

Patterson returns to Blackhawks

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The Blackhawks, Council Bluffs indoor professional football team, has resigned the organization's all-time leading ground gainer and 2006 leading rusher George Patterson to a contract that will reunite him with Elijah Simmons to combine for one of the most formidable backfields in all of indoor football.

The 5-foot-11, 220 pound Patterson has ran for 842 yards on 165 carries (5.1 average) in two seasons - all Blackhawks career records - and has scored 11 rushing touchdowns. The Weber State University product has also caught 15 passes for 202 yards and three more touchdowns.

Despite not carrying the ball in four contests in 2006, Patterson rushed 108 times for 583 yards, both season rushing records, and scored seven touchdowns on the ground. George also had a hand in the passing attack, catching 11 passes for 142 yards and two touchdowns and was named to the First Team All-APFL Offense as a running back in 2006.

His best game statistically last season came in Iowa's 50-47 overtime victory over the Wichita Aviators, when Patterson rolled up 105 yards rushing in 20 carries.

"We're happy to have George back," said Blackhawks head coach Mike Wolff. "He's an explosive back who we can count on to make plays every time he touches the ball."

Notes

The Blackhawks open their 2007 season on the road Saturday, April 21, versus league rival Kansas Koyotes at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kansas. Kick-off is 7 p.m. Bus seats are available for fans interested in traveling with the team. Call the Blackhawks office at (712) 366-9326 for details.

Iowa will return home on Saturday, May 5 for their 2007 home opener versus the Missouri Minutemen at the Mid-America Center. Kick-off is 7:05 p.m. Visit their website at www.iowablackhawks.com or call their office at (712) 366-9326 for more details.