication.

3) Wisconsin

A rematch against Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship Game would go against 2020.

4) Northwestern

Wildcat football is back where it should be.

5) Purdue

The Boilermaker train will get back on track.

6) Iowa

Run, run, run the ball aggressively down the seam.

7) Maryland

Do residents of College Park care about football?

8) Nebraska

Congrats, you won a game this year.

9) Michigan State

Rocky Lombardi has the Spartans looking rocky.

10) Minnesota

Northern Illinois would like to hire P.J. Fleck.

11) Rutgers

The most exciting football team in New Jersey.

12) Illinois

The Fighting Illini returned to their old ways.

13) Michigan

Breaking: Jim Harbaugh is struggling.

14) Penn State

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