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Blackhawks back in action Saturday

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, look to run its record to 5-3 this Saturday night against the Nebraska Extreme, when the Extreme come to the Mid-America Center. Kickoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

The Blackhawks are coming off a 29-26 victory on June 14 against the Springfield WolfPack; a game that not only had playoff implications, but boosted Iowa into second place in the Northern Conference. They hold a half-game lead over Springfield (4-4).

The Extreme (0-4) boast one of the leagues best all-around players in Chris Bradford, who ranks third in the APFL in rushing with 200 yards rushing on just 28 carries (7.1 avg.) and has scored 28 of the teams 43 points on the season. The 225-pounder has also completed six of 17 passes for 54 yards and a touchdown pass.

Nebraska was pummeled last weekend, 69-0, by the Kansas Koyotes, and was limited to just 22 yards of total offense - including minus two rushing - as several Extreme players didn't make the trip. Receiver Joe Wynn handled the quarterbacking chores, as neither Bradford nor John Foresman, the teams leading passer, made the trip to Topeka. Wynn completed just three of 10 passes for 15 yards, and netted negative 10 yards on the ground in an amazing 27 carries, most of those while trying to pass. Mark Van Ornam led the team with 8 yards rushing on six carries.

Against the Blackhawks, all the Extreme players are expected to be in uniform, and with Bradford, Foresman in the backfield, as well as Tyrone Rush, Dan Lohr and Todd Hansen, the Nebraska crew has a formidable attack. Their main problem this season has been stopping their opponent.

The Extreme have surrendered 168 points in three contests (56.0 points per game), and 207.6 yards per game on defense (84.0 rushing/ 123.6 passing) and its most glaring statistics is only one defensive turnover, an interception, that occurred on the games first possession against Kansas.

Iowa, meanwhile, is fighting an injury bug, as they have lost several players this season, and most recently defensive end/linebacker Chris Smith, with a torn pectoral muscle; receiver Ryan Kauffman and offensive lineman Jeremy Glynn were also lost for the season with knee injuries, and all-star defensive backs Chris Moore and Scott Yates have been injured at different times throughout the season.

Despite those injuries, the Blackhawks will have many of it well-known players in action; running back Elijah Simmons is fourth in the league with 159 yards rushing and 8 touchdowns; Mike Stuart is seventh with 112 yards and four touchdowns.



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Chuck Wright is rated fourth in the APFL, completing 61 of 116 for 659 yards and 14 touchdowns. Jake Nimrod, a rookie, completed 8 of 12 passes for 65 yards and a touchdown in the victory over Springfield.

Stuart has caught 15 receptions for 179 yards and three touchdowns, with Council Bluffs natives Mike Neville (9-89-4) and Brad Triplett (8-54-1) seeing plenty of action with the injury to Kauffman.

Jerry Lakin is third in kicking, with 29 points, converting 20-24 extra points and three field goals, with his longest, 34-yards, coming against the WolfPack. Simmons is seventh in scoring with 52 points.

For ticket information please visit the Blackhawks' website at www.iowablackhawks.com or by calling the MAC box office @ (712) 323.0536. Tickets start at just \$8 and parking is FREE!

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