



Half the Field – Twice the Fun!

IOWA BLACKHAWKS Indoor Professional Football

1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501
Office (712) 366.9326
Fax (712) 366.9323
info@iowablackhawks.com
www.iowablackhawks.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 12, 2008

Blackhawks post rare shutout

ACE HENDRICKS, Blackhawks staff writer

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, improved their 2008 record to 2-0 with a 58-0 victory over the Missouri Minuteman Sunday, becoming the first American Professional Indoor Football League team to record a shutout in the league's 6-year history. The Blackhawks will now prepare for a Saturday trip to Springfield to battle the WolfPack, a team they smothered, 57-13, in the opening game of the 2008 season at the Mid-America Center.

Sunday's contest was originally scheduled for Saturday, but with the Omaha Lancers playing for the USHL's Clark Cup, the Blackhawks game was moved to Mother's Day. Those who attended were treated to strong Iowa defensive display that saw the Minutemen continually bogged down, and unable to come close to the end zone.

The shutout was a league first since the inception of the APFL in 2003; the Conroe Storm did shutout an earlier opponent this season, 82-0, but, since it was a non-league opponent, it was not recognized as a league record.

"The defense played extremely well," remarked Blackhawks Owner Jake Hiffenan, "they didn't do much against us all night, and never really came close to scoring."



Photo by Mike Gepner

Linebacker Josh Hayes led the defense with 9 tackles and 2 sacks. Defensive back Travis Hines led the secondary with 2 interceptions.

The Blackhawks did have another piece of history Sunday, when Ryan Kauffman, who will be retiring after the season, set the Blackhawks record for receptions in a career with his second touchdown catch. Kauffman now has 80 career receptions, overtaking Yano Jones, who finished his career in 2007 with 79.

Kauffman can now set his sights on 1,000 career receiving yards - needing just 86 more - to reach the plateau. On Sunday he caught two passes for 15 yards and both were touchdowns. He now has 21 career touchdown receptions, another Blackhawks record.

Chuck Wright threw for four touchdowns and 124 yards; the APFL leading passer coming into the contest has now thrown nine touchdowns in two contests. Wright dispersed his completions well, with only one receiver, Chris Pomerleau (3-30), catching more than two passes. Mike Stuart led the



Half the Field – Twice the Fun!

IOWA BLACKHAWKS Indoor Professional Football

1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501
Office (712) 366.9326
Fax (712) 366.9323
info@iowablackhawks.com
www.iowablackhawks.com

Blackhawks with 50 receiving yards and scored the first Iowa touchdown, a 20-yard pass from Wright. The 190-pounder also added a 3-yard scoot in the third quarter.

Iowa's rushing attack garnered 89 yards on the ground and nearly six yards a carry. Eric Johnson led with 29 yards on seven trips, and scored a fourth quarter touchdown. Elijah Simmons had 23 yards on four totes, and added 12 points with one touchdown and three conversion runs.

The Blackhawks final touchdown of the evening was when Council Bluffs native Mike Neville snagged a 7-yard pass from Wright. The same combination completed the two-point conversion.

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!

Missouri Minutemen	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa Blackhawks	14	14	16	14	58

- IA - Mike Stuart 20 pass from Chuck Wright (Elijah Simmons run) - 8-0
- IA - Ryan Kauffman 10 pass from Wright (conversion failed) - 14-0
- IA - Simmons 11 run (conversion failed) - 20-0
- IA - Kauffman 5 pass from Wright (Simmons run) - 28-0
- IA - Stuart 3 run (Simmons run) - 36-0
- IA - Simmons 1 run (Chris Pomerleau run) - 44-0
- IA - Eric Johnson 2 run (conversion failed) - 50-0
- IA - Mike Neville 7 pass from Wright (Neville pass from Wright) - 58-0

Rushing: Iowa - Eric Johnson, 7-29; Elijah Simmons, 4-23; Chris Pomerleau, 1-17; Mike Stuart, 2-12; Jon Helget, 1-8

Passing: Iowa - Chuck Wright, 10-21-1-124-4; Chris Pomerleau, 0-1-0-0-0

Receiving: Iowa - Mike Stuart, 2-50; Chris Pomerleau, 3-30; Mike Neville, 2-16; Ryan Kauffman, 2-15; Brad Triplett, 2-13

Have a question about this article? Please feel free to contact anyone below for more information.

JAKE HIFFERNAN, General Manager @ (712) 366.9326 – jakehiffernan@iowablackhawks.com