



University of Iowa Volleyball

at #20 Michigan - Oct. 24, 6 p.m.
at Ohio State - Oct. 26, 1 p.m.

Week Nine

October 21, 2008

University of Iowa Hawkeyes

12-8, 4-4

VS.



#20 Michigan Wolverines
16-4, 4-4
Oct. 24, 6 p.m.
Cliff Keen Arena
Ann Arbor, MI



Ohio State Buckeyes
10-10, 1-7
Oct. 26, 1 p.m.
St. John Arena
Columbus, OH

This Week • The University of Iowa volleyball team hits the road for a pair of conference matches. The Hawkeyes will take on Michigan in Ann Arbor Friday at 7 p.m. Iowa will then travel to Columbus to take on Ohio State Sunday at 1 p.m.

Iowa's match against Ohio State was originally scheduled for Saturday, but was moved to Sunday due to an 8 p.m. kickoff for the Ohio State vs. Penn State football game in Columbus.

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 for Friday's match at Michigan can be found on hawkeyesports.com, while live stats for the Ohio State match Sunday can be found at ohiostatebuckeyes.com.

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

Scouting Michigan • The 20th-ranked Michigan Wolverines are 16-4 overall and tied with Iowa for fifth place in the Big Ten with a 4-4 conference mark.

Juliana Paz leads the team with 230 kills, while Beth Karpiak has 206 kills with a team-best .384 attack percentage and 56 total blocks. Lexi Zimmerman is the team's primary setter with 784 assists and also leads the team with 193 digs.

The Wolverines and Hawkeyes share one common non-conference opponent in Western Kentucky. Iowa dropped a four-set match to Western Kentucky, while Michigan swept the Lady Toppers.

Iowa trails the all-time series, 26-23. Iowa knocked off then 11th-ranked Michigan in a thrilling, five-set comeback for its only conference win last season. Michigan later swept the Hawkeyes last season in Ann Arbor.

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. #1 Penn State	L, 20-25, 18-25, 20-25
10/11	vs. Indiana	W, 25-21, 13-25, 23-25, 25-22, 15-12
10/15	at #12 Minnesota (BTN)	L, 11-25, 17-25, 23-25
10/18	vs. Michigan State	25-17, 25-19, 16-25, 25-18
10/24	at #20 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	8-0	20-0
2. Minnesota	7-1	17-3
3. Purdue	5-3	16-4
Illinois	5-3	14-5
5. Michigan	4-4	16-4
Wisconsin	4-4	14-6
IOWA	4-4	12-8
8. Michigan State	3-5	11-8
9. Indiana	2-6	10-10
10. Ohio State	1-7	10-10
11. Northwestern	1-7	7-12

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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 Ohio State • The Ohio State Buckeyes are 10-10 overall and sitting in 10th place in the Big Ten with a 1-7 record.

Kristen Dozier leads the team with 205 kills, a .255 attack percentage and 65 total blocks (13 solo, 52 assists). Katie Dull is second on the team with 140 kills. Ashley Hughes has a team-best 378 assists, with Betsy Hone close behind at 347 assists. Kalia Calhoun leads the team with 189 digs.

Iowa and Ohio State share one common non-conference opponent in Xavier. Ohio State lost to Xavier in four sets, while the Hawkeyes defeated the Musketeers in four.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 46-8. Ohio State won both meetings last season.

Hawkeyes Knock Off Michigan State • Iowa defeated Michigan State in four sets (25-17, 25-19, 16-25, 25-18), Saturday night to improve to 12-8 overall and 4-4 in the Big Ten.

Sophomore **Aimee Huffman** tallied a team-best 14 kills with an impressive .429 attack percentage on 28 swings. Senior **Catherine Smale** was one dig shy of a double-double, with 13 kills and nine digs. Junior **Megan Schipper** did notch a double-double, putting up 11 kills and 12 digs. Sophomore **Katie Kennedy** also added a career-high eight block assists.

Iowa Falls at No. 12 Minnesota • The Hawkeyes dropped a mid-week contest at No. 12 Minnesota last Wednesday, 25-11, 25-17, 25-23.

Junior **Megan Schipper** had 10 kills and senior **Catherine Smale** had nine. Senior **Kiley Fister** led the team with 16 assists, with sophomore **Mara Hilgenberg** adding 13. Senior Emily Hiza led the squad with 16 digs.

Success in the Big Ten • Iowa has four conference victories this season, which is tied for the most Big Ten wins for a Hawkeye team since 2000. That year, the Hawkeyes won 11 conference matches. The 2005 Hawkeyes also won four Big Ten contests.

