



# University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. #18 Wisconsin - Sept. 26, 7 p.m.  
vs. Northwestern - Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

Week Five

September 23, 2008

## University of Iowa Hawkeyes

8-4, 0-0

VS.



#18 Wisconsin Badgers  
September 26 - 7 p.m.  
10-2, 0-0  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, IA



Northwestern Wildcats  
6-5, 0-0  
September 27 - 7 p.m.  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, IA

**This Week** • The University of Iowa volleyball team takes a four-match winning streak into Big Ten play this weekend. The Hawkeyes open conference play inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena against No. 18 Wisconsin Friday night at 7 p.m. Iowa will then take on Northwestern Saturday at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for groups of 15 or more. Children 18 and under along with University of Iowa students are admitted free. In addition, any fan presenting a football ticket to Saturday's game against Northwestern will be admitted free to both volleyball matches this weekend.

**Hawkeyes on the Web** • Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball on [hawkeyesports.com](http://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](http://hawkeyesports.com) for all 13 home matches. Gametracker will be available for all 13 home matches and for select road matches. Check [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) for live stats availability.

Audio, video and Gametracker links can be found on the volleyball schedule page of [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

**Scouting Wisconsin** • The 18th-ranked Wisconsin Badgers are 10-2 and have won six of its previous seven matches. The Badgers went 2-1 last weekend, knocking off American University and Marquette, but fell to Oregon State.

Brittney Dolgner leads the team with 147 kills, while Audra Jeffers has 108 kills with a team-high .372 attack percentage and also leads the team with 53 total blocks. Nikki Klingsporn and Janelle Gabrielsen split the setting duties with 279 and 236 assists, respectively. Kim Kuzma has a team-best 180 digs.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 17-39-1. Last season, Wisconsin defeated Iowa in four sets in Iowa City, but swept the Hawkeyes in Madison.

### 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<b>8/29-30</b>	<b>at Hampton Inn Bama Bash (Tuscaloosa, AL)</b>	
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
<b>9/5-6</b>	<b>at Pioneer Classic (Denver, CO)</b>	
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
<b>9/12-13</b>	<b>at Iowa State Tournament (Ames, IA)</b>	
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
<b>9/19/20</b>	<b>Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge (Iowa City)</b>	
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. Wisconsin	7 p.m.
9/27	vs. Northwestern	7 p.m.
10/3	at Purdue	6 p.m.
10/4	at Illinois	7 p.m.
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. Michigan	0-0	12-0
Penn State	0-0	12-0
3. Purdue	0-0	11-1
4. Minnesota	0-0	10-2
Wisconsin	0-0	10-2
6. Illinois	0-0	9-2
7. Ohio State	0-0	9-3
8. Michigan State	0-0	8-3
9. Indiana	0-0	8-4
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>8-4</b>
11. Northwestern	0-0	6-5

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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 Northwestern** • The Northwestern Wildcats are 6-5. Last weekend, the Wildcats defeated both Georgetown and Virginia in five sets before falling to fourth-ranked UCLA in four sets.

Chelsy Hyser has a team-best 131 kills while Sabel Moffett leads the team with a .388 attack percentage and 49 total blocks.. Elyse Glab is the team's primary setter with 436 assists. Kate Nobilio has amassed 222 digs this season to lead the Wildcats.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 23-32-1. Iowa lost a three-set match in Evanston and a four-set match in Iowa City last season against the Wildcats.

**Challenge Champions** • Iowa swept Portland (25-14, 25-15,25-14), DePaul (25-13, 25-20, 25-19) and Tulsa (25-12, 25-11,25-21) last weekend to claim the 2008 Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge championship.

Senior **Catherine Smale** led the Hawkeyes against Portland with 10 kills, while junior **Megan Schipper** added nine. As a team, the Hawkeyes hit .378 and held the Pilots to a -.045 attack percentage.

The Hawkeyes hit .387 as a team against DePaul and committed only seven hitting errors in the match. Smale once again paced the Hawkeyes with 15 kills, while Schipper poured in another 10.

Iowa dominated Tulsa in the championship match, out-hitting the Golden Hurricane (.386-.087) and collected nine blocks to Tulsa's three.

