

WEEK TEN  
IOWA AT PURDUE

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. -- Spencer Evans made a 25-yard field goal with 8 seconds left Saturday, giving Purdue a 38-36 upset over No. 19 Iowa and putting the Boilermakers back in the Big Ten's West Division title hunt.

David Blough threw three touchdown passes to Terry Wright and topped the 300-yard mark for the fifth time this season.

The Boilermakers (5-4, 4-2 Big Ten) have won five of their last six and beat their third ranked team this season -- the first time they've achieved that feat since 2003 -- to move within one game of division leader Northwestern.

"This wasn't a perfect game by any means," Purdue coach Jeff Brohm said. "We made some plays, they made some plays, we hung in there and responded. Like you said, it was just great to come out with a game that wasn't perfect."

The Hawkeyes (6-3, 3-3) lost their second straight road game despite Nate Stanley's big day. The junior quarterback threw for 275 yards with one TD and ran for another but the conference's No. 2 scoring defense allowed a season-high point total.

And when the Hawkeyes needed one last stop, Blough drove Purdue 43 yards to set up Evans for the winning kick.

"That was a really tough, tough loss for us to go through," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "The big plays hurt us a little bit. We came up short, especially in the first half.

"I think our team played extremely hard right to the finish. Not sure what more (the players) could have done."

Blough was in complete control most of the game, going 23 of 32 with two interceptions while hooking up with Wright six times for 146 yards. Wright became the first Purdue receiver with three TD catches in one game since Gary Bush in 2012.

It didn't take Blough long to set the tone. He led the Boilermakers to scores on their first two drives, dropping in a beautiful 36-yard TD pass to Isaac Zico before Markell Jones scored on a 1-yard run.

Iowa got a 2-yard TD run from Ivory Kelly-Martin and a 34-yard field goal from Miguel Recinos to make it 14-10 early in the second quarter.

But Wright got behind Riley Moss and made a perfect adjustment to haul in a 41-yard TD, Purdue led 21-10.

Stanley's 1-yard plunge closed out the first-half scoring, making it 21-17.

Blough started the second half with a bang, finding Wright for an 82-yard TD pass on Purdue's first offensive play, then hooked up with Wright again on a 3-yard scoring play to make it 35-23 late in the third quarter.

Iowa got within 35-30 on Mekhi Sargent's 1-yard TD run early in the fourth and eventually took a 36-35 lead when Sargent scored on a 1-yard run following Blough's second interception of the day before the Hawkeyes' defense broke down.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa: After watching their playoff aspirations vanish with last week's loss at Penn State, the Hawkeyes' Big Ten title hopes now likely faded away, too.

Purdue: The Boilermakers are 3-1 against ranked teams this season and one win away from becoming bowl eligible. But now there's more at stake with two winnable road games and a home date against Wisconsin left on the schedule.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Iowa: Probably will fall out of the Top 25 after losing in back-to-back weeks by a total of eight points.

Purdue: Another win over a Top 25 foe should turn some heads but won't make a strong enough case to get the Boilermakers back into the Top 25.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
IOWA	7	10	6	13	36
PUR	14	7	14	3	38
Scoring Summary -----					
FIRST QUARTER					
			IOWA	PUR	
PUR TD 11:56					
Isaac Zico 36 Yd pass from David Blough (Spencer Evans Kick)					
9 plays, 74 yards, 3:04			0	7	
IOWA TD 6:15					
Ivory Kelly-Martin 2 Yd Run (Miguel Recinos Kick)					
12 plays, 90 yards, 5:41			7	7	
PUR TD 3:40					
Markell Jones 1 Yd Run (Spencer Evans Kick)					
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:35			7	14	
SECOND QUARTER					
			IOWA	PUR	
IOWA FG 10:47					
Miguel Recinos 34 Yd Field Goal					
9 plays, 35 yards, 3:57			10	14	
PUR TD 6:27					
Terry Wright 41 Yd pass from David Blough (Spencer Evans Kick)					
10 plays, 89 yards, 4:20			10	21	
IOWA TD 0:17					
Nate Stanley 1 Yd Run (Miguel Recinos Kick)					
7 plays, 62 yards, 3:01			17	21	
THIRD QUARTER					
			IOWA	PUR	
PUR TD 12:11					
Terry Wright 82 Yd pass from David Blough (Spencer Evans Kick)					
1 play, 82 yards, 0:10			17	28	
IOWA TD 9:33					
T.J. Hockenson 4 Yd pass from Nate Stanley (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)					
5 plays, 81 yards, 2:38			23	28	
PUR TD 2:26					
Terry Wright 3 Yd pass from David Blough (Spencer Evans Kick)					
6 plays, 18 yards, 2:46			23	35	
FOURTH QUARTER					
			IOWA	PUR	
IOWA TD 12:29					
Mekhi Sargent 1 Yd Run (Miguel Recinos Kick)					
12 plays, 75 yards, 4:57			30	35	
IOWA TD 10:19					
Mekhi Sargent 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)					
5 plays, 26 yards, 1:54			36	35	
PUR FG 0:08					
Spencer Evans 25 Yd Field Goal					
11 plays, 43 yards, 4:22			36	38	
Team Stats					
			IOWA	PUR	
First Downs			22	21	
Total Yards			393	434	
Total Plays			69	63	
Avg Gain Per Play			5.7	6.9	
Net Yards Rushing			118	101	
Rushes			37	31	
Yards Per Rush			3.2	3.3	
Net Yards Passing			275	333	
Comp-Att			21-32	23-32	
Yards Per Pass			8.6	10.4	
Times Sacked			1	1	
Yds Lost To Sacks			-7	-1	
Interceptions			0	2	
Punts			5	3	
Punt Average			35.0	54.3	
Penalties			8	6	
Penalty Yards			75	60	
Fumbles			1	2	
Fumbles Lost			1	0	
Possession			33:57	26:03	
Individual Stats					
RUSHING					
			Rush	Yds	Long
IOWA					
Toren Young			9	45	5.0
Mekhi Sargent			10	39	3.9
Ivory Kelly-Martin			10	39	3.9
Noah Fant			1	3	3.0
Ihmir Smith-Marsette			1	1	1.0
Austin Kelly			3	1	0.3
Team			1	-4	-4.0
Nate Stanley			2	-6	-3.0
PUR			Rush	Yds	Long
Markell Jones			14	40	2.9
D.J. Knox			9	34	3.8
David Blough			7	28	4.0
Jackson Anthrop			1	-1	-1.0
PASSING					
			Comp	Att	Yds
IOWA					Y/A
Nate Stanley			21	32	275
PUR			Comp	Att	Yds
David Blough			23	32	333
RECEIVING					
			Rec	Yds	Long
IOWA					
Noah Fant			3	85	28.3
T.J. Hockenson			4	39	9.8
Nick Easley			3	34	11.3
Mekhi Sargent			4	33	8.3
Nate Wieting			1	21	21.0
Ivory Kelly-Martin			2	21	10.5
Kyle Groeneweg			1	18	18.0
Ihmir Smith-Marsette			1	12	12.0
Brandon Smith			2	12	6.0
PUR			Rec	Yds	Long
Terry Wright			6	146	24.3
Isaac Zico			5	74	14.8
Brycen Hopkins			1	57	57.0
Rondale Moore			6	31	5.2
D.J. Knox			4	20	5.0
Markell Jones			1	4	4.0
Alexander Horvath			0	1	0.0