

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

March 2, 2016

### 2015-16 SCHEDULE

1/2	at Cancun	3rd/3 (192.350)
1/9	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 194.500
1/15	at Michigan State *	W, 194.900
1/18	vs. #13 Denver	L, 194.725
1/23	vs. #24 Ohio State *	W, 196.375
1/31	at Maryland *	W, 196.275
2/6	vs. #14 Nebraska * (BTN)	W, 196.650
2/13	at #21 Illinois *	W, 196.275
2/20	vs. Towson (Senior Night)	W, 194.150
2/27	at #13 Denver	2nd/4 (196.075)
<del>3/4</del>	<del>at Iowa State</del>	<del>6:30 p.m.</del>
3/12	Big Five Meet *	12 p.m.
3/19	Big Ten Championships *	TBA
4/2	NCAA Regional (Iowa City, Iowa)	4 p.m.
4/15-17	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change \* - Conference Event

### 2015-16 ROSTER

Savannah Borman	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Opua Calucag	Sr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Misty-Jade Carlson	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
Nicole Chow	Fr.	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Mollie Drenth	Jr.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	Jr.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Sr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hogan	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
Caroline McCrady	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	Jr.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	Jr.	Caseyville, Ill.
Maria Ortiz	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
Rose Piorkowski	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Jori Robertson	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	So.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Lexy Wadsworth	Fr.	Kalona, Iowa
Tessa Walsh	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	So.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	So.	Darien, Ill.

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#17 IOWA HAWKEYES

at Iowa State \_\_\_\_\_ March 4  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 p.m. (CT)  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_ Ames, Iowa  
 Venue \_\_\_\_\_ Hilton Coliseum

Live Stats \_\_\_\_\_ [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com)  
 Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics  
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IOWA STATE CYCLONES

#### THIS WEEK:

The 17th-ranked University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to Ames, Iowa, for an Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series rivalry contest against Iowa State on Friday, March 4. The meet is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. (CT) inside Hilton Coliseum.

#### MEET COVERAGE:

- Fans can find meet highlights and live streams on Periscope and Twitter (@IowaGymnastics).
- Links to live stats are available on the women's gymnastics schedule page at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

#### IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa is ranked No. 17 nationally with a Regional Qualifying Score of 195.980, marking the program's first Top 20 ranking since 2011. There are 82 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks rank 11th nationally on bars (49.140 RQS), 15th on vault (48.995), 22nd on beam (48.940), and 24th on floor (49.020).

Individually, junior Mollie Drenth ranks 20th nationally in the all-around (39.245 RQS), while junior Angel Metcalf ranks 37th (39.025) out of 92 gymnasts. For single events, Drenth ranks 12th on beam (9.880), senior Johanny Sotillo ranks 49th on bars (9.845), and senior Alie Glover ranks 42nd on floor (9.865). There are over 415 gymnasts ranked individually on each event.

#### LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team posted a 196.075 to take second place in a quadrangular on Feb. 27. The GymHawks took on No. 13 Denver (197.525), Southeast Missouri State (192.650), and Illinois-Chicago (192.475) inside the Hamilton Gymnasium in Denver, Colorado.

Six GymHawks earned a total of 11 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished second on vault (9.925) and beam (9.900), and fourth in the all-around (39.050). Junior Angel Metcalf also earned a trio of top five finishes, placing second on bars (9.875), third in the all-around (39.100), and fourth on vault (9.850).

#### SCOUTING THE CYCLONES:

- Iowa State fell to No. 24 Illinois, 196.525-195.625, on Feb. 26 in Champaign, Illinois.
- The Cyclones are ranked 21st on floor (49.030 RQS), 31st on vault (48.815), 38th on beam (48.685), and 40th on bars (48.685).
- Iowa State is ranked No. 34 nationally with a RQS of 194.985.
- The Cyclones own an 11-6 overall record so far this season.
- Individually, the Cyclones have two athletes ranked in the top 40 nationally. Freshman Meaghan Sievers ranks 30th in the all-around (39.075 RQS) and 38th on vault (9.845), while sophomore Haylee Young ranks 34th on floor (9.875).
- Iowa State is led by head coach Jay Ronayne, who is in his 10th season.

#### UNDEFEATED IN THE BIG:

Iowa and Minnesota are the only two teams left in the league with a perfect conference record, each owning a 5-0-0 mark. The Hawkeyes have collected big wins over No. 25 Ohio State, Michigan State, Maryland, No. 14 Nebraska, and No. 21 Illinois.

#### ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The majority of GymHawks are underclassmen, with seven freshmen, six sophomores, six juniors, and three seniors on the roster.



