

Blackhawks dominant in win over Kansas City

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The Iowa Blackhawks rolled up 231 yards of offense, and Chuck Wright fired a team record six touchdown passes, but it was the Iowa defense that showed up big, totally controlling the Kansas City Bulldogs offense in an overpowering fashion, as the Blackhawks pounded the visitors, 81-6 Saturday night at the Mid-America Center.

Taheem Acevedo led the Blackhawks defense with nine tackles, and the front line of Lamain Rucker, Albert Rodriguez, Jeff McQuinn and Derek Phillips shut off any running game that the Bulldogs attempted, and kept the Kansas City quarterbacks moving all evening.

The Bulldogs were overmatched in every aspect of the game, being held to negative 42 yards on the ground and a mere 28 yards in the air. The Blackhawks intercepted three passes, recorded three sacks and had one defensive touchdown on the evening.



Iowa wasted little time showing its strength, racing out to a 25-0 first quarter lead, scoring less than a minute into the game, when Wright found Mike Stuart in the back of the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown. Jerry Lakin added a 29-yard field goal, and McQuinn, who seems to make a habit of scoring defensive touchdowns, recovered a Bulldogs fumble in the end zone. Mell Holliday powered three yards, and the Iowa defense recorded a safety in the first fifteen minutes of play.

In the second quarter, Stuart scored his second of three touchdowns, when he sliced nine yards on his only carry of the evening, the hauled in a 7-yard pass from Wright to make it 39-0. Wright hit Steve Rush (6-yards) and Andrew Seymour (27-yards) to finish off the Iowa first half scoring.

The Bulldogs scored their only points of the game when Chevy Williams maneuvered his way into the end zone with :43 seconds left in the half.

Two more Wright passes found the end zone in the third quarter, with Rush taking in a 26-yarder, and Seymour gripping a 18-yarder on the last play of the quarter. Eric Johnson finished off the scoring for the evening with runs of 3 and 5 yards in the fourth quarter.

Acevedo led the defense with nine tackles, followed by linebackers Ryan Newell, Alex Maldonado and Kaylon Price, with 4.5 stops. Linebacker Derek Derr accumulated four tackles. Acevedo, Price and Travis Hines added

interceptions.

On offense, Wright benefitted from a strong offensive line to complete 11 of 15 passes for 144 yards and the six touchdown passes. Holliday led the rushing attack with 48 yards on 8 carries, and Johnson scooted for 30 yards on four carries. Seymour led the receivers with 5 catches for 67 yards, followed by Rush, who caught 4 for 50. Stuart snagged 2 for 27 yards.

The undefeated Blackhawks now take on the Junction City Force, one of the newest members of the APFL, this Saturday at the MAC. The Force are currently 5-1 on the season. Kickoff is set for 6:05pm.