

Blackhawks to use regular-season finale as tune-up

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Kickoff is 7:05 p.m.

The game can be watched live via the internet at www.cyanetsports.com/blackhawks beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Iowa has locked up the number three seed for the playoffs, which begins July 22, and use this game to work out its problems holding onto the football. Turnovers ultimately caused its defeat at the hands of the Koyotes.

With a 20-point lead, Iowa turned the ball over four times, including an onside kick, which led to four Koyotes touchdowns.

"We seem to always find a way to shoot ourselves in the foot in big games," said Blackhawks owner and general manager Jake Hiffernan. "We create big leads early only to give it all back by turning the ball over multiple times. That has got to stop if we really want to advance in the playoffs."

Iowa will be waiting for the outcome of Saturday's match-up between the league's top two teams, Kansas and Wichita, to determine whom they will face first in the playoffs. Iowa will take on the loser at their home arena with the winner receiving a first round bye and home field advantage for the championship game.

The Wildcats (0-4) are playing their first season of APFL football. They are an all-road team and are looking to relocate from Omaha to Lincoln for the 2007 season.

For ticket or event information please call the Blackhawks office at (712) 366-9326 or email info@iowablackhawks.com. Don't forget to tailgate; the party begins at 4 p.m. in the east parking lot.