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IOWA'S ALFORD LOOKS FORWARD TO HAWKEYE FUTURE

IOWA CITY, IA - - University of Iowa's men's basketball Coach Steve Alford is looking forward to continued success with the Hawkeye program and has scheduled no interviews for vacant coaching positions.

"I'm the head coach at Iowa. My family and I love the Iowa program and the community," said Alford. "We had a record-setting season with a second Big Ten Tournament championship and I look forward to continued success with this program.

"As in the past, search committees and interested officials from other programs with openings for a head basketball coach have initiated contact," said Alford. "I'm flattered with the interest and the recognition of the outstanding season we had this year," added Alford. "With that success, comes attention and speculation that I cannot control. I have not scheduled any interviews with any other institutions."

Alford guided Iowa to a 25-9 overall record, including the championship of the Big Ten Conference Tournament. The Hawkeyes were 11-5 in the Big Ten regular season and tied for second place, one game behind Ohio State. The 25 wins mark the second highest victory total in school history. The Hawkeyes won a school-record 17 home games, posting the first ever undefeated season in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Alford has directed Iowa to six straight winning seasons and post-season appearances, including three trips to the NCAA Tournament. Iowa has averaged over 20 wins per year over the past six seasons and also claimed the 2001 Big Ten Tournament title.

