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### Blackhawks to host Denver

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia. – The Iowa Blackhawks, fresh off a 34-31 nail-biting victory over the Kansas Koyotes, host the Denver Titans Saturday night at the Mid-America Center. The Blackhawks sit a top the APFL standings at 3-0, ahead of both the Koyotes and Springfield WolfPack, who are 2-1. The Titans, who are new to the indoor game, are 0-1, losing to the Koyotes, 45-14, on April 25. Kickoff is set for 7:05pm.

The Titans will be facing a Blackhawks team who fought back from a 15 point fourth quarter deficit to defeat the reigning APFL Champion on a Jerry Lakin 37-yard field goal with 44 seconds remaining. Moments later, Council Bluffs native Chris Moore secured the victory with an interception. Jeff McQuinn, another local product, gave the Blackhawks the late opportunity for victory when he blocked a Koyotes field goal attempt. McQuinn also intercepted a pass and produced a safety for another two points for Iowa.

The Blackhawks should be at full strength this week as their leading rusher, and scorer, Mell Holliday returns after attending an NFL combine last weekend. Mike Stuart and Steve Rush picked up the slack, with both players scoring two rushing touchdowns. Quarterback Chuck Wright completed 10 of 18 passes on the evening, following a slow start that saw the veteran passer being picked off three times.

Denver, who have been an organization for 21 years, are members of the semi-pro outdoor Colorado Football Conference, winning seven league titles in the past 10 years - six consecutive (2002-07) - and this year have put together another strong roster.

Despite its loss to the Koyotes, the Titans offense moved well against the APFL champions. The Titans are led by 12-time CFC all-star Jason Lechuga, who completed 17 of 33 passes for 145 yards. The 220-pounder also added a rushing touchdown. Running back Afton Harris (5'6", 160) gained 46 yards on the ground in 12 carries, and snagged three passes. Leading the way up front is lineman Aundrea Liddell (6'3", 320).

The Titans have three strong receivers in Chad Hinrichs (5'9", 185), Jesse Preston (5'8", 170) and Tyler Peterson (5'10", 182); what they lack in size, they make up for in speed and could test the Blackhawks secondary.

Defensively, the Titans are led by linebackers Tyler Brown (6'3", 240) and David Cummings (6'2", 225), nose guard Greg Anderson (6'1", 307) and defensive back Xavier Galligan (6', 205)

Single game tickets are available for purchase at the Mid-America Center box office or by visiting [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

