



University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. #1 Penn State - Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
vs. Indiana - Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Week Seven

October 7, 2008

University of Iowa Hawkeyes

10-6, 2-2

VS.



#1 Penn State Nittany Lions
16-0, 4-0
Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, IA



Indiana Hoosiers
9-7, 1-3
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This Week • The University of Iowa volleyball team hosts top-ranked Penn State Friday and Indiana Saturday. Both matches will begin at 7 p.m. inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 18 and under and UI students.

Attacking Breast Cancer • Saturday's match against Indiana will be "Attacking Breast Cancer" night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Fans are encouraged to wear pink. Those wearing pink can register to win prizes. Pink poms will also be given to the first 500 fans. Senior libero Emily Hiza will be wearing a pink jersey and the team will warm-up with pink volleyballs.

The UI Department of Athletics will also donate \$1 from every ticket sold at the door to the Holden Cancer Comprehensive Research Center.

Hawkeyes on the Web • Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball on hawkeyesports.com, where Gametracker, live audio and video will be available throughout the season.

Live audio coverage will be available for the remainder of the season. Live streaming video can be found on hawkeyesports.com for all 13 home matches. Gametracker will be available for all 13 home matches and for select road matches. Check hawkeyesports.com for live stats availability.

Audio, video and Gametracker links can be found on the volleyball schedule page of hawkeyesports.com.

Scouting Penn State • The No. 1 ranked Penn State Nittany Lions are 16-0 overall and 4-0 in Big Ten play. Penn State has swept every opponent this season and won 48-straight sets. The Nittany Lions are the defending Big Ten and NCAA champion.

Megan Hodge leads the team with 183 kills, while Christa Harmotto has a .528 attack percentage. Alisha Glass has a team-best 599 assists and Roberto Holehouse has 142 digs. Penn State is hitting .403 as a team.

Iowa has never defeated Penn State (0-35). The Nittany Lions swept both matches last season.

2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/29-30	at Hampton Inn Bama Bash (Tuscaloosa, AL)	
8/29	vs. Nicholls State	W, 25-12, 25-20, 25-19
8/30	vs. Western Kentucky	L, 24-26, 26-24, 17-25, 17-25
8/30	at Alabama	L, 24-26, 25-17, 17-25, 14-25
9/5-6	at Pioneer Classic (Denver, CO)	
9/5	vs. Tennessee	W, 25-18, 57-25, 22-25, 25-22
9/6	at Denver	L, 22-25, 23-25, 21-25
9/6	vs. Virginia	W, 15-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-9
9/12-13	at Iowa State Tournament (Ames, IA)	
9/12	at Iowa State	L, 26-28, 25-27, 24-26
9/13	vs. Xavier	W, 22-25, 25-11, 25-14, 25-19
9/13	vs. Drake	W, 25-18, 25-11, 25-16
9/19/20	Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge (Iowa City)	
9/19	vs. Portland	W, 25-14, 25-15, 25-14
9/20	vs. DePaul	W, 25-13, 25-20, 25-19
9/20	vs. Tulsa	W, 25-12, 25-11, 25-21
9/26	vs. #18 Wisconsin	W, 25-23, 25-19, 25-10
9/27	vs. Northwestern	W, 18-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-19
10/3	at #18 Purdue	L, 22-25, 23-25, 22-25
10/4	at #19 Illinois	L, 23-25, 17-25, 25-19, 15-25
10/10	vs. Penn State	7 p.m.
10/11	vs. Indiana	7 p.m.
10/15	at Minnesota (BTN)	7 p.m.
10/18	vs. Michigan State	7 p.m.
10/24	at Michigan	6 p.m.
10/26	at Ohio State	1 p.m.
10/31	at Indiana	6 p.m.
11/1	at Penn State	6 p.m.
11/7	vs. Illinois	7 p.m.
11/8	vs. Purdue	7 p.m.
11/14	at Northwestern	7 p.m.
11/16	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
11/21	vs. Ohio State	7 p.m.
11/22	vs. Michigan	7 p.m.
11/26	vs. Minnesota	7 p.m.
11/28	at Michigan State	5 p.m.

