

# **IOWA FIELD HOCKEY**

vs. Kent State/Ball State - - Iowa City, Iowa

# 2012 SCHEDULE (10-4, 3-1)

8/25 at #13 Wake Forest ^	.W, 3-2 (OT)
8/26 vs. #2 North Carolina ^	L, 0-5
9/2 Missouri State	W, 10-0
9/7 at #16 Stanford	L, 2-3
9/9 vs. Pacific %	
9/10 vs. UC Davis %	
9/16#20 Albany #	
9/21 at #15 Michigan State*.	
9/23 at Central Michigan	W, 4-1
9/30# 18 Ohio State*#	
10/5 at Indiana*!	
10/7 at Louisville	L, 1-2
10/12 vs. #15 Drexel &	W, 3-1
10/14 at #7 Penn State*	
10/20 Kent State	12 p.m.
10/21 Ball State #	
10/26 Michigan*!	2 p.m.
10/28 Northwestern*#	
Big Ten Tournament (Iowa City	, lowa)
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11/2 Semifinals	1:30 p.m.
11/4 Championship	1:30 p.m.

### NCAA Tournament

11/14-15NCAA Tournament	TBA
11/16-18NCAA Championships	TBA

All games listed are central time

- ^ Big Ten/ACC Challenge
- \* Big Ten Conference Games
- ! Televised by Big Ten Network
- # Streamed live on BTN.com
- % at Stanford, Calif. & at University Park, Pa.

# **RANKINGS**

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No.	Team	Points
1.	*North Carolina (43)	1,047
2.	Princeton	950
3.	Syracuse (3)	893
4.	Connecticut (6)	875
5.	Virginia	823
6.	Maryland	796
2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	*Penn State (1)	768
8.	*Northwestern	660
9.	Old Dominion	622
10.	Northeastern	554
11.	Lafayette	452
12.	IOWA	446
13.	Boston University	308
14.	*Stanford	305
15.	*Michigan	302
16.	Boston College	227
17.	Richmond	183
	*Drexel	173
18. 19.		99
	Massachusetts	
20.	*Michigan State	98
21. 22.	*Ohio State	81
22.	New Hampshire	74
23.	*Albany	73
24.	Duke _	63
25.	*Wake Forest	62
* - 20	12 Opponent	

#### **THIS WEEK**

The 12th-ranked University of Iowa field hockey team will play its final two nonconference games of the regular season this weekend, hosting Kent State and Ball State at Grant Field. The Hawkeyes face Kent State on Saturday at noon, and Ball State on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both times are Central.

#### **ON THE NET**

lowa field hockey fans can watch the Hawkeyes and Ball State live Sunday on BTN.com, where the game will be streamed live. Fans can follow both games this weekend with live stats (Gametracker) on hawkeyesports.com. Click on the "Gametracker" link found on both the front page and the field hockey schedule page.

#### **WEEKEND PROMOTIONS**

Saturday's game against Kent State will be lowa's annual "Pink Game", as the first 100 fans will receive free pink t-shirts. A Hawks Nest Tailgate will be hosted Sunday. The tailgate will be free, offering pizza, drinks, and more. Fans will have a chance to win a pair of 2012 Big Ten Field Hockey Tournament tickets at both contests, courtesy of the UI marketing department. Iowa field hockey t-shirts will be thrown into the crowd during every home game this season whenever the Hawkeyes have a penalty corner and/or score a goal.

#### **SCOUTING KENT STATE**

Kent State owns a 6-11 (2-1 MAC) mark this season, including games against four Big Ten opponents -- Indiana (L, 5-3), Ohio State (L, 8-2), Northwestern (L, 8-0), and Michigan State (L, 4-2). The Golden Flashes are winless on the road, posting an 0-7 record. Kent State is led offensively by sophomore Julia Hoffman, who has registered team-highs in goals (12) and points (26). Sophomore Jahna Jordan has taken the decision in all 17 contests this season, posting a 4.57 goals against average and a .628 save percentage. Seventh-year head coach Kathleen Wiler and Kent State play at Missouri State on Friday.

