THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes 4/8-9 vs. Purdue 4/10 vs. Indiana (DH)

2005 IOWA SCHEDULE

28-8 Overall, 1-3 Big Ten

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2/12-13	at Stetson Invitational	
2/12	Virginia Tech	W, 8-0 (6)
2/12	Stetson	L, 2-6
2/13	Virginia Tech	W, 3-2
2/13	Stetson	W, 3-0
2/18-20	at Littlewood Classic	
2/18	Long Island	W, 6-0
2/18	Arizona State	W, 2-0
2/26-27	at Courtyard by Marriott T	
2/26 2/26	Minnesota Louisville	W, 3-0
2/20	#24 Missouri	W, 5-3 L, 3-1 (8)
2/27	Ball State W, 8-0 (6)	L, 3-1 (6)
3/4-6	at Buzz Classic	
3/4	Georgia Southern	W, 6-0
3/4	Georgia Southern	W, 6-0
3/5	Auburn	L, 2-1
3/5	Middle Tennessee State	W, 3-1
3/5	Gardner-Webb	W, 9-1 (5)
3/6	Virginia Tech	W, 3-1
3/6	Auburn	W, 16-1 (5)
3/6	Ohio State	W, 5-0
3/11-13	at NIST, San Jose, CA	*** * 0
3/11	Connecticut UC Davis	W, 5-0
3/11 3/12	San Jose State	W, 2-1 (8)
3/12	#2 California	W, 5-4
3/12	Colorado State	L, 2-7 W, 5-1
3/16	at Pacific Mini Tournamen	
3/16	vs. Rhode Island	W, 6-0
3/16	vs. Pacific	W, 4-2
3/17	vs. Utah (at Pacific)	W, 13-7
3/18-20	at Capital Classic Tournal	ment
3/18	vs. #17 Oregon State	L, 2-6
3/18	vs. Long Island	W, 8-0
3/23	Illinois State (DH)	PPD
3/26-27	Hawkeye Classic	***
3/26	vs. Ball State	W, 4-0
3/26 3/27	vs. South Dakota State vs. Ball State	W, 9-0 (5) W, 10-0 (6)
3/27	vs. North Dakota State	W, 2-0
3/30	at Northern Iowa	Cancelled
4/1	at Michigan*	W, 5-2
4/2	at Michigan*	L, 1-3
4/3	at Northwestern*	L, 11-1 (5)
4/3	at Northwestern*	L, 0-2
4/6	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
4/8	Purdue*	6 p.m.
4/9	Purdue*	Noon
4/10	Indiana (DH)*	Noon
4/13	William Penn at Ohio State*	6 p.m.
4/15 4/16	at Ohio State*	3 p.m. Noon
4/10	at Penn State (DH)*	11 a.m.
4/19	Iowa State	4 p.m.
4/22	at Michigan State*	3 p.m.
4/23	at Michigan State*	Noon
4/24	South Dakota State (DH)	1 p.m.
4/26	Western Illinois	6 p.m.
4/29	Wisconsin*	6 p.m.
4/30		
	Wisconsin*	Noon
5/1	Minnesota (DH)*	Noon
5/5	Minnesota (DH)* Drake	Noon 6 p.m.
5/5 5/7	Minnesota (DH)* Drake Illinois*	Noon 6 p.m. Noon
5/5 5/7 5/8	Minnesota (DH)* Drake Illinois* Illinois*	Noon 6 p.m. Noon Noon
5/5 5/7 5/8 5/12-14	Minnesota (DH)* Drake Illinois* Illinois* Big Ten Tournament	Noon 6 p.m. Noon Noon TBA
5/5 5/7 5/8 5/12-14 5/19-22	Minnesota (DH)* Drake Illinois* Illinois* Big Ten Tournament NCAA Regionals	Noon 6 p.m. Noon Noon TBA TBA
5/5 5/7 5/8 5/12-14	Minnesota (DH)* Drake Illinois* Illinois* Big Ten Tournament	Noon 6 p.m. Noon Noon TBA

