

Florida Turns Iowa Into Gator Bites, Hawkeyes Trounced 30-3

Iowa lost its fifth straight bowl game - 30-3 in the Outback Bowl - to a Florida Gators Defense that was decimated by injuries with its top five tacklers not even suited up. Iowa's Defense was effective in the First Half but was burned by explosive plays in the last two quarters - both on the ground and through the air.

The Hawkeyes Offense looked inept much of the game, tying for the fewest points scored by an Iowa team in a bowl game (1993 Alamo Bowl). Quarterback C.J. Beathard completed just seven passes for 55 yards, throwing three picks (including a pick six) and finishing with a QB Rating of just 24.4. Beathard was hobbled by a hamstring problem for much of the game and also appeared to injure his shoulder in the Fourth Quarter. Yet Iowa Head Coach Kirk Ferentz inexplicably kept him in the game until the last couple of minutes when backup Nathan Stanley made a brief appearance. Beathard was unable to throw the ball effectively and could barely run.

There was only one reception made by an Iowa Wide Receiver (Riley McCarron) and just two more by the Hawkeyes Tight Ends. The other four receptions were made by Running Back Akrum Wadley. Wadley had another solid game: 22 carries for 115 yards plus 21 receiving yards on 4 catches. He surpassed 1000 yards rushing this season - joining teammate LeShun Daniels in that category. It's the first time in Iowa Football History with two running backs exceeding 1000 rushing yards in a single season.

Iowa's Defense had two interceptions against Florida QB Austin Appleby (a graduate transfer from Purdue) but the Hawkeyes could only garner three points off of those. The Defense also produced three sacks and five tackles for loss. Linebacker Josey Jewell led the team in tackles with 10. But on several crucial Gator plays, there were too many missed tackles by the Hawkeyes — there were five alone on Florida's 85 yard screen pass touchdown late in the First Quarter. Iowa's star Defensive Back Desmond King concluded his Iowa career with five solo tackles and one interception in this game.

Iowa out-gained Florida on the ground 171 to 109 — but were burned through the air by the Gators 222 to 55. The Hawkeyes excelled all season in Red Zone efficiency but went just one for three in this game; the Gators were 2-2 in the Red Zone. Florida averaged 5.8 yards per play while Iowa could only muster 3.5 yards per play. The Hawkeyes scored just three points off Florida's two turnovers while the Gators had 13 off of Iowa's three turnovers.

Iowa finishes the season 8-5 (5-3 in the B1G). With its win in the Outback Bowl, Florida finishes 9-4 (6-2 in the SEC). This was also the final game for 14 Iowa Seniors, including Beathard, King, Tight End George Kittle, Defensive Lineman Jaleel Johnson, and Graduate Transfer Punter/Kicker Ron Coluzzi.

The final stats are below.

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Florida		30	IOWA	3	Final
MOST RECENT PLAYS					
End of game, clock 00:00 [00:00] Team rush for loss of 2 yards to the UF42. Team rush for loss of 1 yard to the UF44. FLORIDA drive start at 01:12. [01:12]					
FLORIDA PASSING			IOWA PASSING		
#	PLAYER	C-A	YDS	TD	RTG
12	APPLEBY,A	14-25	222	2	141
#	PLAYER	C-A	YDS	TD	RTG
16	BEATHARD,CJ	7-23	55	0	3
4	STANLEY,NATHAN	0-1	0	0	0
PASS TOTALS			PASS TOTALS		
5 RUSHERS			4 RUSHERS		
#	PLAYER	ATT	YDS	TD	AVG
25	SCARLETT,J	14	94	0	6.7
22	PERINE,L	7	19	0	2.7
81	CALLAWAY,A	1	6	0	6
24	THOMPSON,M	2	4	0	2
TM	TEAM	2	-3	0	-1.5
12	APPLEBY,A	6	-11	0	-1.8
5 RUSHERS			3 RUSHERS		
#	PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
25	WADLEY,AKRUM	22	115	0	5.2
29	DANIELS,LESHUN	15	45	0	3
16	BEATHARD,CJ	4	11	0	2.8
3 RUSHERS			4 RECEIVERS		
#	PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
25	WADLEY,AKRUM	4	21	0	5.3
46	KITTLE,GEORGE	1	18	0	18
83	MCCARRON,RILEY	1	11	0	11
86	PEKAR,PETER	1	5	0	5
4 RECEIVERS			8 RECEIVERS		
#	PLAYER	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
81	CALLAWAY,A	7	55	0	7.9
30	GOOLSBY,D	2	27	1	13.5
4	POWELL,B	2	15	0	7.5
24	THOMPSON,M	1	85	1	85
16	SWAIN,F	1	24	0	24
89	CLEVELAND,T	1	16	0	16
8 RECEIVERS			8 RECEIVERS		
SCORE BY QUARTER					
TEAM	1	2	3	4	TOT
FLORIDA	3	7	13		30
IOWA	3	0	0	0	3
GAME COMPARISON					
STAT	FLORIDA	IOWA			
Total Yds	331	226			
Rush Yds	109	171			
Pass Yds	222	55			
Penalties	8-60	1-10			
1st Downs	11	14			
3rd Downs	6-15	4-16			
4th Downs	0-0	0-1			
Total Plays	57	66			
Avg Yds/Play	5.8	3.5			
Red Zone	2-2	1-3			
Time of Poss	28:45	31:15			
Turnovers	2	3			
Pts Off Tums	13	3			
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0			
Sacks	1	3			
TFL	7	5			
CURRENT FIELD POSITION AND DRIVE					
Plays	2	Yards	-3	Time	1:12
Start 4-01:12 at UF45 on PUNT					

Florida		30	IOWA	3	Final				
FLORIDA DEFENSE									
#	Player	TotTk	Solo	Sack	TFL	Int	BrUp	QBH	FF
26	Harris,M.	9	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
1M	McMillian,D.	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
1J	Joseph,V.	6	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
43	Garcia,C.	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
91	Ivie,J.	5	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
54	Clark,K.	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
57	Brantley,C.	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
96	Jefferson,C.	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
5	Fulwood,A.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Wilson,Q.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Gardner,C.	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
93	Bryan,T.	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
99	Polite,J.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dawson,D.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Townsend,J.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Tabor,J.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
44	Jackson,R.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
85	Thompson,Ch.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92	Zuniga,J.	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
95	Davis,K.	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
28	Johnson,K.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS		58	42	1	7	3	2	4	1
IOWA DEFENSE									
#	Player	TotTk	Solo	Sack	TFL	Int	BrUp	QBH	FF
43	Jewell, Josey	10	8	1	1	0	1	0	0
14	Kling, Desmond	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0
37	Snyder, Brandon	5	4	0	0	1	0	0	1
12	Gair, Anthony	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Jackson, Josh	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
40	Hesse, Parker	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
41	Bower, Bo	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	Niemann, Ben	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	Ekakitie, Faith	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	Bazata, Nathan	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Scheel, Jay	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Ward, Kevin	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Hooker, Amani	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Mends, Aaron	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
67	Johnson, Jaleel	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
98	Nelson, Anthony	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
57	Golston, C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS		46	40	3	5	2	2	3	1