all times listed are central



Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Penn State	4-0	16-0
Minnesota	4-0	14-2
3. Michigan	2-2	14-2
Purdue	2-2	13-3
Wisconsin	2-2	12-4
Illinois	2-2	11-4
Michigan State	2-2	10-5
IOWA	2-2	10-6
9. Ohio State	1-3	10-6
Indiana	1-3	9-7
11. Northwestern	0-4	6-9

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Iowa on the Web

Updated statistics, rosters, game notes, schedules and more can be found at the University of Iowa Athletic Department's website. The address is:

hawkeyesports.com

Media Information

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE - All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. However, media must inform Aaron Blau of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Aaron Blau of the Iowa Sports Information Office. Please contact Aaron (319-335-9268) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

Scouting Indiana • The Indiana Hoosiers are 9-7 overall and 1-3 in Big Ten action. Indiana plays at Minnesota Friday night before traveling to Iowa City.

Erica Short leads the team with 282 kills. Mary Chaudoin has a team-best 354 assists, while Hayley Koetter is close behind at 317. Juli Pierce has a team-high 195 digs with Caitlin Cox at 155.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 24-31. Indiana won both matches last season.

Tough Road Trip • Iowa took its first Big Ten road trip last weekend and was defeated by two nationally-ranked opponents. The Hawkeyes lost at No. 18 Purdue (22-25, 23-25, 22-25) and No. 19 Illinois (23-25, 17-25, 25-19, 15-25).

Senior **Catherine Smale** led the way against Purdue, collecting 13 kills, while junior **Megan Schipper** tallied a double-double with 12 kills and 12 digs. The Hawkeyes kept all three sets close, but couldn't come away with a win.

Iowa managed to take a set off the nationally-ranked Fighting Illini, but couldn't force a decisive fifth-frame. This time Schipper led the team with 11 kills and Smale had 10.

Staying Perfect at Home • Iowa is starting to build a home court advantage at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes are currently a perfect 5-0 in Iowa City. That is the best home record since 2000, when Iowa also started 5-0 at home. The 1998 Hawkeyes have the best start in recent history with a 6-0 start.

Penn State Woes • Penn State has dominated the series against Iowa, winning 35-straight matches. In fact, Iowa has only taken a total of four sets off the Nitany Lions, most recently in 2003. The Hawkeyes have never forced a five-set match against Penn State.

Hilgenberg to Face Former Team • Sophomore Mara Hilgenberg will face her former team in Indiana Saturday night. The Lake Forest, IL, native transferred to Iowa this summer after spending her freshman season in Bloomington.

Hilgenberg played in all 117 sets for the Hoosiers as freshman in 2007. She led the team with 1,402 assists, which is the sixth highest single-season total in Indiana history.

Dingman Closing in on Milestone • Head Coach **Sharon Dingman** enters the weekend just four wins away from career win No. 350.

Dingman tallied 22 wins in one year at Auburn, 167 wins in eight years at Butler, 147 wins in eight years at Illinois State and 10 wins so far in her first season at Iowa.



Head Coach Sharon Dingman



Sharon Dingman was hired as the eighth coach in Iowa volleyball history March 21, 2008.

Dingman comes to Iowa after serving as head coach at Illinois State from 2000-07, where she compiled a 147-98 record. In 2007, Dingman led the Redbirds to their first at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament since 1997 after reaching the championship match

of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and finished with a 21-12 overall record.

Illinois State produced winning seasons in seven of the eight seasons under Dingman and never finished lower than fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Redbirds also reached at least the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in six of her eight seasons. Dingman produced 21 all-Missouri Valley Conference selections, including Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and two Freshman of the Year honorees. Two players also garnered all-district and all-region honors.

Redbird teams under Dingman were also strong in the classroom. Eleven players were named to the league's scholar-athlete squad in her eight seasons and in 2004, four volleyball student-athletes earned perfect 4.00 grade-point-averages and the team recorded a 3.32 GPA. In 2005, her volleyball team won the academic award for the highest GPA in the athletic department.

