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Iowa football linebacker Jay Higgins has been waiting for his chance to shine.



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Five things to watch

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1. Scoring Capability of Offense

Iowa has scored 44 total points over its first two games this season, an average of 22 points per game for all the Brian Ferentz contract watchers out there. Contract stipulations aside, the Hawkeye offense has the capability of putting points on the board. The offense has four offensive touchdowns this season, compared to only one over the same time span in 2022.

Against Iowa State, the Hawkeyes missed several chances for big plays, such as incompletions to pass-catchers Luke Lachey, Diante Vines, and Seth Anderson. All of these attempts would have resulted in first downs. Facing off against Western Michigan, the Hawkeyes shouldn't let these miscues happen again.

The Broncos have given up an average of 32 points per game, yielding an average of 258 passing yards to opposing quarterbacks. Given such susceptibility, Hawkeye QB Cade McNamara should have his best game in the Black and Gold, leading the offense to multiple touchdowns and, yes, at least 25 points.

2. The season debut of cornerback Jermari Harris

After missing the Hawkeyes' first two games due to a gambling suspension, Jermari Harris is back atop the depth chart at right corner. The junior did not play last season due to an undisclosed injury but participated throughout spring ball and fall camp.

Hawkeye defensive end Joe Evans said Tuesday he was excited for Harris' return but was more complimentary of the Chicago native's character. In 2021, the 6-foot-1, 190-pounder won Iowa's Next Man In Award for defense, snatching up four interceptions in 14 games played, six of which he started.

Backup Deshaun Lee started in place of Harris this season and collected 15 total tackles and two pass breakups over that span. Clearly, the Hawkeyes have depth at the cornerback position, but Harris has earned the starting job right now due to experience. Lee will most likely see action on Saturday, but how Harris performs in his first game in over a year will be telling as to who will be atop the depth chart in the future.

3. Running back Jaziun Patterson's continued success

Hawkeye wide receiver Nico Ragaini said RB Jaziun Patterson takes a handoff as if it's the last time he'll ever touch a football again. Indeed, the redshirt freshman prefers a downhill style of running, as evidenced by his four-yard touchdown run against Iowa State, where he broke several Cyclone tacklers. On his 59-yard dash in the first quarter, Patterson reached an estimated 19.7 miles per hour.

If Patterson continues his explosive performance from last week, then the Iowa offense will have another weapon to utilize as well as a balanced ground attack that will prove helpful against conference foes.

4. Iowa's defense letting up points

I don't mean to sound the alarm, but the Hawkeyes' defense is letting up nearly 14 points per game and only has one sack on the year. Yes, I admit that the only touchdowns scored on the unit were garbage time scores, as was the case for Utah State, or desperation 4th-down heaves, as occurred in Ames. Nevertheless, on both of these drives, the defense let up multiple first downs and couldn't get off the field on third down. I'm more worried about this, as well as the lack of sacks, than by opponent points.

Both Western Michigan's leading rusher and receiver transferred to Minnesota over the off-season, leaving the Broncos with limited offensive firepower. And similar to the Cyclones, they feature underclassmen at the quarterback and running back spots.

While Saturday can also be an offensive explosion for the Hawkeyes, it can also be the first game of the year where the "D" holds its opponent to less than 10 points. If they can't, then the Sept. 23 contest against Penn State won't be very close.

5. How QB Cade McNamara looks with a full week of practice

At his Tuesday media availability, Iowa quarterback Cade McNamara said his health has been the best it has all month, adding that this will be the first full week of practice he has had in the Black and Gold. Still wearing a compression sleeve around his right leg, the Michigan transfer admitted to having been somewhat limited in terms of play design.

The Reno, Nevada, native said the team neglected to call third-and-one quarterback sneaks, but now that the quarterback is closer to 100 percent, incorporating the position in the run game would be more likely.

DEPTH CHART



OFFENSE

QB	12	Cade McNamara	Sr
	10	Deacon Hill	Soph
RB	2	Kaleb Johnson	Soph
	4	Leshon Williams	Jr
FB	88	Hayden Large	Sr
	41	Rusty VanWetzinga	Fr
WR	0	Diante Vines	Jr
	3	Kaleb Brown	Soph
WR	89	Nico Ragaini	Sr
	6	Seth Anderson	Soph
TE	85	Luke Lachey	Jr
	83	Erick All	Sr

LT	78	Mason Richman	Jr
	71	Jack Dotzler	#Fr
LG	56	Nick DeJong	Sr
	60	Rusty Feth	Sr
C	65	Logan Jones	Jr
	76	Tyler Elsbury	Jr
RG	77	Connor Colby	Jr
	70	Beau Stephens	Soph
RT	67	Gennings Dunker	Soph
	79	Daijon Parker	Sr
PK	18	Drew Stevens	Soph

DEFENSE

LE	45	Deontae Craig	Jr
	48	Max Llewellyn	Soph
LT	94	Yahya Black	Jr
	95	Aaron Graves	Soph
RT	85	Logan Lee	Sr
	55	Jeremiah Pittman	Soph
RE	13	Joe Evans	Sr
	49	Ethan Hurkett	Jr
Leo/ Cash	37	Kyler Fisher	Sr
	29	Sebastian Castro	Sr
MLB	34	Jay Higgins	Sr
	41	Jaden Harrell	Soph
WLB	10	Nick Jackson	Sr
	37	Kyler Fisher	Sr
CB	3	Cooper DeJean	Jr
	2	TJ Hall	Soph
SS	1	Xavier Nwankpa	Soph
	29	Sebastian Castro	Sr
FS	30	Quinn Schulte	Sr
	4	Koen Entringer	#Fr
CB	27	Jermari Harris	Jr
	8	Deshaun Lee	#Fr
P	9	Tory Taylor	Sr

OFFENSE

QB	6	Jack Salopek	Soph
	2	Treyson Bourguet	#Fr
RB	29	Jalen Buckley	#Fr
	4	Keshawn King	Sr
WR	5	Anthony Sambucci	Jr
	15	Leroy Thomas	Sr
WR	17	Maliqie Dieudonne	Soph
	0	Jehlani Galloway	Sr
WR	9	Kenneth Womack	Soph
	18	Nate Anderson	#Fr
TE	86	Blake Bosma	#Fr
	88	Austin Hence	Sr

LT	66	Michael Shanahan	Sr
	71	Adam Vandervest	Jr
LG	65	Trevor Campbell	Sr
	51	John Hofer	Soph
C	77	Jacob Gideon	Jr
	56	Kyle Arnoldi	Jr
RG	75	Addison West	Jr
	51	John Hofer	Soph
RT	73	Ted Kushi	Sr
	63	Jack Sherwin	Jr
PK	37	Palmer Domschke	Soph

DEFENSE

DE	93	Corey Walker	Soph
	98	Josh Nobles	Soph
DT	58	Tyson Lee	Soph
	91	Marcel Tyler	Soph
NT	54	Mason Nelson	Soph
	90	Isiah Green	Soph
DE	99	Marshawn Kneeland	Jr
	95	Ryan Wynn	Soph
LB	4	Damari Roberson	Jr
	33	Quinton Cannon	Jr
LB	22	Boone Bonnema	Jr
	8	Jacob Wahlberg	Jr
LB	8	Jacob Wahlberg	Jr
	12	Dillon Moore	#Fr
LB	15	Donald Willis	Jr
	39	Nate Norris	Sr
CB	2	Keni-H Lovely	Sr
	1	Bilhal Kone	Soph
S	25	Aaron Wofford	Soph
	24	SaVeon Brown	Soph
S	3	Tate Hallock	Sr
	17	Eric Wenzel	Jr
P	35	Cameron Peasley	Soph

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Weekly Wager



MATT MCGOWAN

Pregame Editor

IOWA -28.5

I know laying four touchdowns with Iowa sounds insane, but Western Michigan has a big question mark at the quarterback position. The Broncos have three QBs on the roster, but none is particularly effective. Whoever starts will lead a Broncos' air attack that ranks 124th in Passing Success rate.