Probal	ble li	owa I	Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
1	Emily Nichols	1B	R/R	Fr.	36	.337	20	32	12	31	5	.789	1
or 14	Brandi Sargent	1B	L/L	Jr.	26	.291	7	16	7	3	5	.545	1
2	Summer Downs	2B	R-R	Fr.	30	.277	18	26	17	4	5	.479	2
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Jr.	36	.301	22	34	20	6	9	.558	2
12	Abby Ruff	3B	R-R	Sr.	31	.294	12	15	10	1	6	.471	4
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Jr.	35	.308	9	24	16	2	2	.410	1
or 5	Jenna Spratt	RF	L-R	So.	32	.306	12	11	5	0	0	.306	3
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	So.	36	.235	19	20	9	1	5	.353	10
9	Natalie Johnson	LF	L-L	Jr.	36	.284	14	27	12	3	4	.421	2
13	Sami Baugh	С	R-R	So.	34	.273	12	24	13	3	4	.420	1

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	SV	CG	SH	ERA	S0	BB	IP
4	Lisa Birocci	RHP	Sr.	17-7	21	3	18	9	1.34	153	24	146.2
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Jr.	10-1	14	0	8	6	1.69	112	29	83.0
24	Steph Ackerson	RHP	Fr.	0-0	1	1	0	0	3.82	6	2	7.1

HAWKEYES HEAD HOME

The University of Iowa softball team will host Purdue and Indiana this weekend in Big Ten action. The Hawkeyes and Boilermakers will face off at 6 p.m. Friday and 12 p.m. Saturday. Iowa will face the Hoosiers in a doubleheader starting at 12 p.m. Sunday.

Before hosting Big Ten softball, the Hawkeyes will travel to DeKalb, IL, on Wednesday to face the Northern Illinois Huskies. Game time is set for 4 p.m.

UPSET IN ANN ARBOR

The Hawkeyes opened Big Ten action last weekend with an upset victory over the top ranked Michigan Wolverines. Iowa spoiled Michigan's home opener and snapped its 32-game winning streak, which was the longest in the nation and in Michigan school history.

Iowa scored all five of its runs in the second inning. Sami Baugh led off the inning with a double and advanced to third after a Kylie Murray single. Abby Ruff then doubled down the left field line, scoring Baugh and Jenna Spratt, who pinch ran for Murray. Mindy Heidgerken singled and Ruff scored on a throwing error. After Heidgerken scored on a wild pitch, **Summer Downs** hit a solo home run for the final run of the inning.

The Hawkeyes handed Michigan pitcher Lorilyn Wilson her first loss of the season. Prior to the game against Iowa, Wilson had allowed only two earned runs in 63 innings of work.

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2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS Hawkeye Softball Notes

		CONF.	Overall
1.	Northwestern	4-0	22-9
2.	PURDUE	2-0	23-12
T3.	Michigan	3-1	35-2
	Wisconsin	3-1	12-12
T5.	Ohio State	2-2	18-10
	PENN STATE	2-2	20-13
	MICHIGAN STATE	2-2	9-18-1
T8.	IOWA	1-3	28-8
	MINNESOTA	1-3	16-16
10.	Illinois	0-4	15-15
11.	Indiana	0-2	10-24

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

April 5	
Loyola-Chicago at Michigan State (DH) 3 p.m.
April 6	
Loyola-Chicago at Illinois (DH)	4 p.m.
Indiana at Louisville	3 p.m.
Iowa at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Michigan at Central Michigan (DH)	2 p.m.
Michigan State at Eastern Michigan	4 p.m.
UW-Green Bay at Minnesota (DH)	4 p.m.
Kent State at Penn State	3 p.m.
Butler at Purdue	4 p.m.
Wisconsin at Illinois-Chicago	5 p.m.
April 8	
Indiana at Illinois	6 p.m.
Purdue at Iowa	7 p.m.
Michigan at Wisconsin	6 p.m.
Ohio State at Michigan State	4 p.m.
Northwestern at Minnesota	6 p.m.
April 9	
Indiana at Illinois	12 p.m.
Purdue at Iowa	12 p.m.
Michigan at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
Ohio State at Michigan State	1 p.m.
Northwestern at Minnesota	12 p.m.
April 10	
Purdue at Illinois (DH)	12 p.m.
Indiana at Iowa (DH)	12 p.m.
Michigan at Minnesota (DH)	12 p.m.
Penn State at Michigan State (DH)	12 p.m.
Northwestern at Wisconsin (DH)	12 p.m.

