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Iowa can expect to see a well-balanced Aviators team which has a strong running game. The Wichita offense will be led by former Kansas State University quarterback Jonathan Beasley and running back Carl Richardson. Richardson comes in as the APFL's leading rusher.

The Aviators are a strong second-half team, battling back from big deficits against the Blackhawks and Nebraska Bears to nearly win.

"They always have a way of battling back," said Blackhawks general manager Jake Hiffernan. "They'll score fast late in the game."

The Blackhawks come in on a roll, having beat the Missouri Minutemen in two consecutive games and scoring 131 points in the two contests.

Iowa's offense will be led by quarterback Chuck Wright, who threw for seven touchdowns and scored another in the Blackhawks' 70-41 victory May 28.

"I think the guy is on fire right now," Hiffernan said. "He's in the zone right now. He's comfortable with his teammates, and his teammates are comfortable with him."

"He'll definitely carry that momentum for this game and the rest of the season."

The Blackhawks will also use running back Justin Kammrad, who scored seven touchdowns in the last two games.

"(Kammrad) has a nose for the end zone," said Hiffernan. "He's consistently finding the end zone any way that he can."

Iowa benefits from a strong offensive line that Hiffernan says does not get the credit it deserves.

"They call the offensive line 'The Big Nasties,'" noted Hiffernan. "They always create a pocket for Chuck to run around (and) let him find a receiver."

"Our offensive line has been brilliant, to say the least, so far."

The Blackhawks' defense will be led by defensive back Scott Yates, who leads the team with 32 tackles.

"(Yates) always has his nose in the play," Hiffernan said. "The guy has just been phenomenal."

Hiffernan has equal praise for the rest of his team's defense.

"(The defenders are) always on their toes," said Hiffernan. "They stepped up and did what they were supposed to (against Missouri)."

Hiffernan added that the Blackhawks' special-teams unit needs improvement to be competitive.

"On our kickoffs, we were giving them way too good of a field position," commented Hiffernan.

Iowa will also be without the services of wide receiver Yano Jones, who also missed the previous game with a quadriceps injury. The Blackhawks will also miss defensive back Dontrell Ducker because of a scheduling conflict.