UNDER 43.5

The Broncos will throw the ball a lot when they're facing a deficit. And while passing the ball around typically means more points will be scored, I think the Hawkeyes' secondary will have a field day if Western Michigan chooses to test them.

IOWA -28.5

While this was a larger spread than what I was expecting, I'm going to stand by what I said earlier. Hawkeye QB Cade McNamara has had time to recover, and the Iowa offense has had time to mesh. In addition, the Broncos' defense has allowed 32 points and 258 passing yards per game in 2023.

UNDER 43.5

Once again, I'm not going to bet the over until I see one. The Iowa defense will have its best game of the season against a Bronco offense whose top receiver and rusher transferred in the offseason. This one looks like a 30-3 victory for Iowa.



The Daily Iowan's official bettor's guide to Iowa football's Week 3 matchup with Western Michigan.



Ruden's 2023 record: 4-2



McGowan's 2023 record: 5-1

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Volunteer QB Joe Milton III has a cannon for an arm, but struggles with accuracy.

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Iowa football linebacker Jay Higgins is ready to lead the Hawkeye defense.

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Beyond all of the running on grass fields in local parks, what Iowa senior linebacker Jay Higgins remembers best from his youth football days was his passion for the game — a passion that hasn't faltered almost two decades later.



Higgins

Higgins was an all-state linebacker in high school at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, Indiana. In his senior year, he ranked in the top 10 nationally in tackles and now holds the school record for career tackles with 471.

Higgins' father, Roy, always found his son to be a special and energetic person who understood detail at a very young age. Roy recalled as far back as when Higgins was four years old, pulling bales of hay to the end of his truck and fetching the wheelbarrow for him.

"Even though he was young, he would be able to do what needed to be done; he was able to accomplish the task," Roy said. "He gained a football IQ early as a child, just from watching TV and just being a student of the game at an early age."

Family has always been a big part of Higgins' life. He finds motivation in his sister, Royce, who played volleyball at Mississippi Valley State and showed him what work is required to be a Division I student-athlete.

Roy and Higgins' mother, Shelly — whom with Higgins shares a tight-knit relationship — raised their son in the church and with a belief in God.

Higgins would join Roy, who pastored a church back home in Indiana, on revivals to

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Roy Higgins

Jay Higgins' father



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Iowa defensive lineman Yahya Black and linebacker Jay Higgins tackle Iowa State running back Abu Sama during a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 20-13.



Ayrton Breckenridge | The Daily Iowan

Rutgers quarterback Evan Simon lunges away from Iowa linebacker Jay Higgins to avoid a safety during a football game between Iowa and Rutgers at SHI Stadium in Piscataway, N.J. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. The Hawkeyes defeated the Scarlet Knights 27-10. Higgins had five total tackles.

cities across the country. Roy even served as the minister at Higgins' baptism.

Roy was also Higgins' first football coach, and he quickly noticed how his son stood out among the other kids in flag football — so much so that at eight years old, Higgins was already playing with 10 and 11-year-olds.

"When I was little, I would be in class, and I'd think about football. I'm 21 years old, and I'm in class, and I still think about football," he said. "It just shows that I didn't change much; football didn't change much. [I'm] excited to be playing a game I love."

Mic Roessler, Higgins' high school football coach, first met Higgins on a visit to Brebeuf when Higgins was only an eighth-grader. But he immediately noticed how composed and mature he was for his age.

"After meeting his mom and dad, I could tell right away that his upbringing has been very special and [that] he's just an all-around good guy," Roessler said. "He's very giving to others, which was our mission the

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Iowa linebacker

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When Higgins joined the Brebeuf football team soon after, Roessler noticed his knowledge both on the football field when making plays and in the film room when studying scouting reports.

under their wing, and leading him. He said the two taught him how to handle the highs and lows of the game as well as how to prepare for a game with the right attitude and effort, in turn showing him how to be a true leader on the field.

The process was a slow and steady growth.

While Higgins secured just two total tackles in the 2020-21 season and five in the 2021-22 season, he snagged 39 in the 2022-23 season with two starts as he absorbed Campbell and Benson's knowledge and learned from the guidance of Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker and linebackers coach Seth Wallace.

After 2023 spring practice, Higgins was named Iowa's first-team middle linebacker and team captain for the upcoming season.

Now, Higgins sees his opportunity is in front of him, so he knows he has to take advantage of it.

"I just want to go out there and play football," he said. "I want to go out there and be the Mike [line]backer that Iowa needs and just continue to set the standard for what Iowa defense is all about."

Higgins had 16 tackles in Iowa's season opener against Utah State on September 2.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said that number is what you'd expect from Higgins, who the head coach always considered to be a starter even if he wasn't listed as one. He noted Higgins' leadership and commitment, as well as the team's reliance on him to make plays and tackles.

In his post-game media availability, Higgins cited a video of Inky Johnson, a former Tennessee football player turned motivational speaker, in which Johnson said, "Expectations are external, and the standard is internal."

"I feel like you can put any linebacker that wears the Tigerhawk [out there], [and] he would have done the same thing," Higgins said. "[I'm] just trying to live up to the standard [and] keep the defense moving forward."

Iowa linebackers coach Seth Wallace recalled the historic bond Hawkeye linebackers have had, dating back to 2017 when Josey Jewell and Ben Niemann shared the middle line.

He credited the linebackers who came before Higgins for their leadership, thus paving the way for the newcomers like Higgins to replicate their success.

"What you would see out of Jay Higgins is not only a product of himself — how he was raised, the type of kid he is, and what he's experienced up to this point — but it's also a product of the guys that he's been around," Wallace said. "When that happens, that's when you get your [linebacker] room where you want it."

"That's what that kid does so well is he knows where [the play] is going, and he is very elusive," Roessler said. "I know that he's got what it takes to go the whole game [at] the same speed, every play, bringing his buddies along with him. It's going to be a blast to watch."

With tremendous high school success that saw Higgins earn varsity letters all four years and all-state honors in his last three, Iowa defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator Kelvin Bell took notice. It didn't take long for Higgins to develop a liking to Bell and the rest of the Iowa football staff.