Schipper led the way, collecting 14 kills and a career-high .545 attack percentage. Smale also had 10 kills.

**Plenty on the All-Tournament Team** • Senior **Catherine Smale** was named the Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge Most Valuable Player after leading the team with 35 kills and also tallied a .351 attack percentage and 14 digs. Senior **Emily Hiza** was named Best Libero, collecting a team-best 36 digs and six service aces. Junior **Megan Schipper** and sophomore **Aimee Huffman** were also named to the all-tournament team. Schipper had a career weekend, recording 33 kills with an eye-popping .483 attack percentage along with 17 digs. Huffman had 20 kills with a staggering .548 attack percentage, eight assists, 11 digs and five total blocks.

**Bring Out the Broom** • The Hawkeyes have swept their last four opponents (Drake, Portland, DePaul, Tulsa), which an Iowa squad hasn't accomplished since the 2000 season. Iowa knocked off Texas Southern, Oakland Drake and Illinois in straight sets during a six-match winning streak in 2000.

**Hawkeyes in National Stats** • As a team, the Hawkeyes rank 28th in the country in attack percentage (.269). Iowa also ranks 70th in kills per set (13.17) and 88th in win-loss percentage (.667).



## 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.

**Where They Stand in the Big Ten •** Junior **Megan Schipper** ranks fifth in the Big Ten in service aces per set (15 total, 0.36 per set) and 10th in total points per set (143 kills, 15 service aces, two solo blocks, 16 block assists, 168 total points, 4.0 per set). Senior **Kiley Fister** is sixth in assists per set (391 total, 9.77 per set) while senior **Emily Hiza** is seventh in digs per set (131 total, 3.64 per set). Senior **Catherine Smale** ranks eighth in kills per set (147 total, 3.50 per set).

**Tough Schedule in '08 •** Six Iowa opponents are ranked in the latest AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 poll.. One additional teams is also listed as receiving votes. 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), Wisconsin (No. 18), Purdue (No. 19), Illinois (No. 20) and Michigan (No. 21). Iowa State is receiving votes.

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 parenthesis is the next place.

### Kiley Fister

Assists	3,795	4th	(3rd, 4,128)
Service Aces	90	T-12th	(11th, 99)

### Catherine Smale

Kills	1,082	12th	(11th, 1,120)
Digs	888	16th	(15th, 914)

### Becky Walters

Attack Percentage	.262	2nd	(1st, .276)
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### Emily Hiza

Digs	1,641	2nd	(1st, 1,931)
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## Iowa's Record When...

## 2008 SEASON INFORMATION

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

### Iowa's Single Game Match Information

Longest Winning Streak:.....	4
Longest Losing Streak:.....	2
Current Streak: .....	Won 4
Most Kills (Three Set): .....	45 (vs. Tulsa)
Most Kills (Four Set): .....	60 (vs. Tennessee)
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. Tulsa)
Most Assists (Four Set): .....	53 (vs. Tennessee)
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): .....	53 (vs. W. Kent.)
Most Digs (Five Set): .....	71 (vs. Virginia)
Most Blocks (Three Set):.....	9 (vs. Tulsa)
Most Blocks (Four Set):.....	13 (vs. Xavier)
Most Blocks (Five Set): .....	9 (vs. Virginia)
Highest Home Attendance: .....	755 (vs. Tulsa)

### Iowa's Individual Leaders

Matches Played: .....	12 (Five Players)
Matches Started: .....	12 (Three Players)
Sets Played: .....	42 (Four Players)
Kills: .....	147 (Smale)
Kills per Set: .....	3.50 (Smale)
Attack Percentage:.....	.264 (Smale)
Assists:.....	391 (Fister)
Assists per Set: .....	9.31 (Fister)
Service Aces:.....	15 (Schipper)
Service Aces per Set: .....	0.36 (Schipper)
Digs:.....	131 (Hiza)
Digs per Set: .....	3.64 (Hiza)
Block Solos: .....	4 (Kremer & Kennedy)
Block Assists: .....	33 (Kennedy)
Total Blocks:.....	37 (Kennedy)
Blocks per Set: .....	1.00 (Husz & 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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