#### **SCOUTING BALL STATE**

Ball State enters this weekend with a 3-12 (0-4 MAC) record, including a 1-6 mark in away games. The Cardinals have played two Big Ten teams this season, losing at Northwestern (8-0) and at Ohio State (9-1). Four individuals share the team-lead with five goals, while Maddi Elliott and Shelby Henley have split time in goal. Elliott paces Ball State with a 5.49 goals against average and a .636 save percentage. Second-year head coach Beth Maddox and the Cardinals host Miami (Ohio) on Saturday.

### **HAWKEYES-GOLDEN FLASHES ALL-TIME SERIES**

The Hawkeyes are 4-1 all-time against Kent State, including a 7-3 win against the Golden Flashes in the two teams last meeting on Sept. 2, 2011, at Grant Field. Iowa owns a 4-0 home record against the Golden Flashes, outscoring Kent State 22-8.

## **HAWKEYES-CARDINALS ALL-TIME SERIES**

lowa owns a 20-2 advantage in its all-time series with Ball State. The teams met in 2011, as the Hawkeyes downed the Cardinals, 5-2, in Muncie, Ind. The Hawkeyes have outscored Ball State 41-7 and are 11-0 in games played in Iowa City, including a 2-0 triumph the last time the Cardinals visited on Sept. 18, 2010.

### **GRANT FIELD A WELCOME SIGHT**

After playing 11 of its first 14 games away from home, lowa will play its final four regular season games at Grant Field. The Hawkeyes are 3-0 at Grant Field this season, collecting wins over Missouri State (10-0), Albany (2-0), and Ohio State (2-1). Iowa is 136-42 all-time in games played in Iowa City.

#### THREE-WAY TIE FOR FIRST

The Hawkeyes are one of three teams atop the Big Ten standing with a 3-1 conference record. Iowa is tied with Penn State and Northwestern, as each team has two league games remaining this season. The Hawkeyes fell to Penn State, 5-1, on Oct. 14., and will host Northwestern at Grant Field on Oct. 28

#### **PENN MONTO/NFHCA RANKINGS**

The Hawkeyes slipped one spot in the Penn Monto/National Field Hockey Coaches Association poll on Oct. 16, falling from No. 11 to No. 12. Iowa received 446 points. The Hawkeyes were one of five Big Ten teams to appear in the rankings. Ten Hawkeye opponents were tabbed in the poll, including three in the top 10 – North Carolina (1), Penn State (7), and Northwestern (8).

### NCAA FIELD HOCKEY RPI RANKINGS

lowa is currently tabbed 12th in the NCAA RPI rankings, which were last released Oct. 16. Five Big Ten teams ranked in the top 25, as were eight Hawkeye opponents. Iowa opponents claimed the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, as North Carolina holds the top spot, followed by Penn State.

## **BIG TEN STANDINGS**

	Conf.	Over.
Northwestern	3-1	14-2
Penn State	3-1	12-3
IOWA	3-1	10-4
Michigan	2-2	9-5
Michigan State	2-2	9-7
Ohio State	1-3	9-6
Indiana	0-4	8-6

### **2012 ROSTER**

1	Geena Lesiak	Sr.
2	Aubrey Coleman	Jr.
5	Sarah Drake	Sr.
6	Corinne Allen	So.
8	Jessica Barnett	Sr.
9	Natalie Cafone	Fr.
10	Sara Watro	So.
11	Brynn Gitt	So.
12	Kelsey Mitchell	Jr.
13	Marisa Miro	Fr.
14	Marike Stribos	Jr.
16	Sarah Pedrick	Sr.
17	Danielle Peirson	So.
18	Karli Johansen	Jr.
19	Dani Hemeon	So.
21	Isabella Licciardello	Fr.
23	Anna Haley	Fr.
28	Kelsey Boyce	Sr.
31	Kathleen McGraw	Sr.
49	Niki Schultheis	Jr.
54	Liz Leh	Fr.