On June 23, 2019, Higgins committed to play football for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

But at Iowa, although Higgins was already a talented player, he had to sit back, wait, and watch behind starting linebackers Jack Campbell and Seth Benson as he developed into that next echelon.

Higgins appreciates his predecessors for representing Iowa football, taking him

HIGGINS

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But college football is now in the age of immediate eligibility for transfer players, prompting an increase in players displeased with their roles taking their talents elsewhere. More than 6,000 NCAA football players have entered the transfer portal since the start of the 2022 season.

Still, Wallace saw Higgins, amid his patience waiting for his turn, gravitate toward Benson and Campbell playing ahead of him.

Wallace noted how Higgins' words always demonstrate his desire to achieve and succeed for his coaches and teammates, a testament to "the type of kid he is."

"He certainly had every opportunity to leave just like anybody else in our program if ... they don't want to wait their turn," Wallace said. "But I think we should all step back, pause for a second, and just look at his situation and appreciate it for what it is."

Iowa junior cornerback Cooper DeJean said Higgins made the biggest jump defensively over the offseason, and Higgins attributed his leap to staying focused and committed to the grind while he awaited his opportunity.

"I just make sure I'm always learning always trying to get better," Higgins said. "I feel like when you're in this program, when you're in a room with [linebackers] coach [Seth] Wallace, he's not going to let you become stagnant. [I'm] just always sharpening my tools, and eventually it's time for my tools to be used, so I'll be ready."

And this season, it's time for those tools to come into play.

Higgins is now a big piece of the puzzle that is a tough Hawkeye defense, and he says its strongest characteristic is bringing 11 players onto the field who play for one another.

"We're just one of those 'bend, don't break' defenses," he said. "You may punch us in the mouth, but the thing about us [is] we're just going to keep fighting. If you can outlast us the whole game, kudos to you."

And with the storied success of Hawkeye linebackers in the NFL, that standard continues in the Higgins household.

"Well, [there's] no doubt he



Daniel McGregor-Huyer | The Daily Iowan

Iowa linebacker Seth Benson celebrates a fumble recovery during a football game between Iowa and Illinois at Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Ill., on Oct. 8, 2022. The Fighting Illini defeated the Hawkeyes, 9-6. Jay Higgins worked closely with his predecessors, such as Benson and Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell, during their time with the Hawkeyes.

wants to play at the next level; [there's] no doubt that I see him playing at the next level," Roy said. "Right now, we're just praying that he continues to have health and strength to reach that goal and ... that the whole Iowa program will continue to pour all that they can into him so he will be successful on that next level."

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School's mission prioritized service for others, and Roessler preached teamwork on his football teams — both standards he said Higgins has and can carry with him to the NFL.

"This guy is not isolated; he's authentic," Roessler said. "Athletically, I think he's got everything that it takes to continue his career on Sundays, just because of the way he approaches the game and life as well."

Roessler compared Higgins to former Indianapolis Colts tight end Jack Doyle, whom the Colts' locker room looked to for leadership during team struggles because of his football knowledge.

"He's one of my dogs still in the fight; I'm loving it," Roessler said. "I know that Jay has the same tangibles [as Doyle], and I'm really excited and a big-time Iowa fan, so this is going to be fun."

Although the long hours of hard work makes Higgins reminisce about the simple game football was for him as a kid, he knows how far he's come.

"Sometimes I miss going out there and just tossing it up," Higgins said. "But I'm starting to get back to that place where football's become that joy again, and I can play a little bit more loose now that I've put all

those hard hours in."

Roy said he appreciates the fact that his son had to wait his turn.

"He's just really successful now being a part of Iowa football and being a part of that standard," Roy said. "We knew he was good, but we wanted him to be developed ... And that's the goal, constantly improve no matter where you [are] at."

Roy said he learned to be patient upon seeing his son come up through the Iowa football system and finally into a position of leadership this season.

"Being [at] Iowa, you can expect no different; that's what we do at Iowa," Roy said. "Iowa's a great linebacker school that develops, and now it's [his] turn, and [he's] ready to take the task. That's what he's done. I believe that's what he'll

continue to do."

Noting his family's pride in his success on the gridiron, Higgins said football has become an avenue for him to give back to his family and express his appreciation of their support for him.

One such way for Higgins to give back to his family is with the money he earns from his name, image, and likeness [NIL].

But Iowa football's Swarm NIL collective requires the players to do community service — such as the Iowa-Iowa State softball game for Make-A-Wish kids and the University of Iowa Hospitals — before they can earn any money, which Higgins appreciates.

"It's helped me a lot," Higgins said. "It's not 'nothing for something' ... We're making a true difference."