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### BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Big Ten	Pct.
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
Minnesota	8-0-0	5-0-0	1.000
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>7-3-0</b>	<b>5-0-0</b>	<b>.700</b>
Michigan	9-2-0	4-1-0	.818
Nebraska	7-3-0	3-2-0	.700
Illinois	3-4-0	3-3-0	.429
Penn State	3-5-0	2-2-0	.375
Rutgers	6-7-0	1-4-0	.462
Ohio State	3-5-0	1-4-0	.375
Michigan State	3-6-0	1-5-0	.333
Maryland	2-7-0	0-4-0	.222

(As of Feb. 22)

### ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	RQS
1	Oklahoma	197.705
2	Florida	197.440
3	Alabama	197.325
4	LSU	197.150
5	Michigan	197.065
6	Utah	197.020
7	UCLA	196.825
8	Auburn	196.720
9	Arkansas	196.460
10	Georgia	196.375
11	Boise State	196.330
12	California	196.235
13	Denver	196.210
14	Missouri	196.185
15	Nebraska	196.070
16	Stanford	196.045
<b>17</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>195.980</b>
18	Arizona	195.895
19	Minnesota	195.850
20	Oregon State	195.840
21	George Washington	195.765
22	Illinois-Champaign	195.710
23	Kentucky	195.670
24	Eastern Michigan	195.635
25	West Virginia	195.540

(As of Feb. 29)

### REGIONAL QUALIFYING SCORE:

Iowa is ranked No. 17 nationally with a Regional Qualifying Score of 195.980. This is the first week that rankings are determined by Regional Qualifying Score (RQS). RQS is determined by the six highest scores of the season -- at least three of which must be from away meets. The highest score is dropped, and the remaining five scores are averaged.

#### IOWA'S RQS

196.650 - home  
 196.375 - home  
 196.275 - away  
 196.275 - away  
 196.075 - away  
 194.725 - home  
 RQS: 195.980

### DRENTH LEADS THE GYMHAWKS AGAINST NEBRASKA:

- The GymHawks earned a season-high team score to defeat No. 14 Nebraska, 196.650- 196.350, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 6. The win marks the first time in 17 years that the Hawkeyes have topped the Cornhuskers.
- Drenth, a preseason Big Ten Gymnast to Watch, finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.925) and all-around (39.475), and finished second on vault (9.850) and bars (9.850) against No. 14 Nebraska.
- The junior took the all-around title for the third consecutive meet and the fifth time this season with a career-high score of 39.475. Her score earned her a No. 10-ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance in the all-around.
- The Riverview, Florida, native set the pace for Iowa once again on beam, tallying a career-high 9.925 to earn first place overall. The junior's score earned her a No. 3-ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance on beam.

### IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host 2016 NCAA Regional competition, beginning April 2 at 4 p.m. (CT). The Hawkeyes last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009. Iowa has been selected to compete in NCAA Regional competition in seven of the last eight seasons.

Fans can purchase tickets by calling the University of Iowa Athletics Ticket Office at (319) 335-9323 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fans can also visit their website at [hawkeyesports.com/tickets](http://hawkeyesports.com/tickets) or at [NCAA.com/tickets](http://NCAA.com/tickets). Tickets may be purchased in advance, or the day of the meet at the north, west, and south entrances of Carver-Hawkeye Arena beginning at 3 p.m.

### UPSET IN CHAMPAIGN:

Eighteen top five finishes lifted Iowa over 21st-ranked Illinois, 196.275-195.125, inside Huff Hall on Feb. 13. The win marks the Hawkeyes' third upset victory of the season and the first time they have topped Illinois in Champaign, Illinois, since Jan. 24, 2009.

Nine GymHawks earned a total of 18 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.875) and all-around (39.300), third on vault (9.800), and fifth on bars (9.800) and floor (9.825). Drenth claimed the all-around title for the sixth consecutive meet.

### DOWN GOES NO. 25:

Fifteen season bests and a season high team score in every event helped the GymHawks upset 25th-ranked Ohio State, 196.375-195.025, on Jan. 23. The win marks the first time the Hawkeyes have topped Ohio State since February 6, 2010. The Hawkeyes' overall score is a season best for the team, replacing their previous high of 194.900 at Michigan State on Jan. 15.

Ten GymHawks earned a total of 15 season bests, while the team earned season high scores on vault (49.000), bars (49.175), beam (49.000), and floor (49.200) to highlight the competition. Senior Alie Glover paced the GymHawks with a trio of bests on vault (9.800), beam (9.825), and floor (9.900). Junior Angel Metcalf registered her own trio of bests on vault (9.775), beam (9.875), and floor (9.825).