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all times listed are local

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MICHIGAN ESCAPES WITH WIN

Michigan used a two-run home run by Nicole Motycka to defeat the Hawkeyes, 3-1 on Saturday.

Michigan scored in the top of the first, but Iowa responded with a solo home run by **Kylie Murray** to tie the game. Motycka's home run came in the third inning.

WILDCATS SWEEP HAWKEYES

Northwestern collected two wins against the Hawkeyes on Sunday in Evanston. Iowa fell in game one, 11-1 and 2-0 in game two.

The Wildcats collected a combined 18 hits to Iowa's five.

SCOUTING NORTHERN ILLINOIS

The Northern Illinois Huskies are 16-11 overall and 3-2 in the MAC.

Ellen Stoddard leads the Huskie offense. She is batting .364 with four doubles, two home runs and 16 RBI.

Lindsey LaChiana is 10-6 with a 1.92 ERA inside the circle. She has 88 strikeouts and 32 walks.

Iowa holds an 18-16 advantage in the all-time series.

SCOUTING PURDUE

The Purdue Boilermakers are 23-12 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten Conference.

Andrea Hillsey leads the Boiler-maker offense. She is batting .411 with nine doubles, one triple, six home runs and 18 RBI.

Diana LaRiva is 7-2 with a 1.82 ERA inside the circle and leads the team with 97 strikeouts.

Iowa holds a 27-3 advantage in the all-time series.

SCOUTING INDIANA

The Indiana Hoosiers are 10-24 overall and 0-2 in the Big Ten Conference.

Tory Yamaguchi leads the Hoosier offense. She is batting .308 with four doubles, one triple, six home runs and 17 RBI.

Megan Roark is 8-13 with a 2.62 ERA inside the circle for the Hoosiers. She leads the team with 172 strikeouts. Roark also leads the Big Ten in strikeouts.

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 19th in the ESPN. com/USA Softball Collegiate Softball poll and 24th in the *USA Today/* National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll. Other Big Ten teams in the rankings include Michigan (1st/1st) and Northwestern (23rd/20th). Penn State is listed as receiving votes. Rankings used are from the previous week. Updated rankings are released every Wednesday.

BIROCCI MOVES UP

Lisa Birocci recorded 17 strikeouts last weekend, which moved her into second place on the career strikeout list. Birocci now has 811 career strikeouts and passed Karen Jackson to move into second place. Jackson collected 809 strikeouts from 1991-94. Birocci needs just five more strikeouts to pass Kristi Hanks to become Iowa's all-time career strikeout leader.

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IOWA HAWKEYE ROSTER Hawkeye Defensive Depth Chart

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 ALI ARNOLD
- 4 LISA BIROCCI
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 9 NATALIE JOHNSON
- 10 STACY MAY
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 ABBY RUFF
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 Brandi Sargent
- 17 KYLIE MURRAY
- **22** EMILY GERLICK
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON

HEAD COACH

GAYLE BLEVINS

Associate Head Coach

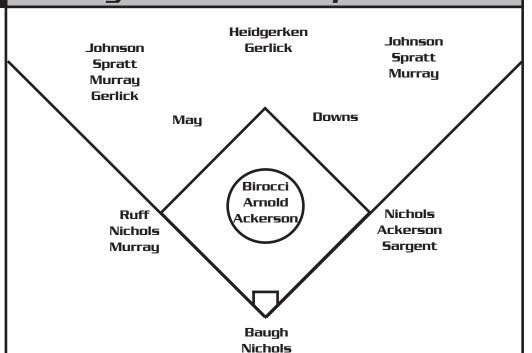
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

Assistant Coach **Debbie Bilbao**

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT

Kristin Johnson





NICHOLS SETS SCHOOL RECORD

Freshman **Emily Nichols** entered the record books against Ball State, blasting her 11th home run which broke the single-season record. Nichols added another home run against South Dakota State. She leads the team in seven different offensive categories.