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0	Diante Vines	WR	6-0	198	Jr	Danbury, CT	40	Jalyn Thompson	TE	6-2	246	Fr	West Des Moines, IA
1	Xavier Nwankpa	DB	6-2	210	Soph	Pleasant Hill, IA	40	Josef Smith	LB	6-3	236	Jr	Britt, IA
2	Kaleb Johnson	RB	6-0	222	Soph	Hamilton, OH	41	Rusty VanWetzinga	FB	6-0	230	Fr	Pleasant Valley, IA
2	TJ Hall	DB	6-0	185	Soph	Fresno, CA	41	Jaden Harrell	LB	6-2	237	Soph	Urbandale, IA
3	Kaleb Brown	WR	5-10	197	Soph	Chicago, IL	42	Zach Twedt	LB	6-3	242	Soph	Story City, IA
3	Cooper DeJean	DB	6-1	207	Jr	Odebolt, IA	43	Karson Sharar	LB	6-2	235	Soph	Iowa Falls, IA
4	Koen Entringer	DB	6-0	211	#Fr	Ypsilanti, MI	44	Grant Leeper	TE	6-5	230	Fr	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Leshon Williams	RB	5-10	208	Jr	Chicago, IL	44	Kenneth Merrieweather	DL	6-3	227	Fr	Detroit, MI
5	Joe Labas	QB	6-4	213	Soph	Brecksville, OH	45	Deontae Craig	DL	6-3	266	Jr	Fort Wayne, IN
5	Teegan Davis	DB	6-0	160	Fr	Princeton, IL	47	Jack Laughlin	LB	6-1	208	Fr	Carlisle, IA
6	Seth Anderson	WR	6-0	180	Soph	Suwanee, GA	48	Zach Ortwerth	TE	6-3	220	Fr	St. Louis, MO
6	Zach Lutmer	DB	6-0	192	Fr	Rock Rapids, IA	48	Max Llewellyn	DL	6-5	264	Soph	Urbandale, IA
7	Jacob Bostick	WR	6-2	183	#Fr	Palatine, IL	49	Andrew Lentsch	TE	6-4	252	Soph	West Des Moines, IA
7	John Nestor	DB	5-11	196	Fr	Chicago, IL	49	Ethan Hurkett	DL	6-3	260	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
8	Terrell Washington Jr.	RB	5-11	205	Fr	Wylie, TX	51	Luke Gaffney	DL	6-2	270	#Fr	Robins, IA
8	Deshaun Lee	DB	5-10	187	#Fr	Belleville, MI	52	Asher Fahey	OL	6-5	300	Jr	Waukon, IA
9	Jaziun Patterson	RB	5-10	204	#Fr	Pompano Beach, FL	53	Michael Myslinski	OL	6-3	290	Soph	Jacksonville, FL
9	Tory Taylor	P	6-4	232	Sr	Melbourne, Australia	54	Anterio Thompson	DL	6-3	293	Soph	Dubuque, IA
10	Deacon Hill	QB	6-3	258	Soph	Santa Barbara, CA	55	Jeremiah Pittman	DL	6-3	290	Soph	Palatine, IL
10	Nick Jackson	LB	6-0	237	Sr	Atlanta, GA	56	Nick DeJong	OL	6-6	305	Sr	Pella, IA
11	Marco Lainez	QB	6-2	225	Fr	Princeton, NJ	56	Maddux Borcharding-Johnson	DL	6-2	288	Fr	Norwalk, IA
12	Cade McNamara	QB	6-1	205	Sr	Reno, NV	57	Will Hubert	DL	6-3	270	#Fr	Omaha, NE
12	Jaxon Rexroth	LB	6-2	228	Soph	Cedar Rapids, IA	58	Kade Pieper	OL	6-3	255	Fr	Norfolk, NE
13	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	189	#Fr	Franklin, WI	59	Griffin Liddle	OL	6-3	295	Soph	Bettendorf, IA
13	Joe Evans	DE	6-2	252	Sr	Ames, IA	60	Rusty Feth	OL	6-3	310	Sr	Colerain, OH
14	Alex Mota	WR	6-0	180	Fr	Marion, IA	61	Cael Winter	OL	6-3	253	Fr	Waukee, IA
14	Kahlil Tate	DB	5-11	190	Fr	Chicago, IL	64	Leighton Jones	OL	6-2	290	Fr	Brownsburg, IN
15	Amare Bickham	DB	6-0	170	Fr	Fulshear, TX	65	Logan Jones	OL	6-3	290	Jr	Council Bluffs, IA
16	Graham Friedrichsen	WR	6-1	200	#Fr	Urbandale, IA	66	Jeremy Chaplin	OL	6-2	280	Soph	Waverly, IA
16	Jamison Heinz	DB	6-0	199	Jr	Humboldt, IA	67	Gennings Dunker	OL	6-5	320	Soph	Lena, IL
17	Alex Eichmann	WR	6-2	207	#Fr	Sussex, WI	70	Beau Stephens	OL	6-6	319	Soph	Blue Springs, MO
17	Brenden Deasfernandes	DB	6-0	195	Jr	Belleville, MI	71	Jack Dotzler	OL	6-6	295	#Fr	Waukegan, WI
18	Alec Wick	WR	6-1	193	Soph	Iowa City, IA	72	Kale Krogh	OL	6-5	300	#Fr	Huxley, IA
18	Drew Stevens	K	6-0	199	Soph	North Augusta, SC	73	Kyson Van Vugt	OL	6-6	274	#Fr	Sioux Center, IA
19	Tommy Poholsky	QB	6-0	200	Fr	Evergreen, CO	74	Trevor Lauck	OL	6-5	296	Fr	Indianapolis, IN
20	Dayton Howard	WR	6-4	195	Fr	Kansas City, MO	75	Cannon Leonard	OL	6-8	290	Fr	Gilman, IL
20	Deavin Hilson	DB	6-1	197	Soph	Des Moines, IA	76	Tyler Elsbury	OL	6-5	312	Jr	Byron, IL
21	Kaden Wetjen	WR	5-10	196	Jr	Williamsburg, IA	77	Connor Colby	OL	6-6	311	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
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22	Max White	RB	5-10	205	Soph	Cedar Rapids, IA	79	Daijon Parker	OL	6-5	315	Sr	Inkster, MI
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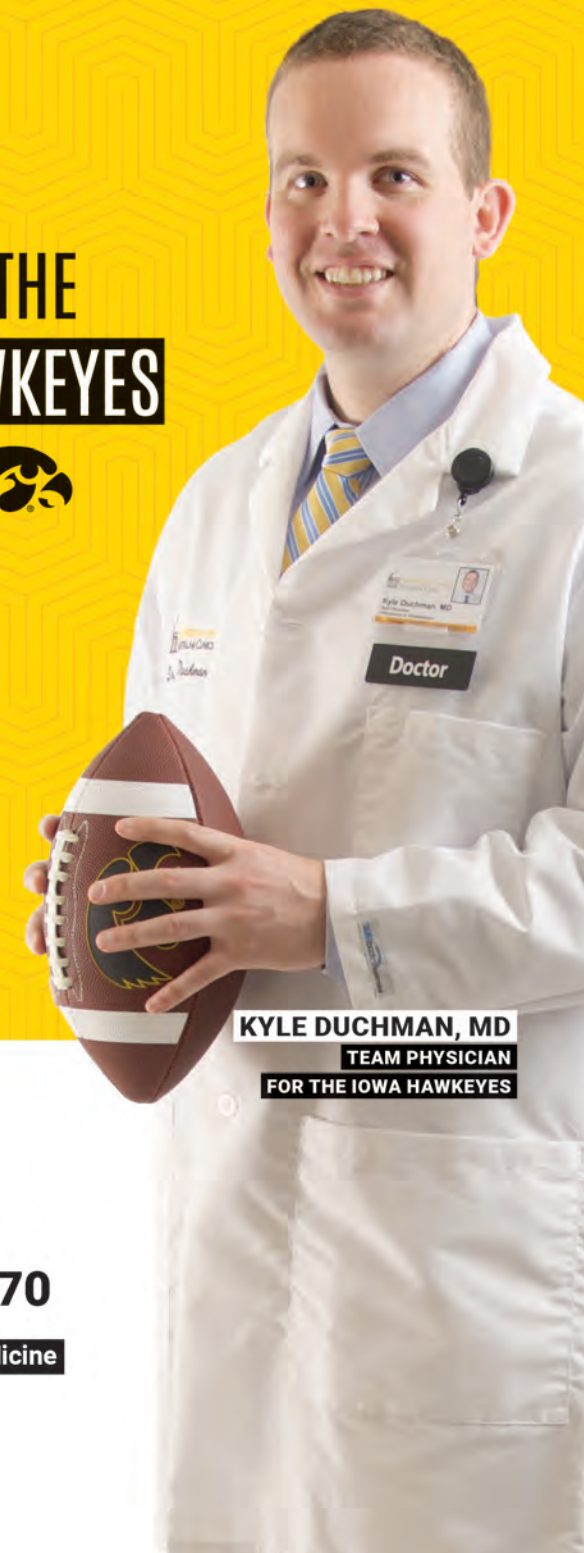
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1	Xavier Nwankpa	DB	6-2	210	Soph	Pleasant Hill, IA	40	Josef Smith	LB	6-3	236	Jr	Britt, IA
2	Kaleb Johnson	RB	6-0	222	Soph	Hamilton, OH	41	Rusty VanWetzinga	FB	6-0	230	Fr	Pleasant Valley, IA
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3	Cooper DeJean	DB	6-1	207	Jr	Odebolt, IA	42	Karson Sharar	LB	6-2	235	Soph	Iowa Falls, IA
4	Koen Entringer	DB	6-0	211	#Fr	Ypsilanti, MI	44	Grant Leeper	TE	6-5	230	Fr	Fort Wayne, IN
4	Leshon Williams	RB	5-10	208	Jr	Chicago, IL	44	Kenneth Merrieweather	DL	6-3	227	Fr	Detroit, MI
5	Joe Labas	QB	6-4	213	Soph	Brecksville, OH	45	Deontae Craig	DL	6-3	266	Jr	Fort Wayne, IN
