

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Shane Sturtz, Men's Golf Contact



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 7, 2018

2017-18 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 10-12	Gopher Invitational	14th/16
Sept. 17-19	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	2nd/15
Sept. 24	Trinity Forest Invitational	9th/13
Oct. 8	Windon Memorial Classic	7th/15
Oct. 23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	7th/13
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 10	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Mar. 16	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 17	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 18	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 26	Duck Invitational	All Day
Mar. 27	Duck Invitational	All Day
Apr. 14	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 16	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 21	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 22	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 29	Big Ten Championships	All Day

2017-18 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	Jr.	Clive, Iowa
Ryoto Furuya	So.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Jaewook Lee	Fr.	Langley, British Columbia
Sam Meuret	Sr.	Brunswick, Neb.
Alex Moorman	So.	Centerville, Iowa
Jake Rowe	Fr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Jack Simpson	So.	Aurora, Ontario
Matthew Walker	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	So.	Potomac, Md.

2017-18 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Aaron DeNucci	3	78.33	75	-----
Ryoto Furuya	15	73.67	69	-----
Jaewook Lee	3	79.33	76	-----
Sam Meuret	12	74	69	-----
Alex Moorman	9	75.11	67	-----
Jake Rowe	6	77.83	71	-----
Alex Schaake	15	71.47	68	2
Matthew Walker	15	72.13	68	-----
Benton Weinberg	12	72	67	-----

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team begins the 2018 spring season at the tenth annual Big Ten Match Play Championship this weekend in Palm Coast, Florida, at Hammock Beach Resort, Friday and Saturday.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Round 1 vs. #3 Purdue: Friday, Feb. 9, 8 a.m. (shotgun)
Round 2 vs. #4 Minnesota: Friday, Feb. 9, 1:15 p.m. (shotgun)
Round 3 vs. #5 Ohio State: Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 a.m. (shotgun)
Final Round vs. TBD: Saturday, Feb. 10, 1:30 p.m. (shotgun)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Teams can have an eight-player tournament roster with six players competing in each match. Matches will be scored in a win, loss, or tie fashion. An individual match win is worth one point, and a halved match is worth 1/2 point for each team. Matches ending in a 3-3 tie have a tiebreaking criteria. After the three round robin matches, teams will be ranked one through 7 in their Big Ten division, and face the team from the opposing division with the same ranking in Saturday's final round.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting golfstat.com for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page at hawkeyesports.com.

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa men's golf program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" Hawkeye men's golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

THE FIELD

Big Ten West: Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska.
Big Ten East: Penn State, Michigan State, Michigan, Maryland, Ohio State, Indiana, and Rutgers.

THE COURSES

Hammock Beach Resort calls home to two magnificent golf courses -- the Ocean Course and Conservatory Course.

- The Ocean Course features six holes directly on the Atlantic Ocean with the final four holes, called "The Bear Claw," sweeping the coastline. The Jack Nicklaus design has been a top-10 course in Florida since 2007, according to Golfweek.
- A Tom Watson Signature design and Florida's longest with 140 sand bunkers, the Conservatory Course slightly resembles a British links-style and is ranked the 17th best course by Golfweek in 2017.

THE LINEUP

Seven Hawkeyes will be traveling to the event: Alex Schaake, Matthew Walker, Benton Weinberg, Sam Meuret, Alex Moorman, Aaron DeNucci, and Jack Simpson.

LAST TIME OUT

In Iowa's final fall event, the Hawkeyes finished seventh at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate in Dallas, Texas. Three golfers -- Benton Weinberg, Matthew Walker, and Sam Meuret -- finished inside the top 30. Weinberg's second round 67, which tied for the best Hawkeye finish of the fall, resulted in a career-best 54-hole score of 212 (-1) to tie for a season-best 17th place. Walker tied for 26th with a 215 (+2) and Meuret tied for 29th with a 216 (+3), one stroke off his season best round.



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 33,564
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: Fourth
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Jeff Schmid
Year at Iowa: Second
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1990

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OCEAN COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	380	4
2	540	5
3	414	4
4	192	3
5	434	4
6	526	5
7	431	4
8	185	3
9	437	4
OUT	3,597	36
10	522	5
11	384	4
12	213	3
13	433	4
14	551	5
15	432	4
16	399	4
17	174	3
18	466	4
IN	3,604	36
TOTAL	7,201	72

QUOTING COACH TYLER STITH

"We talked about doing everything we can to put ourselves in a position to win. We have a chance to do something that no other Iowa team has done – we've never won this event. What we can control are the three matches that we have. Because of the format it's a little unique, so we don't completely control our destiny. What we can control is how we perform in our three matches. We're just going to take it one match and one hole at a time. We're trying to win each of our matches in the round robin and hopefully that will put us into the championship match."

BIG TEN MATCH PLAY HISTORY

The Hawkeyes have finished fourth or better in four of the last five years at the Big Ten Match Play Championship. In 2015, Iowa defeated fourth-seeded Maryland for a third-place finish via a tiebreaker. Last year, Iowa finished fourth after falling to Penn State in the semifinals due to a tiebreaker.

CAREER MATCH PLAY RECORDS

Ryoto Furuya -- (1-2-0)
Sam Meuret -- (2-4-1)
Alex Moorman -- (0-2-0)
Alex Schaake -- (2-1-1)
Matthew Walker -- (7-1-0)

FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes competed in five fall tournaments, averaging 73.63 strokes per round as a team. Iowa's best finish came at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they finished second out of 15 teams with four Hawkeye golfers finishing in the top 20. Sophomore Alex Schaake, who finished second in the Golfweek Conference Challenge, had the lowest Hawkeye scoring average of 71.47. For the fall, seven Hawkeyes had top-20 finishes, while the team recorded 27 rounds at or below par.

CLIMBING THE LEADERBOARD

- Three Hawkeyes -- Ryoto Furuya, Alex Schaake, and Matthew Walker -- competed in every fall event. The trio combined for 17 rounds at or below par.
- Iowa's low 18-hole score of the season came in the first round of the Windon Memorial Classic when they fired a 276 (-4). Schaake, Walker, and Alex Moorman carded below par rounds, while Moorman's 67 tied for the lowest 18-hole round of the season.
- Benton Weinberg's best performance of the season happened at Iowa's last fall tournament in the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate when he used a career-best 54-hole score of 212 (-1) to finish a season-best tied for 17th. Weinberg's 18-hole average of 72 was second on the team to Schaake (71.47).

WALKER IS A WORK HORSE

Junior Matthew Walker was the first true freshman to compete in every fall tournament for the Hawkeyes since Cole Peevler in 2015. In two and a half years as a Hawkeye, Walker has competed in every event dating back to his freshman year.

9 STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last nine seasons, joining Illinois as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last nine seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last eight years (2009, 2011, 2012).

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa's next event is Athens, Georgia, at the Southern Intercollegiate on Monday, March 12.