CHASING THE RECORD BOOK

As a team, the Hawkeyes have hit 40 home runs this season. The school record for team home runs in a season is 41, set by the 2003 squad.

GERLICK UNDERGOES SURGERY

Junior outfielder **Emily Gerlick** underwent successful surgery to repair a torn ACL on March 15. Gerlick suffered the ACL tear during Iowa's opening weekend at the Stetson Invitational on February 13.

VENTURELLA PROMOTED

Michelle Venturella enters the 2005 season as Iowa's first ever associate head coach. Head Coach Gayle Blevins announced the promotion last July.

Venturella serves as the Hawkeye recruiting coordinator and hitting coach along with coaching the Iowa catchers. As a member of the USA softball team she garnered four medals, one of which was the gold medal at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

BILBAO RETURNS TO IOWA

Former all-American **Debbie Bil-bao** has been hired as Iowa's new assistant coach. Bilbao was head coach at Utah State from 2002-04 before making the move back to Iowa.

As a player, Bilbao helped guide the Hawkeyes to three straight College World Series appearances (1995-97) and still holds three school records. Bilbao will be Iowa's pitching coach.

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IOWA'S RECORD WHEN... 1-Run Games3-1 2-Run Games6-3 Extra Innings......1-1 AT PEARL FIELD4-0 On the Road5-4 NIGHT GAMES......5-0 IOWA SCORES FIRST......26-2 OPPONENT SCORES FIRST2-6 GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....25-2 GIVING UP 3+ RUNS3-6 Vs Ranked Opponents 1-6 IOWA HITS A HOMERUN20-1 OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN6-6 IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT......21-0 OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA......4-8 EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS......3-0 IOWA COMMITTS AN ERROR 17-5 Wearing White Uniforms 10-2 WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS 8-3 WEARING GREY UNIFORMS....... 10-3 FLYING AIR TRAN 10-2 BUSING TO GAME.....4-4 IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.......4-2 In Mountain Time Zone.....2-0 IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE8-2 In Iowa4-0 In Arizona2-0 In Georgia7-1 IN KENTUCKY......3-1 IN FLORIDA3-1 In California8-2 In Pennsylvania 0-0 In Ohio0-0 IN ILLINOIS......0-2 In Michigan 1-1 On Monday.....0-0 On Tuesday 0-0 On Wednesday2-0 On Thursday...... 1-0 On Friday......8-1 On Saturday8-4 On Sunday 9-3

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO...

Iowa's Individual Team Batting Leaders	
BATTING AVG	337 (Nichols)
GMs	.36 (THREE TIED)
GMS. STARTED	. 36 (THREE TIED)
At Bats	
Runs	22 (MAY)
Нітѕ	
Doubles	9 (May)
Triples	2 (BIROCCI)
Home Runs	12 (NICHOLS)

31 (Nichols)75 (Nichols)
15 (Nichols)
.2 (Ackerson & Nichols)
23 (HEIDGERKEN)
438 (Nichols)
1.227 (Nichols)
2 (BAUGH)
5 (THREE TIED)

Iowa's Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	1.34	(Birocci)
WINS	17	(Birocci)
Losses	7	(BIROCCI)
WINNING PCT	708	(Birocci)
Appearances	28	(BIROCCI)
Games Started	21	(BIROCCI)
Complete Games	18	(Birocci)
Shutouts	9	(BIROCCI)
Saves	3	(BIROCCI)
INNINGS PITCHED	146.2	(Birocci)
Strikeouts	153	(BIROCCI)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE	. 189 (Birocci	& Arnold)
WHIP	876	(Birocci)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE...Gayle Blevins finished her 17th season as the head coach of the lowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame. In her 17 seasons at lowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 12 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is lowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 738-327-3 (.683).

