

IOWA HAWKEYES



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2014 Spring Schedule

2/1	Illinois State	W, 7-0
	Western Illinois	W, 7-0
2/11	UMKC	W, 7-0
2/14	Northern Illinois	W, 5-2
2/16	#39 Minnesota	W, 4-3
2/22	at Western Michigan	L, 3-4
2/26	at #65 Drake	L, 0-7
2/28	North Dakota	W, 7-0
	Creighton	W, 7-0
3/7	Bradley	W, 6-1
3/14	at #75 College of Charleston	L, 2-5
3/15	at The Citadel	W, 7-0
3/18	at Furman	L, 3-4
3/23	at #58 Wisconsin	L, 2-5
3/29	at #46 Michigan	L, 2-5
3/30	at Michigan State	L, 2-5
4/4	#33 Purdue	L, 2-5
4/6	#69 Indiana	L, 3-4
4/9	#62 Nebraska	4:30 p.m.
4/11	#11 Illinois	3 p.m.
4/13	#34 Northwestern	12 p.m.
4/18	at Ohio State	6 p.m.
4/20	at Penn State	12 p.m.
4/24-27	at Big Ten Tournament (East Lansing, Mich.)	All Day

Home contests in **bold**

All times local

2013-14 Roster and Results (Singles/Doubles)

Brian Alden, Sr.	8-7/8-7
Jonas Dierckx, Sr.	11-7/7-7
Andres Estenssoro, Jr.	0-0/0-0
Juan Estenssoro, Sr.	8-9/6-4
Matt Hagan, Jr.	9-6/10-3
Nils Hallestrand, Fr.	5-2/5-1
Dominic Patrick, So.	13-4/0-0
Michael Swank, Sr.	9-8/7-9
Chase Tomlins, Sr.	0-0/2-3
Joey White, Sr.	1-0/11-6

Hawkeye Quick Facts

2014 Record.....	9-9
2014 Big Ten Record.....	1-5
2014 Big Ten Standing.....	11th

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's tennis team concludes its home schedule this week with three matches against ranked conference foes. Iowa will host No. 62 Nebraska at 4:30 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday before taking on No. 11 Illinois on Friday at 3 p.m. The Hawkeyes will play their home finale Sunday, squaring off against No. 34 Northwestern at noon. All three matches will take place at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex and are free to the public.

SENIOR DAY

Sunday will mark the final home match for six Hawkeyes. Seniors Brian Alden, Jonas Dierckx, Juan Estenssoro, Michael Swank, Chase Tomlins, and Joey White will be honored at the conclusion of the match.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

Fans can follow along all season to the Hawkeyes and receive live match updates on Facebook ([facebook.com/iowaMensTennis](https://www.facebook.com/iowaMensTennis)) or on Twitter (@[iowaMensTennis](https://twitter.com/iowaMensTennis)).

LIVE STATS

Fans wanting to follow along to live stats of all Iowa home matches can do so by clicking on the following link (livestats.hawkeyesports.com).

HAWKEYES FALL TO TWO CONFERENCE FOES

The Hawkeyes returned home for the start of a five-match home-stand last weekend, dropping a pair of conference matches to No. 33 Purdue and No. 69 Indiana.

Against the Boilermakers, Iowa picked up singles victories from Matt Hagan and Dominic Patrick. Hagan, playing in the No. 4 spot, defeated Aaron Dujovne in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. Patrick continued his winning ways, downing Diego Acosta at the No. 5 position, 6-4, 6-3.

Two days later against the Hoosiers, the doubles point proved costly in a 4-3 decision. Iowa was up 6-3 in the third and decisive doubles match before Indiana forced the match to a tiebreaker, eventually claiming the point with a 7-3 tiebreaker victory.

The Hawkeyes and Hoosiers split the six singles matches, with Dierckx, Patrick, and Swank all recording victories. Swank recorded the first Hawkeye victory in three sets over Michael Sellitto. Patrick recorded his team-leading 13th victory in three sets over Chris Essick and Dierckx wrapped up the match with a victory at the No. 1 singles position.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

Iowa concludes its home slate with three more matches against ranked foes, as Nebraska, Illinois, and Northwestern come to Iowa City.