Dingman started her head coaching career in 1991 at Auburn, where she led the Tigers to a 22-13 record in her only season at the helm. Her 1991 squad became the first Auburn volleyball team to receive votes in the national poll and Auburn's fourth place finish in the SEC that season marked the highest finish ever for Auburn at the time. Two student-athletes earned all-SEC honors, including Jenifer Kleyn, who was named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was an NCAA post-graduate scholarship recipient who carried a 4.0 GPA.

She then moved to Butler in 1992, where she served as head coach for eight seasons. Dingman led the Bulldogs to four 20 win seasons and three postseason tournaments, including an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1997 after capturing the Midwestern Collegiate Conference title. She was named MCC Coach of the Year in 1997 after compiling a 28-7 record. Dingman guided three student-athletes to MCC Player of the Year honors, seven to all-region accolades and five to "Top 100 Student" honors at Butler.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Dingman spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at three Division I programs. After one season at Northern Michigan (1984), she assisted at Texas Tech for three seasons (1985-87). Dingman then spent three seasons at Kentucky (1988-90) and helped the Wildcats to an SEC Championship in 1988 along with three-straight regional finals appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Hawkeyes in the Stats • Iowa currently ranks 47th in the country in attack percentage (.246) and 73rd in kills per set (13.16).

The Hawkeyes are fourth overall in the Big Ten in attack percentage and third in service aces per set (1.30).

Individually, senior **Kiley Fister** is seventh in assists per set (9.52), senior **Emily Hiza** is seventh in digs per set (3.76) and senior **Catherine Smale** is seventh in kills per set (3.50). Junior **Megan Schipper** ranks eighth in service aces per set (0.29), while Hiza is ninth (0.28).

Tough Schedule in '08 • Six Iowa opponents are ranked in the latest AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 poll. Iowa will also square off against 10 teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2007.

Opponents ranked include Penn State (No. 1), Minnesota (No. 12), Purdue (No. 18), Illinois (No. 19), Wisconsin (No. 21), and Michigan (No. 23).

The 10 teams who played in the NCAA Tournament last year are Western Kentucky, Alabama, Iowa State, Xavier, Minnesota, Purdue, Wisconsin, Michigan, Michigan State and Penn State, who also won the 2007 Big Ten and NCAA championship.

Climbing the Records Ladder • Below is a list of where current Hawkeyes rank in different career school records. The number in parentheses is the next place.

Kiley Fister

Assists	3,918	4th	(3rd, 4,128)
Service Aces	90	12th	(11th, 99)

Catherine Smale

Kills	1,131	11th	(10th, 1,153)
Digs	926	15th	(14th, 931)

Becky Walters

Attack Percentage	.261	2nd	(1st, .276)
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Emily Hiza

Digs	1,698	2nd	(1st, 1,931)
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Iowa's Record When...

Three-Set Match:.....	6-3
Four-Set Match:.....	3-3
Five-Set Match:.....	1-0
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	7-0
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	3-6
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	9-2
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	1-4
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	9-1
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	1-5
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	4-0
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-3
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	1-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	0-0
At Home:	5-0
On the Road:	0-5
At Neutral Site:	5-1
Day Match:	4-2
Night Match:.....	6-4
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	1-2
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	10-1
Opponent Has More Kills:	0-5
Iowa Has Higher Attack %:.....	10-0
Opponent Has Higher Attack %:	0-6
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	10-1
Opponent Has More Assists:	0-5
Iowa Has More Aces:	7-3
Opponent Has More Aces:	2-3
Equal Number of Aces:.....	1-0
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	9-2
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	1-4
Iowa Has More Blocks:	8-1
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	1-5
Equal Number of Blocks:	1-0
Wearing White/Black Uniforms:.....	7-0
Wearing Black/Gold Uniforms:..	3-6
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-1
In Central Time Zone:	8-4
In Mountain Time Zone:	2-1
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-0
In Iowa:.....	7-1
In Alabama:	1-2
In Colorado:.....	2-1
In Indiana:.....	0-1
In Illinois:	0-1
In Minnesota:	0-0
In Michigan:.....	0-0
In Ohio:.....	0-0
In Pennsylvania:.....	0-0
In Wisconsin:	0-0
On Wednesday:	0-0
On Friday:	4-2
On Saturday:.....	6-4
On Sunday:	0-0

