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Undefeated Koyotes next for Blackhawks

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, will look to get back on the winning track Saturday when they travel to Topeka to face the undefeated Kansas Koyotes at Landon Arena. The Blackhawks are coming off a disappointing 39-21 loss to the Springfield WolfPack in Springfield.

The Koyotes (3-0) are in first place in the Northern Division, with the Blackhawks (2-1) sitting at second, and then the WolfPack at 2-2. Although it's not a due or die situation for the Iowa club, a victory would certainly do wonders for getting themselves back into the thick of a division crown.

The Blackhawks have never won at Landon Arena - including a 39-15 loss last season in the championship game - but have played several close games with the Koyotes on the Kansas turf. The Koyotes, despite losing several long-time players this season, have won all three of their contests, and all have been played at the Landon Arena.

Kansas won its initial game of 2008, defeating the WolfPack, 40-28; then whipped the Florida Scorpions, 78-19, and the Nebraska Extreme, 54-23. In both cases, the Koyotes were helped by defensive plays to overcome the opponent.

Led by linebacker Morgan Dewey, and defensive backs Brooks Myers and Henry Talley, the Kansas defense has played better in the past two games. Offensively, The Koyotes have a new quarterback, Nathan Bolden, who took over for veteran Chris Coffin, who led them to five APFL championships.

Bolden has passed for 452 yards and 11 touchdowns with just two interceptions. He has completed 30 of 57 attempts. His main receiver is Justin Wrecke, who has caught 17 passes for 211 yards and a league leading six touchdowns. Dwayne Allen has snagged eight for 165 yards and three touchdowns.

The Kansas rushing attack has been nearly dormant, as Mike Steens leads with just 27 yards on 12 carries, and veteran Donnell Smith next with 15 yards on nine carries. Bolden has added four rushing touchdowns, but just 10 yards total.

Iowa had a tough night offensively, missing four chances inside the red zone, and gaining just 18 yards on the ground. Chuck Wright was hurried all evening into just 94 yards passing on 13 completions. He did throw two touchdowns.

One bright spot was the rushing of Mike Stuart who gained 16 yards on four carries and scored one touchdown. Ryan Kauffman also caught four passes for 32 yards. Defensively, Scott Yates intercepted two passes on the night, halting two Springfield drives.



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Despite the loss, the Blackhawks still had its chances for victory, and will have plenty of opportunity to defeat the Koyotes, who although undefeated, are not the Koyotes of old, with many new faces on both sides of the football.

Iowa will have several players back who were on the inactive list against Springfield, including starters Brandon Carrera and Chris Moore, who is the Blackhawks defensive leader.

The game will be available LIVE on Pay-Per-View by logging onto www.iowablackhawks.com with the pregame to start at 6:45pm.

The Blackhawks return home on Friday, May 30 to take on 5-time defending champion Kansas Koyotes for the second time in 6-days 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!

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