The Hawkeyes open with Nebraska, who is currently in ninth place in the Big Ten (10-10, 2-4). Most recently, Nebraska fell to No. 33

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Big Ten Standings

Ohio State.....	23-2 (8-0)
Penn State	19-2 (6-1)
Purdue.....	13-3 (5-1)
Illinois	16-7 (5-2)
Northwestern	15-9 (3-4)
Michigan.....	11-10 (3-4)
Minnesota	9-10 (3-4)
Michigan State.....	8-12 (2-5)
Nebraska.....	10-10 (2-4)
Indiana.....	13-13 (2-5)
IOWA.....	9-9 (1-5)
Wisconsin	9-11 (1-6)

(results through April 6)



HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten coaches, is in his 33rd year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 345-381 (.475), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history.

In the past four seasons, Iowa has defeated 21 nationally-ranked teams, including 14 opponents in the nationally recognized Big Ten Conference. Houghton also has guided his athletes to success off the court recently as the 2011 Iowa team earned the ITA All-Academic Team Award.

Houghton has coached 19 All-Big Ten performers and his players have received 93 Academic All-Big Ten accolades. He has coached Big Ten singles champions and ITA Regional singles champions, and several of his players have played professional tennis, including Tyler Cleveland, who reached the top 300 ATP in the world.

An Iowa City native, Houghton was a nationally ranked junior player at City High School. He earned his bachelor's (1971) and master's (1973) degrees from the University of Iowa.

Houghton was born Jan., 9, 1949. Steve and his wife, Leora, have four children: Cari, Jeff, Jon and Scott.

Purdue, 6-1, Sunday afternoon. The Huskers are paced by Dusty Boyer and Marc Herrmann atop the singles lineup, while Brandon Videtich and Bradford Zitsch make up the top doubles team. This season, the Huskers have picked up conference victories over Indiana and Wisconsin.

The Fighting Illini currently sit fourth in the conference standings with a 16-7 (5-2) record. Their last time out, the Illini defeated Michigan by a 5-2 final to remain unbeaten at home. Illinois features three singles players ranked nationally by the ITA, No. 8 Jared Hiltzik, No. 11 Farris Gosea, and No. 45 Tim Kopinski. The Fighting Illini also feature two doubles teams ranked by the ITA. Tim Kopinski and Ross Guignon are fifth, while Jared Hiltzik and Alex Jesse come in at No. 72.

The Northwestern Wildcats (15-9, 3-4) will enter the match ranked fifth in the Big Ten. Northwestern features two players ranked by the ITA in singles action (Raleigh Smith-No. 54 and Sam Shropshire-No. 125), while Mihir Kumar and Raleigh Smith make up the 23rd ranked doubles team. Last time out, the Wildcats shut out IUPUI, 5-0, in their final nonconference match of the season.

HAWKEYES IMPROVING

Iowa's nine wins to start the season tops the team's win total from a year ago, when the Hawkeyes finished 7-17. Senior Jonas Dierckx and sophomore Dominic Patrick are leading the attack in singles action. Dierckx (11-7) has paced the team from the top of the lineup, while Patrick (13-4) leads the team in victories after starting the season winning 10 of his first 11 matches.

FRESHMAN SHINES IN DEBUT

Making his college dual debut, freshman Nils Hallestrand delivered, posting two singles and two doubles wins to help the Hawkeyes sweep Illinois State and Western Illinois. He won a pair of doubles matches in the No. 3 spot with teammate Joey White, while also picking up victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spot. This spring, Hallestrand is 5-2 in singles play and 5-1 in doubles.

NEW ASSISTANT COACH ROSS WILSON

Ross Wilson is in his first year as an assistant coach after serving last season as an assistant coach at San Diego. Wilson was named the 2012 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year and ITA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2011 after he helped guide San Diego to a third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Wilson was a two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion during his playing days at Ohio State.

NEXT TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes conclude the regular season with a pair of conference road matches, as they travel to Ohio State and Penn State to take on the top two teams in the Big Ten. Iowa will square off against Ohio State on April 18, and wrap up the season at Penn State on April 20.

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