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Missed opportunities doom Blackhawks

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, were surprise victims Saturday night, when the Springfield WolfPack found it's passing game and upset the previously unbeaten Blackhawks 39-21 in front of a good crowd in Springfield.

The loss drops Iowa to 2-1, while the WolfPack improve to 2-2. The Blackhawks now have a showdown with the division leading Kansas Koyotes at Landon Arena in Topeka this Saturday.

The Blackhawks had a tough time containing the Springfield passing attack, led by rookie passer Colby Hughes, while the Iowa passing game struggled due to the constant pressure and coverage displayed by the WolfPack.

Hughes completed 17 of 28 passes for 184 yards and five touchdowns; Iowa's Chuck Wright was 13 of 29 for just 94 yards and two touchdowns, as he was forced to throw short much of the evening.

Things did start off well for Iowa when Kurt Ferguson made a fine catch of a Wright pass for a 17-yard touchdown on the second play of the game. But after the score, the Blackhawks failed to score in the first half, missing two field goals and having another Wright-Ferguson called back due to a penalty.

Springfield tied the score following a 31-yard pass interference call, when Hughes found Brett Lovekamp for a 3-yard touchdown, then took its first lead of the contest following a fumble recovery at its own 14 yard line. Hughes took it in on a one-yard keeper for a 13-7 halftime lead.

Iowa intercepted a pass early in the third quarter and moved downfield behind five Wright completions, but a penalty and two incompletions stalled the drive at the nine.

Three plays later, Hughes hit newly-acquired Cedric Newberry for a 25-yard score as the lead ballooned to 20-7. Iowa scored quickly, with Wright hitting Ferguson for their second touchdown, an 8-yard strike, on a drive that was helped along by a penalty on the WolfPack. On the evening the Springfield crew was flagged 15 times for 125 yards of penalties.

After cutting the lead to six (20-14) the Blackhawks were hit with another Hughes-Newberry touchdown - this one 14 yards - as the WolfPack extended their lead to 12 points.

Iowa came right back, on a two-play, 15-yard drive, when Mike Stuart went 8-yards to cut the lead to 26-21. But the Blackhawks could get no closer, as Hughes hit Lee Coleman (6 yards) and Logan Hughes (23 yards) to make it 39-21.



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The Blackhawks return home on Friday, May 30 to take on 5-time defending champion Kansas Koyotes at the Mid-America Center. Tickets are on sale at the MAC box office or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets start at just \$8 and don't forget... PARKING IS FREE!

Iowa	7	0	7	7	21
Springfield	0	13	7	19	39

Scoring Summary

1Q- 13:20 - Iowa - 17 pass Kurt Ferguson from Chuck Wright (Jerry Lakin) 0 - 7
2Q - 4:12 - WP - 3 pass Brett Lovekamp from Colby Hughes (Chris Shiraito) 7 - 7
2Q - 0:39 - WP - 1 run C. Hughes (NG) 13 - 7
3Q - 3:19 - WP - 25 pass Cedric Dewberry from C. Hughes (Shiraito) 20 - 7
3Q - 0:57 - Iowa - 8 pass Ferguson from Wright (Lakin) 20 - 14
4Q - 11:58 - WP - 14 pass Dewberry from C. Hughes (NG) 26 - 14
4Q - 10:14 - Iowa - 8 run Mike Stuart (Lakin) 26 - 21
4Q - 6:32 - WP - 6 pass Lee Coleman from C. Hughes (NG) 32 - 21
4Q - 2:13 - WP - 23 pass Logan Hughes from C. Hughes (Shiraito) 39 - 21

Rushing:

Springfield - Colby Hughes 6-21, 1 TD; Lee Coleman 5-8; Winston Grimes 1-7.

Iowa - Mike Stuart 4-16, 1 TD; Eric Johnson 4-9; Elijah Simmons 4-(-2); Chuck Wright 1-(-5).

Passing:

Springfield - C. Hughes 17/28-184-5 TD- 2 INT); Lee Coleman 1/1- 8-0-0

Iowa - Chuck Wright 13/29-94-2 TD-1 INT

Receiving:

Springfield - Cedric Dewberry 7-109, 2 TD; Logan Hughes 2-31, 1 TD; Coleman 3-27, 1 TD; Brett Lovekamp 4-18, 1 TD; C. Hughes 1-8

Iowa - Ryan Kauffman 4-32; Kurt Ferguson 3-30, 2 TD; Chris Pommerleau 4-21; Brad Triplett 2-11

Interceptions:

Springfield - T.C. Christian

Iowa - Scott Yates (2)

Defensive Fumble Recovery:

Springfield - Barry Howard

Iowa - Travis Hines

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