5	Teegan Davis	DB	6-0	160	Fr	Princeton, IL	47	Jack Laughlin	LB	6-1	208	Fr	Carlisle, IA
6	Seth Anderson	WR	6-0	180	Soph	Suwanee, GA	48	Zach Ortwerth	TE	6-3	220	Fr	St. Louis, MO
6	Zach Lutmer	DB	6-0	192	Fr	Rock Rapids, IA	48	Max Llewellyn	DL	6-5	264	Soph	Urbandale, IA
7	Jacob Bostick	WR	6-2	183	#Fr	Palatine, IL	49	Andrew Lentsch	TE	6-4	252	Soph	West Des Moines, IA
7	John Nestor	DB	5-11	196	Fr	Chicago, IL	49	Ethan Hurkett	DL	6-3	260	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
8	Terrell Washington Jr.	RB	5-11	205	Fr	Wylie, TX	51	Luke Gaffney	DL	6-2	270	#Fr	Robins, IA
8	Deshawn Lee	DB	5-10	187	#Fr	Belleville, MI	52	Asher Fahey	OL	6-5	300	Jr	Waukon, IA
9	Jaziun Patterson	RB	5-10	204	#Fr	Pompano Beach, FL	53	Michael Myslinski	OL	6-3	290	Soph	Jacksonville, FL
9	Tory Taylor	P	6-4	232	Sr	Melbourne, Australia	54	Anterio Thompson	DL	6-3	293	Soph	Dubuque, IA
10	Deacon Hill	QB	6-3	258	Soph	Santa Barbara, CA	55	Jeremiah Pittman	DL	6-3	290	Soph	Palatine, IL
10	Nick Jackson	LB	6-0	237	Sr	Atlanta, GA	56	Nick DeJong	OL	6-6	305	Sr	Pella, IA
11	Marco Lainez	QB	6-2	225	Fr	Princeton, NJ	56	Maddux Borcherding-Johnson	DL	6-2	288	Fr	Norwalk, IA
12	Cade McNamara	QB	6-1	205	Sr	Reno, NV	57	Will Hubert	DL	6-3	270	#Fr	Omaha, NE
12	Jaxon Rexroth	LB	6-2	228	Soph	Cedar Rapids, IA	58	Kade Pieper	OL	6-3	255	Fr	Norfolk, NE
13	Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	189	#Fr	Franklin, WI	59	Griffin Liddle	OL	6-3	295	Soph	Bettendorf, IA
13	Joe Evans	DE	6-2	252	Sr	Ames, IA	60	Rusty Feth	OL	6-3	310	Sr	Colerain, OH
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3	CJ Hester	RB	5-11	190	Fr	Cincinnati, OH	45	Carson Voss	P	6-0	160	Soph	Dansville, MI
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12	Dillon Moore	LB	6-2	223	#Fr	Indianapolis, IN	66	Isaiah Street	DL	6-5	225	#Fr	Brownsburg, IN
13	Henry Wilson Jr.	WR	5-11	186	Soph	Chicago, IL	67	Trevor Shaw	OL	6-6	305	Soph	Flemington, NJ
14	Stone Hollenbach	QB	6-2	217	Jr	Catawissa, PA	69	Logan Wilson	DL	6-3	283	Soph	Appleton, WI
14	Lorenzo Williams Jr.	CB	6-0	175	Fr	West Bloomfield, MI	70	Calvin Muraski	OL	6-7	306	Soph	Green Bay, WI
15	Leroy Thomas	WR	5-11	180	Sr	Roanoke, VA	71	Adam Vandervest	OL	6-6	301	Jr	Verona, WI
15	Donald Willis	LB	6-2	220	Jr	Garfield Heights, OH	72	Jakari Liston	OL	6-3	270	#Fr	Flint, MI
16	Mark Konecny	QB	6-0	195	Soph	Muskegon, MI	73	Ted Kushi	OL	6-7	310	Jr	Staten Island, NY
16	Corey Webb	CB	5-8	165	Fr	Detroit, MI	75	Addison West	OL	6-3	305	Jr	Cary, IL
17	Malique Dieudonne	WR	6-0	170	Soph	Naples, FL	76	Chad Schuster	OL	6-6	270	#Fr	Franklin, WI
17	Eric Wenzel	S	6-1	195	Jr	Kalamazoo, MI	77	Jacob Gideon	OL	6-2	295	Jr	Union, KY
18	Nate Anderson	WR	6-0	175	#Fr	Fort Wayne, IN	78	Luke Zanotti	OL	6-4	285	Fr	Bay City, MI
19	Willie Berris	WR	5-10	180	#Fr	Kentwood, MI	79	Caden Peddie	OL	6-3	270	Soph	Grandville, MI
19	Jacob Szurna	S	6-2	175	Fr	Grand Rapids, MI	80	Cam Hedgecock	WR	5-10	177	Soph	Ft. Wayne, IN
20	Logan Lester	WR	6-3	190	Fr	Chicago, IL	81	Josh Franklin	WR	6-0	175	Fr	Crete, IL
22	Arik Moyers	QB	6-5	210	Fr	Plainfield, IN	82	Elliott Grashuis	WR	6-5	180	Soph	Grand Rapids, MI
22	Boone Bonnema	LB	6-3	235	Jr	Zeeland, MI	83	Kadinn Morris	TE	6-3	245	Soph	Denham Springs, LA
23	Jashawn Johnson	WR	5-10	165	#Fr	Streamwood, IL	86	Blake Bosma	TE	6-3	230	Soph	Holland, MI
23	Angelo Stockstill	DB	6-3	175	Fr	Chicago, IL	87	Mitch Bartol	TE	6-3	255	Jr	Kimberly, WI
24	SaVeon Brown	DB	6-1	208	#Fr	Phoenix, IL	88	Austin Hence	TE	6-4	241	Sr	Pickerington, OH
25	Joey Pope	WR	5-11	165	Fr	Glen Ellyn, IL	89	Brennan Wooten	TE	6-4	225	Fr	Indianapolis, IN
25	Aaron Wofford	CB	5-11	170	Soph	Chicago, IL	89	August Johanningsmeier	DE	6-4	235	#Fr	Howell, MI
26	Tre' Hartwell	RB	5-11	225	Fr	Thompson's Station, TN	90	Isaiah Green	DL	6-2	300	Soph	St. Cloud, MN
27	Landyn Moore	WR	5-8	185	Fr	Pittsburgh, PA	91	Marcel Tyler	DL	6-4	270	Soph	Racine, WI
28	Jamal Hailey	RB	5-11	185	#Fr	Benton Harbor, MI	92	Jayden Childers	DL	6-3	230	#Fr	Indianapolis, IN
29	Jalen Buckley	RB	5-11	210	#Fr	Aurora, IL	93	Corey Walker	DL	6-5	270	Soph	Normal, IL
30	Cam Griffin	CB	5-11	162	Soph	Florissant, MO	94	Tag Bonnema	DL	6-4	232	#Fr	Zeeland, MI
31	Logan Flesher	P	6-5	225	Sr	Marietta, GA	95	Ryan Wynn	DL	6-3	275	Soph	Anderson, SC
32	Trae Allen	RB	5-9	205	Sr	Pontiac, MI	96	Dalton Gustwiller	DL	6-3	285	Fr	Dayton, OH
33	Quinton Cannon	LB	6-0	215	Jr	Indianapolis, IN	97	Patrick Grange	DE	6-2	252	Soph	Naperville, IL
34	Peyton Doorhy	LS	6-2	197	Soph	Gobles, MI	98	Joshua Nobles	DL	6-2	250	Soph	Blackwood, NJ
35	Cameron Peasley	P	6-3	190	Soph	Melbourne, Australia	99	Marshawn Kneeland	DL	6-3	275	Jr	Grand Rapids, MI
36	Mohammed Sayed	WR	5-11	170	Fr	Dearborn, MI							