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### **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 Kyle Soldwisch of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 2:30-5 p.m. at Grant Field.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Kyle of the sports information office. Please contact Kyle (319-335-9411) so that he may set a time which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

#### **SCHNEPF RETURNS TO IOWA CITY**

Former lowa standout Heather Schnepf returns to lowa City this weekend, as she is in her third season as an assistant coach for Kent State. Schnepf competed in 71 games for the Hawkeyes from 2003-06, leading lowa to the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and 2006. She became the third player in Big Ten history to win Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year in back-to-back seasons, earning the award in 2005 and 2006. The Medford Lakes, N.J., native's coaching career began at lowa, as she served as a student assistant coach in 2007 under head coach Tracey Griesbaum.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

Senior Geena Lesiak, junior Kelsey Mitchell, and sophomore Corinne Allen will compete against a former high school teammate when the lowa faces Kent State on Saturday. Kent State junior Alyssa McFerren attended the same high school, Eastern Regional (N.J.), as the Hawkeye trio.

#### **LAST TIME OUT**

The Hawkeyes posted a 1-1 record in their final road trip of the regular season last weekend. Iowa opened the trip with a 3-1 victory of No. 15 Drexel on Oct. 12, as three different Hawkeyes scored first half goals. The Hawkeyes concluded the trip against seventh-ranked Penn State, falling 5-1. Both games were played in University Park, Pa., at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex.

#### **PLAYING THE BEST**

The Hawkeyes have faced eight nationally ranked opponents this season, posting a 5-3 record. It is the most ranked opponents lowa has defeated in a single season since 2008, when they beat nine.

#### **PLAYING THEM CLOSE**

Seven of the lowa's 14 contests this season have been decided by a one goal margin. The Hawkeyes are 5-2 in such games this season.

### **MCGRAW ECLIPSES 300**

Senior Kathleen McGraw became the fifth goal-keeper in program history to collect 300-plus career saves, eclipsing the mark Oct. 12 against Drexel. McGraw's career save total currently sits at 315. The Atherton, Calif., native passed Lissa Munley (292 career saves) for fifth all-time in career saves on Oct. 7 against Louisville. Associate head coach Lisa Cellucci holds the lowa saves record with 592 stops. Below is the top five in all-time saves at lowa.

### **Iowa Career All-Time Saves:**

- 1. Lisa Cellucci 592
- 2. Donna Lee 492
- 3. Andrea Wieland 472
- 4. Barb Weinberg 371
- 5. Kathleen McGraw 315

#### **IOWA OPENS BIG TEN PLAY 3-0**

The Hawkeyes opened Big Ten play 3-0 for the first time ever under head coach Tracey Griesbuam, posting wins over Michigan State (1-0), Ohio State (2-1), and Indiana (2-1 OT). Iowa last began league play 3-0 in 1999.

# **GRIESBAUM COLLECTS WIN** NO. 150

Head coach Tracey Griesbaum collected her 150th win at Iowa when the Hawkeyes defeated Ohio State, 2-1, on Sept. 30. Griesbaum became the third coach in program history to win 150 games, joining Beth Beglin (199) and Judith Davidson (185). Griesbaum is 152-96 at Iowa, and 165-117 overall.

# HAWKEYES GETTING THEIR OPPORTUNITIES

lowa is one of the Big Ten's best at getting scoring opportunities. The Hawkeyes rank third in the Big Ten in shots (257), shots per game (18.36), and penalty corners (117). In conference games only, lowa ranks second in all three categories.

#### MCGRAW HOLDS FOUR SCORELESS

Senior Kathleen McGraw has posted four shutouts this season, holding Missouri State (10-0), Pacific (6-0), UC Davis (3-0), and Michigan State (1-0) without a goal. McGraw ranks second in the Big Ten in shutouts and shutouts per game (0.29). McGraw has played every minute of the Hawkeyes 14 games, posting a 1.53 goals against average, ranking fourth in the Big Ten and 18th nationally. Thirteen of McGraw's stops came against Penn State on Oct. 14, the second-most in a single game by a Big Ten goal-keeper this season. The Atherton, Calif., native boasts a .753 save percentage, ranking fourth in the conference and 18th nationally.

### **DEFENSIVE DANDIES**

The Hawkeyes have three athletes ranked in the top-seven of the Big Ten in defensive saves. Senior Jessica Barnett has totaled three defensive saves this season, ranking third in the Big Ten and 15th nationally. Senior Geena Lesiak and junior Karli Johansen have both made one defensive save this season, placing them tied for seventh in the category. Barnett has made two defensive saves during conference play, leading the Big Ten.