Fister Reaches Impressive Mark • Senior **Kiley Fister** eclipsed the 4,000 career assist mark Saturday night against Michigan State. The St. Charles, IL, native recorded a team-high 36 assists to put her career mark at 4,027. She ranks fourth in career assists at Iowa and needs 101 more assists to move into third place.

Hawkeyes Rank High in Attendance • Iowa currently ranks 35th nationally in attendance, averaging 1,078 fans per match. The Hawkeyes have drawn a total of 8,629 fans for their seven home matches.

In addition, three of the top five crowds in school history have been set this season. Iowa drew 1,746 fans against Michigan State Oct. 18, which is the second-largest in school history. The Hawkeyes drew 1,701 against Penn State Oct. 10, which ranks third in the record books. Carver-Hawkeye Arena also saw a crowd of 1,598 against Indiana Oct. 11, which is the fifth-largest crowd in school history.



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.

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

The Hawkeyes are currently 7-1 in Iowa City. That is the best home record since 1993, when Iowa also started 7-1 at home.

Dingman Closing in on Milestone • Head Coach **Sharon Dingman** enters this week just two 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 12 wins so far in her first season at Iowa.

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 2007 NCAA Tournament.

Opponents ranked include Penn State (No. 1), Minnesota (No. 11), Purdue (No. 18), Illinois (No. 19), Michigan (No. 20) and Wisconsin (No. 21).

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 championships.

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	4,027	4th	(3rd, 4,128)
Service Aces	92	12th	(11th, 99)

Catherine Smale

Kills	1,180	10th	(9th, 1,207)
Digs	966	14th	(13th, 976)

Becky Walters

Attack Percentage	.252	4th	(3rd, .260)
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Emily Hiza

Digs	1,755	2nd	(1st, 1,931)
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Iowa's Record When...

2008 SEASON INFORMATION

Three-Set Match:.....	6-5
Four-Set Match:.....	4-3
Five-Set Match:.....	2-0
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	9-0
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	3-8
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	10-2
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	2-6
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	10-2
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	2-6
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	6-0
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-3
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	2-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	0-0
At Home:	7-1
On the Road:	0-6
At Neutral Site:	5-1
Day Match:	4-2
Night Match:.....	8-6
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	1-4
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	11-1
Opponent Has More Kills:	0-7
Kills are Equal:	1-0
Iowa Has Higher Attack %:.....	11-0
Opponent Has Higher Attack %:	1-8
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	11-1
Opponent Has More Assists:	1-7
Iowa Has More Aces:	8-4
Opponent Has More Aces:	3-3
Equal Number of Aces:.....	1-1
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	10-2
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	2-5
Digs are Equal:.....	0-1
Iowa Has More Blocks:	9-1
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	2-7
Equal Number of Blocks:	1-0
Wearing White/Black Uniforms:.....	9-1
Wearing Black/Gold Uniforms:..	3-7
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-1
In Central Time Zone:	10-6
In Mountain Time Zone:	2-1
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-1
In Iowa:.....	9-2
In Alabama:	1-2
In Colorado:.....	2-1
In Indiana:.....	0-1
In Illinois:	0-1
In Minnesota:	0-1
In Michigan:.....	0-0
In Ohio:.....	0-0
In Pennsylvania:.....	0-0
In Wisconsin:	0-0
On Wednesday:	0-1
On Friday:	4-3
On Saturday:.....	8-4
On Sunday:	0-0

Iowa's Single Game Match Information

Longest Winning Streak:.....	7
Longest Losing Streak:.....	3
Current Streak:	Won 1
Most Kills (Three Set):	46 (at Purdue)
Most Kills (Four Set):	62 (vs. NWestern)
Most Kills (Five Set):	60 (vs. Virginia/vs. Ind.)
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/vs. Ind.)
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/at Minn.)
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/vs. Ind.)
Highest Home Attendance: ..	1,746 (vs. MSU)

Iowa's Individual Leaders

Matches Played:	20 (Four Players)
Matches Started:	20 (Three Players)
Sets Played:	71 (Four Players)
Kills:	245 (Smale)
Kills per Set:.....	3.45 (Smale)
Attack Percentage:.....	.276 (Kennedy)
Assists:.....	623 (Fister)
Assists per Set:	8.77 (Fister)
Service Aces:.....	22 (Schipper)
Service Aces per Set:	0.31 (Schipper)
Digs:.....	245 (Hiza)
Digs per Set:	3.77 (Hiza)
Block Solos:	7 (Kremer)
Block Assists:	51 (Kremer)
Total Blocks:.....	58 (Kremer)
Blocks per Set:	0.82 (Kremer)

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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