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Playing with confidence

Iowa defensive back Sebastian Castro trusted the process and is now a crucial starter.

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Iowa defensive back Sebastian Castro is the epitome of trusting the process.

The fifth-year was a three-star recruit and garnered an offer from just four Power Five programs. In his first few seasons at Iowa, he lived in the shadows behind defensive stars Cooper DeJean, Kaevon Merriweather, and Jack Campbell.

But now every Hawkeye fan knows Castro's name, as his 30-yard interception return for a touchdown was the difference in Iowa's 20-13 win over in-state rival Iowa State on Sept. 9.

His pick-six marked the 16th consecutive season that an Iowa defender has returned an interception for a touchdown — the second-longest active streak in the nation behind Utah.

His performance against the Cyclones, which included four tackles and one pass breakup, earned the Oak Lawn, Illinois, product his first ever Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honor.

"It felt like practice. Everything was slowed down. It's something I'm never going to forget. I saw the ball coming real slow, caught it, and then brought it home."

Sebastian Castro

Iowa defensive back

"It felt like practice. Everything was slowed down," Castro said of his interception against the Cyclones. "It's something I'm never going to forget. I saw the ball coming real slow, caught it, and then brought it home."

Castro played both quarterback and defensive back at Oak Lawn's Richards High School.

The dynamic athlete committed to the Hawkeyes on April 25, 2018, choosing Iowa over programs like Iowa State, Minnesota, Northern Illinois, Ball State, Eastern Michigan, and Indiana.

Castro finished his senior season of high school with 95 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for

loss, and six interceptions. He was named Player of the Year by The Reporter and Daily Southtown. He also received first-team All-State honors from the Champaign News-Gazette as a junior and senior.

Castro redshirted at Iowa in 2019 and appeared briefly in just one Hawkeye game during the COVID-19-shortened 2020 season. He saw action in all 14 contests in 2021 but only racked up six tackles. It wasn't until last season that Castro started to break out of his shell and show what he was capable of.

He exclusively played on special teams in the first two games of the 2022 season. Cornerback Terry Roberts then suffered an injury which moved DeJean to corner and gave Castro the opportunity to come in and play the CASH position, where he started seven contests.

The CASH position is a combination of defensive back and linebacker that requires the agility and awareness to handle both the pass and run game.

Current Tennessee Titans safety Amani Hooker and New York Giants safety Dane Belton played the CASH position under Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker.

Castro ended the season with a bang against Kentucky in the TransPerfect Music City Bowl. He registered five tackles, two pass breakups, a sack, and a tackle for loss in the Hawkeyes' 21-0 shutout win over the Wildcats.

Castro said that during the bowl game he felt comfortable and that he was finally "getting into [his] own skin." Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz agreed that during the contest against Kentucky, Castro looked more confident and poised than he ever had before and is now playing at a much faster pace and with a more decisive mind.

"You just never know when a guy's going to start hitting stride. But when they do, it's fun," Ferentz said. "It's fun for them. And it's fun to watch them feel like they're starting to get it."

Castro won Iowa's Next Man in Award last season, which exemplifies a team player who is willing to step in at all times.

The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder is known among the team as an aggressive hard-hitter. Ferentz recalled how Castro was a "missile" on the special teams unit, while DeJean complimented Castro's growth from last year and his ability to fly to the ball.

"He can really do it all," DeJean said.



Ayrton Breckenridge | The Daily Iowan

Iowa defensive back Sebastian Castro prepares to tackle Utah State running back Davon Booth during a football game between No. 25 Iowa and Utah State at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 2. The Hawkeyes defeated the Aggies, 24-14.



Grace Smith | The Daily Iowan

Iowa defensive back Sebastian Castro runs to the end zone after catching an interception during the Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Sept. 9. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 20-13.

One on One: Nick DeJong

The *Daily Iowan* Sports Editor Kenna Roering spoke with the Hawkeyes' offensive lineman at Iowa football's media day on Aug. 11.



#56 Nick DeJong

Senior
Left Guard
6-foot-6
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The Daily Iowan: What's your favorite food they serve the team here at the facility?

Nick DeJong: Two nights ago they brought us chicken Alfredo that was really good, so I think that might be my favorite.

Do you have a favorite spot in Iowa City to eat or just hang out during your free time?

I'm a big Culvers guy, and I know that's not really an Iowa City spot, but otherwise, I'd probably say Mickey's downtown. That's really good, too.

Do you get the Concrete Mixer at Culvers?

Well, usually I would get a Diet Mountain

Dew, but they switched to Coke—which I'm a little upset about—but now I do get a Concrete Mixer.

What's your go-to order?

I usually get chocolate custard with cookie dough and marshmallows.

How do you enjoy spending your alone time?

I'm a big video game and Xbox guy.

What kind of games do you play?

Shooting, sports games, pretty much all the above

Who on the team is the worst at gaming?

So I've never played with him, but Genings Dunker is definitely the worst because I don't think he's actually even played a video game before.

Oh really?

He was just saying that his hometown just got Wi-Fi like four years ago, and I don't know if he's kidding.

Do you have any football pet peeves?

So with our game pants, there's like a drawstring instead of a belt, and mine always comes untied, and I have to tie it at least five or six times a game.

Worrying about your pants falling down does sound annoying.

Yes, very much.

Do you have a favorite highlight play or the most embarrassing play from your whole football career?

I think when I was a junior in high school, we got a pick-six, and this guy kind of bumped me as my teammate was running. I kind of said something and got into his face, and

I got a flag, and the next day during film, my coaches were talking about it for like five minutes, so that was pretty embarrassing.