Her career record in 25 years of coaching is 1,038-480-5 (.684). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	Record	Рст.	YEAR	SCHOOL	Record	Рст.
1980	Indiana	33-16	.673	1992	Iowa	34-20	.630
1981	Indiana	26-12	.684	1993	Iowa	39-15	.722
1982	Indiana	30-15	.666	1994	Iowa	35-23	.603
1983	Indiana	45-20-1	.692	1995	Iowa	41-26-1	.612
1984	Indiana	37-22	.633	1996	Iowa	47-19	.720
1985	Indiana	47-20-1	.701	1997	Iowa	52-9	.852
1986	Indiana	45-18	.714	1998	Iowa	38-20	.655
1987	Indiana	37-23	.617	1999	Iowa	41-26-1	.616
1988	Iowa	33-20-1	.620	2000	Iowa	46-15	.754
1989	Iowa	40-21	.656	2001	Iowa	49-14	.778
1990	Iowa	43-28	.606	2002	Iowa	36-20	.643
1991	Iowa	53-11	.828	2003	Iowa	44-15	.746
l				2004	Iowa	39-24	.619

TOTALS BIG TEN TOTALS

Overall	1,038-480-5	.684	Overall	446-159-1	.737
Iowa	738-327-3	.683	Iowa	276-115-1	.705

Hawkeye	. Defens	sive Star	ters							
OPP.	P	С	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DP
!V. Tech	Birocci	Baugh	Ackerson	Downs	May	Nichols	Gerlick	Heidgerken	Johnson	Murray
!Stetson	Arnold	Baugh	Sargent	Downs	May	Murray	Spratt	Heidgerken	Johnson	Birocci
!V. Tech	Arnold	Baugh	Ackerson	Downs	May	Murray	Gerlick	Heidgerken	Johnson	Nichols
!Stetson	Birocci	Baugh	Ackerson	Downs	May	Nichols	Murray	Heidgerken	Johnson	Spratt
^LIU	Arnold	Baugh	Ackerson	Downs	May	Nichols	Johnson	Heidgerken	Gerlick	Murray
^ASU	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Spratt
\$Minnesota	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Ackerson
\$Louisville	Arnold	Nichols	Ackerson	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
\$Missouri	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
\$Ball State	Arnold	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Sargent
%Georgia So	Arnold	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Ackerson
%Georgia So	Birocci	Nichols	Baugh	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Sargent
%Auburn	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Murray
%M. Ten. St.	Arnold	Nichols	Sargent	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Baugh	Ackerson
%Gard-Webb	Birocci	Baugh	Ackerson	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Nichols	Murray
%V. Tech	Arnold	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Ackerson	Murray	Heidgerken
%Auburn	Birocci	Nichols	Ackerson	Arnold	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Baugh
%Ohio State	Birocci	Nichols	Sargent	Arnold	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Baugh
+UConn	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Arnold	May	Ruff	Johnson	Weinberg	Murray	Heidgerken
+UC Davis	Arnold	Baugh	Sargent	Nichols	May	Ruff	Johnson	Weinberg	Murray	Heidgerken
+SJST	Birocci	Baugh	Ackerson	Nichols	May	Ruff	Johnson	Weinberg	Spratt	Heidgerken
+California	Arnold	Baugh	Sargent	Nichols	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Weinberg
+Col. State	Birocci	Nichols	Sargent	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Weinberg	Murray	Heidgerken
\sim Rh. Island	Arnold	Nichols	Ackerson	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Weinberg	Murray
~Pacific	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
Utah	Arnold	Baugh	Sargent	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Ackerson
&Oregon St.	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
&LIU	Birocci	Birocci	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Baugh
#Ball State	Birocci	Nichols	Sargent	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Baugh
#SDSU	Arnold	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Sargent
#Ball State	Arnold	Nichols	Sargent	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Spratt	Baugh
#NDSU	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Spratt	Heidgerken	Murray	X
Michigan	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murraay	Sargent
Michigan	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
Northwestern	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Johnson	Heidgerken	Murray	Sargent
Northwestern	Birocci	Baugh	Nichols	Downs	May	Ruff	Spratt	Heidgerken	Murray	Ackerson

^{! -} at Stetson Invitational (Deland, FL)

^{^ -} at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)

^{\$ -} at Courtyard by Mariott Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)

^{% -} at Buzz Classic (Marietta, GA)

^{+ -} at National Softball Invitational Tournament (Sunnyvale, CA)

^{~ -} at Pacific Mini Tournament (Stockton, CA)

[&]amp; - at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)

^{# -} at Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)