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### GYMHAWKS MAKE HISTORY IN EAST LANSING:

Thirteen top five finishes lifted the GymHawks over Michigan State, 194.900-192.575, inside the Jenison Field House on Jan. 15. The win marked the first time the Hawkeyes topped Michigan State in East Lansing since Jan. 7, 2011.

Six GymHawks earned a total of 13 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on vault (9.775) and all-around (39.125), second on floor (9.800) and beam (9.750), and fourth on bars (9.800).

### HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcomed eight newcomers -- junior transfer Savannah Borman and freshmen Misty-Jade Carlson, Nicole Chow, Sydney Hogan, Maria Ortiz, Rose Piorkowski, Lexy Wadsworth and Tessa Walsh -- to the 2016 squad.

### METCALF, DRENTH NAMED TO BIG WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Mollie Drenth were recognized on the 2016 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List released on Dec. 10. Metcalf, who was also featured on the 2014 Big Ten Watch List, registered Iowa's individual season bests on beam (9.900 at No. 20 Ohio State, Jan. 24) and in the all-around (39.400 vs. No. 15 Illinois, Feb. 14) last season. She earned fourth on floor (9.900), 19th in the all-around (38.575) and 26th place on bars (9.825) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21, and was named to the All-Championship Team for her efforts. She ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional on April 4 with a fifth place finish in the all-around (39.175) and 12th place result on bars (9.800).

Drenth, a 2015 Big Ten All-Championship Team member, competed in every meet last season and owns Iowa's individual season best on uneven bars (9.925). Drenth earned the first Big Ten Event Specialist of the Week accolade of her career on March 16 after capturing an event title on bars (9.925) at the Big Five meet. Last season, the junior earned a second place finish on beam (9.900) and a ninth place finish on bars (9.775) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21. Drenth ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional where she earned ninth on bars (9.825) and eighth in the all-around (39.050).

### 5 GYMHAWKS NAMED TO ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM:

Five GymHawks received individual conference awards following the 2015 Big Ten Championship. Mollie Drenth, Alie Glover, Sydney Hoerr, and Angel Metcalf were all named to the All-Championship Team, while Opu Calucag collected the Sportsmanship Award. Iowa has only had one other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

### HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby enters her 12th year as head coach, and 16th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2015-16. In 2015, the GymHawks were selected for NCAA Regional competition, marking the program's seventh postseason berth in the last eight years. Five GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events, leading Iowa to a fifth place regional finish and a score of 194.475. Libby coached the GymHawks to a season high score of 196.500 at the Big Ten Championships -- the team's best championship team result since 2010. Iowa's performance also marked the highest team score for the program at the Big Ten Championships since March 20, 2004.

Under Libby, Iowa was ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks during the 2015 season. The GymHawks ended the season ranked No. 23 nationally, marking the program's first Top 25 ranking since 2012. Libby led sophomores Mollie Drenth and Angel Metcalf, junior Alie Glover, and senior Sydney Hoerr, to earn spots on the All-Championship Team. Libby is also responsible for the only other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive Twitter content live at every event this season via @IowaGymnastics. This feature gives die-hard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

Live Stats: [livestats.hawkeyesports.com](http://livestats.hawkeyesports.com)  
Facebook: [facebook.com/iowagymnastics](https://facebook.com/iowagymnastics)  
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YouTube: [youtube.com/iowagymnastics](https://youtube.com/iowagymnastics)  
Web Address: [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)

### UP NEXT:

The GymHawks travel will travel to University Park, Pennsylvania, to take on Penn State, Michigan, Rutgers, and Minnesota in the Big Five Meet on March 12. The meet is scheduled to begin at 12 p.m. (CT) inside Rec Hall.

The meet will serve as the Big Ten Qualifier and decides which session the teams will compete in and the rotation order for the Big Ten Championships on March 19 at the Devaney Center. The top three teams at each Big Five qualify for the evening session at 4 p.m., while the lower two teams will compete in the morning at 11 a.m.





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2015-16 ROSTER



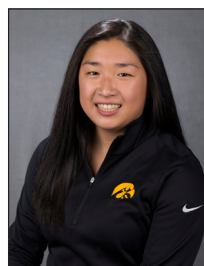
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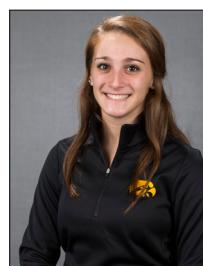
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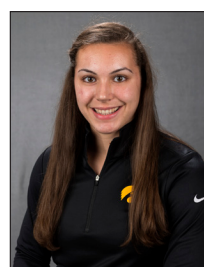
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Assistant Coach  
9th Season



Jennifer Green  
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