Do you have a favorite NBA player?

I've really liked Giannis Antetokounmpo over the last few years, but I've always been a LeBron guy, too.

Do you have a motto or piece of advice that you try to live by?

Probably just knowing that I represent not just myself but, you know, the team that I'm on.

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This interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity. Read the full interview at [dailyiowan.com](https://www.dailyiowan.com).



Ayrton Breckenridge
| The Daily Iowan
Iowa offensive linemen Nick DeJong and Rusty Feth carry the Cy-Hawk Trophy after a Cy-Hawk football game between Iowa and Iowa State at Jack Trice Stadium in Ames on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 20-13.

BIG Game Guide



Matt McGowan | Pregame Editor

VIRGINIA @ MARYLAND
 Friday | 6 p.m. | **FS1**
 Virginia (0-2, 0-0)
 Maryland (2-0, 0-0)
 SECU Stadium | College Park, MD
 Line: Maryland -14 | O/U: 49.5

This should be dubbed the DMV derby, with the winner going to the White House.

LOUISVILLE @ INDIANA
 Saturday | 11 a.m. | **BIG NETWORK**
 Louisville (2-0, 1-0)
 Indiana (1-1, 0-1)
 Lucas Oil Stadium | Indianapolis, IN
 Line: Louisville -10 | O/U: 53.5

Back in my youth, this would be a prime-time basketball game. On the gridiron: Meh.

MINNESOTA @ NORTH CAROLINA
 Saturday | 2:30 p.m. | **ESPN**
 Minnesota (2-0, 0-0)
 No. 20 North Carolina (2-0, 0-0)
 Kenan Stadium | Chapel Hill, NC
 Line: North Carolina -7.5 | O/U: 49

QB Drake Maye will cringe at a Big Ten West offense.

WESTERN MICHIGAN @ IOWA
 Saturday | 2:30 p.m. | **BIG NETWORK**
 Western Michigan (1-1, 0-1)
 No. 25 Iowa (2-0, 0-0)
 Kinnick Stadium | Iowa City, IA
 Line: Iowa -28.5 | O/U: 43.5

This is a classic Big Ten Network game for the Hawkeyes, who better score 25 points.

WESTERN KENTUCKY @ OHIO STATE
 Saturday | 3 p.m. | **FOX**
 Western Kentucky (2-0, 0-0)
 No. 6 Ohio State (2-0, 1-0)
 Ohio Stadium | Columbus, OH
 Line: -27.5 | O/U: 64

Brutus the Buckeye's face looks like he just found out what a scam email is.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS @ NEBRASKA
 Saturday | 6 p.m. | **FS1**
 Northern Illinois (1-1, 0-0)
 Nebraska (0-2, 0-1)
 Memorial Stadium | Lincoln, NE
 Line: Nebraska -11 | O/U: 45.5

Those NIU players will be happy to get out of DeKalb and head to ... Nebraska.

SYRACUSE @ PURDUE
 Saturday | 6:30 p.m. | **NBC**
 Syracuse (2-0, 0-0)
 Purdue (1-1, 0-0)
 Ross-Ade Stadium | West Lafayette, IN
 Line: Syracuse -2.5 | O/U: 58.5

The Orange must steal one of the food-delivery robots on the Purdue campus.

PENN STATE @ ILLINOIS
 Saturday | 11 a.m. | **FOX**
 No. 7 Penn State (2-0, 0-0)
 Illinois (1-1, 0-0)
 Memorial Stadium | Champaign, IL
 Line: Penn State -14.5 | O/U: 49

"Big Noon Kickoff"? More like, "Big Noon Beatdown." Reggie Bush will leave at halftime.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN @ WISCONSIN
 Saturday | 11 a.m. | **BIG NETWORK**
 Georgia Southern (2-0, 0-0)
 Wisconsin (1-1, 0-0)
 Camp Randall Stadium | Madison, WI
 Line: Wisconsin -19.5 | O/U: 63.5

Badger fans will jump around trying to forget about last week's loss to Washington St.

NORTHWESTERN @ DUKE
 Saturday | 2:30 p.m. | **ACCN ESPN**
 Northwestern (1-1, 0-1)
 Duke (2-0, 1-0)
 Wallace Wade Stadium | Durham, NC
 Line: Duke -18.5 | O/U: 46.5

I have the O/U on "Do you know who my dad is?" lines at 50.5. Watch out for lax sticks.

VIRGINIA TECH @ RUTGERS
 Saturday | 2:30 p.m. | **BIG NETWORK**
 Virginia Tech (1-1, 0-0)
 Rutgers (2-0, 1-0)
 SHI Stadium | Piscataway NJ
 Line: Rutgers -7 | O/U: 39.5

Rutgers needs to have an intro song. Anything by Bruce Springsteen or Bon Jovi.

WASHINGTON @ MICHIGAN STATE
 Saturday | 4 p.m. | **peacock**
 No. 8 Washington (2-0, 0-0)
 Michigan State (2-0, 0-0)
 Spartan Stadium | East Lansing, MI
 Line: Washington -16 | O/U: 57.5

I feel terrible for whichever assistant coach has to take the wheel for this game.

BOWLING GREEN @ MICHIGAN
 Saturday | 6:30 p.m. | **BIG NETWORK**
 Bowling Green (1-1, 0-0)
 No. 2 Michigan (2-0, 0-0)
 Michigan Stadium | Ann Arbor, MI
 Line: Michigan -40 | O/U: 51.5

Relax Wolverines, your head coach isn't in the actual big house. You'll be fine.

WEEK THREE

Power Rankings

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1. Michigan

Let the cupcake schedule continue. Jim Harbaugh, please take a vacation.

2. Penn State

The Nittany Lions have done more than enough to jump a spot to No 2.

3. Ohio State

The Buckeyes have averaged just 35 points per game against two feeble opponents.

4. Iowa

The Hawkeyes shouldn't fear Western Michigan. Any talk of a "trap game" is ridiculous.

5. Minnesota

The Gophers may be golden, but their record is of the fool's variety.

6. Wisconsin

That loss to Washington State looked bad, but the Cougars are a proud, respected program.

7. Maryland

The Terrapins should follow UCLA's footsteps and cover empty seats with a tarp.

8. Rutgers

The Scarlet Knights are born to run at the speed of mediocrity. Now that's some bad medicine.

9. Michigan State

The Spartans squashed the Spiders last week but will be without their head coach Saturday.

10. Illinois

The Illini simply rolled over against Kansas. They're giving the conference a bad wrap.

11. Purdue

The Boilermakers won at Virginia Tech only because "Enter Sandman" doesn't hit at 2:30 p.m.

12. Indiana

Remember when Indiana had that Michael Penix Jr. guy? How's he doing right now?

13. Nebraska

Head coach Matt Rhule was definitely scared of Ralphie the Buffalo.







14. Northwestern

They got their first win last week. OK, and?

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On The Line

The Daily Iowan staff share their predictions and thoughts on this week's upcoming games.