2008 SEASON INFORMATION

Iowa's Single Game Match Information

Longest Winning Streak:.....	7
Longest Losing Streak:.....	2
Current Streak:	Lost 2
Most Kills (Three Set):	46 (at Purdue)
Most Kills (Four Set):	62 (vs. NWestern)
Most Kills (Five Set):	60 (vs. Virginia)
Highest Attack % (Three Set): ..	.387 (vs. DePaul)
Highest Attack % (Four Set):289 (vs. Xavier)
Highest Attack % (Five Set):..	.176 (vs. Virginia)
Most Assists (Three Set): ...	42 (vs. Tul./at Pur.)
Most Assists (Four Set):.....	60 (vs. NWestern)
Most Assists (Five Set):.....	54 (vs. Virginia)
Most Aces (Three Set):	12 (vs. DePaul)
Most Aces (Four Set):	5 (vs. Xavier)
Most Aces (Five Set):	6 (vs. Virginia)
Most Digs (Three Set):.....	50 (vs. Drake)
Most Digs (Four Set):.....	69 (vs. NWestern)
Most Digs (Five Set):.....	71 (vs. Virginia)
Most Blocks (Three Set):..	9.5 (vs. Wisconsin)
Most Blocks (Four Set):.....	13 (vs. Xavier)
Most Blocks (Five Set):	9 (vs. Virginia)
Highest Home Attendance: ...	846 (vs. Wisc.)

Iowa's Individual Leaders

Matches Played:	16 (Four Players)
Matches Started:.....	16 (Three Players)
Sets Played:	56 (Four Players)
Kills:	196 (Smale)
Kills per Set:.....	3.50 (Smale)
Attack Percentage:.....	.314 (Kennedy)
Assists:.....	514 (Fister)
Assists per Set:	9.18 (Fister)
Service Aces:.....	16 (Schipper)
Service Aces per Set:	0.29 (Schipper)
Digs:.....	188 (Hiza)
Digs per Set:	3.76 (Hiza)
Block Solos:	7 (Kremer)
Block Assists:	38 (Kremer)
Total Blocks:.....	50 (Kennedy)
Blocks per Set:	0.90 (Walters)

2008 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Laura Kremer	6-0	Sr.	MB	LaMotte, IA/Dubuque Senior
2	Catherine Smale	6-1	Sr.	OH	St. Charles, IL/Rosary
3	Kiley Fister	5-10	Sr.	S	St. Charles, IL/St. Francis
4	Christina Meister	5-9	Jr.	S/DS	West Des Moines, IA/Valley
5	Emily Hiza	5-7	Sr.	L	Swink, CO/Swink Academy
6	Paige Stevens	6-1	Fr.	S	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
7	Katie Kennedy	6-1	So.	MB	Iowa City, IA/City High
8	Mallory Husz	6-0	Fr.	MB	Council Bluffs, IA/Lewis Central
10	Becky Walters	6-3	So.*	MB	Parkersburg, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
11	Samantha Brannigan	5-7	So.	DS	Palos Heights, IL/Amos Alonzo Stagg
12	Tiffany Nilges	5-11	Fr.	OH	Tripoli, IA/Tripoli
13	Aimee Huffman	6-0	So.	RS/S	Poth, TX/Poth
14	Megan Eskew	5-9	So.	OH	Schererville, IN/Marist
15	Megan Schipper	5-11	Jr.	OH	Aplington, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
16	Signe Mueller	5-7	So.	DS	Iowa City, IA/City High
21	Mara Hilgenberg	5-9	So.	S	Lake Forest, IL/Indiana University
24	Katie Wessels	5-11	So.	OH	Manchester, IA/West Delaware
33	Joanna Giampoli	6-1	Fr.	MB	Hinsdale, IL/Hinsdale South

* indicates redshirt

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