# BARNETT TAKES TEAM-LEAD IN GOALS

Senior Jessica Barnett scored her team-high seventh goal of the season against Penn State on Oct. 14, striking at the 68:03 mark. Barnett has scored game-winning goals on three different occasions, ranking fifth in the Big Ten.

#### **LESIAK LENDS HELPING HAND**

Senior Geena Lesiak posted her third multi-assist game of the season Sept. 30 against Ohio State. Lesiak also had two or more assists against UC Davis (Sept. 10) and Missouri State (Sept. 2). Lesiak posted three assists against Missouri State, the most in a game by a Big Ten athlete this season, and the fifth-most in NCAA Division I. Lesiak has nine assists this season, ranking fifth in the Big Ten. The Voorhees, N.J., native also ranks fifth in the conference in assists per game (0.67).

# MCGRAW EARNS THREE B1G HONORS

Senior goalkeeper Kathleen McGraw has been honored as the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week three times this season, as she won the award back-to-back weeks Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 and on Oct. 2. McGraw is the first athlete in program history to win three Defensive Player of the Week honors in one season.

lowa earned the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honor four straight weeks from Sept. 11-Oct. 2, marking the first time in Big Ten history that a school has earned a specific weekly award (offensive, defensive or freshman) four consecutive weeks. Jessica Barnett won the award on Sept. 25.

McGraw earned her first accolade after posting a pair of shutouts during the team's West Coast swing Sept. 7-10. McGraw finished the weekend with 10 saves, a 1.29 goals against average and a .769 save percentage.

The Atherton, Calif., native received the honor a second time Sept. 18 after leading the Hawkeyes to a 2-1 victory over No. 20 Albany on Sept. 16 at Grant Field. McGraw made eight saves and had a .889 save percentage against an aggressive Great Dane offensive attack that had 15 shots and 11 penalty corners.

McGraw earned her third accolade after leading lowa to a 2-1 victory over No. 18 Ohio State on Sept. 30 at Grant Field. She made four saves, while facing nine Buckeye shots and five penalty corners.

McGraw has received the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week accolade four times in her career.

#### **BARNETT BAGS B1G HONOR**

Senior Jessica Barnett was tabbed as the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 25.

Barnett earned her first career Defensive Player of the Week accolade after leading lowa's defensive effort in road victories over No. 15 Michigan State (1-0) and Central Michigan (4-1). The Hawkeye back line allowed only 12 shots in the two games. The honor is the fourth of Barnett's Hawkeye career.

Last season, the Vancouver, Canada, native was a three-time Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week, earning the distinction on Oct. 11, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1.

# BEAMESDERFER COMPETES INTERNATIONALLY

Assistant coach Meghan Beamesderfer played for the U.S. National Team in the Electric Ireland Women's Champions Challenge 1 tournament in Dublin, Ireland on Sept. 29-Oct. 7. The United States went 4-2 at the Challenge, advancing to the championship game before losing to Australia, 6-1. Beamesderfer was one of 16 athletes chosen for the Champions Challenge, and was joined by former Hawkeye All-American Lauren Pfeiffer on the squad. Pfieffer scored four goals for Team U.S.A. during the tournament

# JOHANSEN PLAYS FOR TEAM CANADA

Junior Karli Johansen missed five games from Sept. 9-Sept. 23 to play for the Canadian Junior National Team in the 2012 Pan American Junior Championship, hosted in Guadalajara, Mexico. Johansen and Canada finished with a 3-1-1 record, winning a silver medal. It was Canada's highest finish in the Junior Pan Ams since 1997. The squad secured an automatic berth in the 2013 Junior World Cup.

#### **HAWKEYES SET TEAM HIGHS**

The Hawkeyes have set the team high totals in goals and shots for the Big Ten this season. lowa set a team-high in goals (10) Sept. 2 against Missouri State. The 10 goals are the

fourth highest total in the NCAA this season. Iowa fired 44 shots against Pacific on Sept. 9, the most by any team in the conference this season. The Hawkeyes set the team-high for shots in a Big Ten game when they posted 32 shots against Indiana on Oct. 5. In addition, Iowa the only team in the Big Ten to hold an opponent without a shot for an entire game this season, as Missouri State did not attempt a shot against the Hawkeyes on Sept. 2.