	 Matt McGowan Pregame Editor 7-5	 Kenna Roering Sports Editor 4-8	 Colin Votzmeyer Asst. Sports Editor 6-6	 Cooper Worth Football Reporter 7-5	 Michael Merrick DITV Sports Director 7-5	 John Bohnenkamp Sports Writing Coach 6-6	 Jason Brummond Publisher 6-6
	 IOWA This is a big game for Brian Ferentz contract watchers.	IOWA This is a good chance to get the run game rolling for Big Ten play.	IOWA Western Michigan should be an FCS school.	IOWA The Broncos' impressive run game won't transfer to Kinnick Stadium.	IOWA Will the Hawkeyes ever score 25 points?	IOWA I think the Hawkeyes get more than 30 points.	IOWA Iowa offense lets (relatively) loose before playing Penn State.
	 TENNESSEE Volunteers won't back down to lend a hand, or should I say, tail.	TENNESSEE Roll Vols.	TENNESSEE Tim Tebow ticked me off in that Netflix documentary	TENNESSEE I think the Volunteers will win big in Gainesville.	TENNESSEE The Swamp won't stop Joe Milton III.	TENNESSEE Vols win on the road.	TENNESSEE These Gators aren't exactly Swamp Kings.
	 WEST VIRGINIA Blue Ridge Mountains. Shenandoah River. Life is old there.	WEST VIRGINIA Flip a coin for this one.	WEST VIRGINIA Watch "Only One (Tavon Austin Senior Highlights)" on YouTube.	WEST VIRGINIA I have the Mountaineers taking the W in this high-scoring battle.	WEST VIRGINIA All it needs is one hype speech from Pat McAfee.	WEST VIRGINIA Kind of a cool rivalry.	WEST VIRGINIA It's normally advisable to avoid Backyard Brawls.
	 SYRACUSE Purdue Pete definitely has some restraining orders against him.	PURDUE Boiler up?	SYRACUSE Better served on a basketball court.	SYRACUSE I like the QB for the Orange. Also, colors as mascots are strange.	SYRACUSE The battle of the basketball schools goes to the Orange.	SYRACUSE I can't figure out the Boilermakers yet.	SYRACUSE This doesn't feel quite like an NBC prime-time game.
	 ARKANSAS *Takes off shirt and waves it around* "Wooooo pig sooie!"	ARKANSAS Bet the over.	ARKANSAS BYU fans won't have to abstain when there's nothing to celebrate.	ARKANSAS Just like last season, another blowout victory for the Razorbacks.	ARKANSAS It'll be "Ourkansas" when I watch them this weekend.	ARKANSAS This will be a fun game, but it's the Hogs at home.	ARKANSAS The Hogs' defense is too tough.
	 FRESNO STATE Win or lose, those Arizona State students won't be in class on Monday.	ARIZONA STATE Fresno State barely beat an FCS team last week.	ARIZONA STATE I know nothing about this game.	FRESNO STATE The Bulldogs love to air out the pigskin, and will do so in this game.	FRESNO STATE Arizona State is still upset about Jayden Daniels leaving.	ARIZONA STATE Pretty even in terms of mediocrity.	ARIZONA STATE Football After Dark: Coming to the Big Ten in 2024.

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KID CAPTAIN

'Keeps Smiling Along'

Maggie Larson exhibits ever-present cheerfulness and courage in the face of MLD.

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Iowa football Kid Captain Maggie Larson talks with her eyes.

Closing them tight means no. If she doesn't like what someone's saying, she'll simply look away. And if she really doesn't want to continue a conversation, she'll just pretend to be asleep.

"We like to say Maggie is nonverbal but speaks in fluent eye rolls," Larson's mother, Heidi, said.

According to her parents, Heidi and Samuel, the six-year-old is as feisty as can be. She won't hesitate to give someone her opinion and will let out a laugh when she sees her brothers get in trouble. On Sept. 16, Maggie will get to see Kinnick Stadium from the field, as she will be Iowa football's Kid Captain for Week 3.

Three years ago, Larson had the same attitude but was also talking and walking. She and her twin brother Will were born five weeks premature but, according to Samuel, were each hitting milestones in speech and motor skills during their first two years. Around age two, Maggie's progress slowed.

When the Urbandale, Iowa, native tried to walk, her legs would "crumble," Heidi said.

Heidi and Samuel thought it was a developmental delay and searched around to specifically define the problem. Even after undergoing numerous tests, MRIs, and Botox injections, no one could find exactly what was wrong.

"All the while [she was losing] her ability to speak, and you can see she was getting so frustrated," Heidi said. "Trying to play and walk but not be able to. It was so hard to watch her go through that and not get answers. We could see something was wrong."

Still in search of a diagnosis, Larson's pediatrician sent the family to Gillette Children's Specialty Care in St. Paul, Minnesota, where an MRI scan of the brain initially looked normal. But when the scan was set to a different contrast, it revealed demyelination, a process that damages the protective myelin sheath around the brain. A supplementary urine sample found the cause.

On Feb. 28, 2020, Larson was diagnosed

with Metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), a rare terminal disease that affects between one in 40,000 to one in 160,000 people. MLD creates a deficiency in an enzyme that helps break down lipids, resulting in a build-up of sulfatides.

These sulfatides are toxic to the myelin. Without myelin, the body's motor neurons can't send signals down to nerve cells, leading to a loss of motor skills over time.

Since there is no FDA-approved treatment for MLD, Larson's parents found a clinical trial being done by the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital aimed to slow the progression of the disease. During this study, Larson receives infusions of nutrients through a gastrostomy tube into her stomach and an infusion of the enzyme she lacks through a surgical port.

"She's been through the gauntlet and still smiles every day," Heidi said.

Larson has shown signs of improvement as she undergoes the trial, according to her parents. For instance, Larson can give a thumbs-up sign at the appropriate times. John Bernat, Larson's primary physician at UI Stead, added that Maggie hasn't developed any seizures common in MLD patients.

During the treatment, Larson's cheerful spirit hasn't dampened. Heidi explained how when Larson suffers a respiratory bug and is taken to the hospital via ambulance, the six-year-old is calmer than her.

"She'll get multiple pokes for IVs, and that doesn't even phase her," Heidi said. "She knows that she'll get through it, and she'll be fine ... She's always happy to see people, be part of the action, and just be there."

Larson and her family did not attend Kid's Day at Kinnick, instead opting to travel out to California and visit Disneyland. Heidi explained how the choice to venture westward was just one of many spontaneous decisions the Larson family has made over the past few years, citing the application for Kid Captain as an example.

For her parents, Maggie's smile and attitude not only motivate them but also serve as a reminder of her courage.

"She's so brave," Heidi said. "She's had to have so many things under her and she still puts up with it, stays strong, and keeps smiling along."

Maggie Larson's favorites:

Color: Rainbow

Animal: Penguin, Larson has "at least four, maybe five" penguin stuffed animals. One penguin is named Penelope.

Disneyland ride: Pirates of the Caribbean.

Larson's Kid Captain song will be Roar by Katy Perry.



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