#### **COLEMAN NOTCHES HAT TRICK**

Junior Aubrey Coleman tallied a hat trick in the Hawkeyes' 6-0 victory over Pacific on Sept. 9. All three goals were unassisted, as Coleman scored during the 16th, 50th, and 53rd minutes. It was the first hat trick of Coleman's career. It was the Hawkeyes first hat trick since Jessica Barnett scored three goals in a 5-2 win against Ball State on Oct. 28, 2011.

#### MITCHELL, HEMEON SCORE TWO

Junior Kelsey Mitchell and sophomore Dani Hemeon both registered the first multi-goal games of their Hawkeye careers this season. Mitchell scored two goals against No. 20 Albany on Sept. 16, finding the goal at the 3:26 mark and the 37:40 mark. Hemeon scored twice Sept. 10 against UC Davis. Both goals were scored via penalty corners, with the first coming at the 5:39 mark and the second at the 53:00 mark.

### CAFONE GETS ON THE BOARD

Freshman Natalie Cafone scored the first two goals of her Hawkeye career against Missouri State on Sept. 2. Her first collegiate goal came at the 20:45 mark of the first half via a Geena Lesiak assist. Cafone added her second goal at the 40:20 mark.

### **TEAM CAPTAINS**

Seniors Jessica Barnett and Kathleen McGraw are serving as team captains for the Hawkeyes in 2012. Barnett and McGraw were both team captains in 2011.

### **ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

- The Hawkeyes have 21 student-athletes on their roster; five freshmen, five sophomores, five juniors and six seniors.
- Seven Hawkeyes hail from New Jersey, four from Pennsylvania, two from California and Canada, and one from Belgium, Delaware, Germany, Maryland, Michigan, and Virginia.
- Five members of the lowa roster were also teammates in high school. Corinne Allen, Geena Lesiak and Kelsey Mitchell all played at Eastern Regional High School in New Jersey, while Jessica Barnett and Karli Johansen competed for Handsworth Secondary School in North Vancouver, Canada.

# TCHOU INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Former Hawkeye Liz Tchou officially became a member of the National Iowa Varsity Club Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 14. She was joined by four other former Iowa athletes in the 2012 class, the 24th class to be inducted. Tchou was honored at halftime of Iowa's game against Albany on Sept. 16. She was also recognized at halftime of Iowa's football game against Northern Iowa on Sept. 15.

Tchou was a standout at lowa from 1984-1987, becoming the first female in lowa history to have her number retired. Tchou led the Hawkeyes to the 1986 National Championship, as she paced lowa with 15 goals. She was a first team All-American in 1987 after leading the team in goals (30) and points (65). Tchou scored 75 career goals, a mark that still stands fifth in the lowa record books. She was a four-time All-Big Ten Conference MVP. Tchou was also a two-time Big Ten Medal of Honor recipient at lowa. Following her Hawkeye career, she played for the U.S. Women's National Team from 1989-95 and was a member of the 1996 Olympic Team. She is currently the Youth Development Manager for U.S.A. Field Hockey.

# HAWKEYES TO HOST BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

lowa will host the Big Ten Tournament at Grant Field in 2012. The tournament will begin with first round play on Nov. 1, followed by semifinal action on Nov. 2 and the championship game on Nov. 4. The Hawkeyes will host the conference tournament at Grant Field for a third time in 2012. lowa City previously hosted the event in 1997 and 2005.

#### **THE HAWKEYES ON BTN**

Six University of Iowa field hockey regular season contests will be available via live coverage during the 2012 season. Two Hawkeye games will be televised on BTN, while four contests will be streamed on BTN.com. All seven games at the 2012 Big Ten Tournament at Grant Field will also feature live coverage. Iowa hosts the tournament Nov. 1-4. Below is a complete list of the Iowa broadcast schedule:

- 2012 Iowa Live Coverage Schedule
  - Sept. 16 vs. Albany (BTN.com) Sept. 30 - vs. Ohio State (BTN.com)
  - Oct. 5 at Indiana (BTN)
  - Oct. 21 vs. Ball State (BTN.com)
  - Oct. 26 vs. Michigan (BTN)
  - Oct. 28 vs. Northwestern (BTN.com)
- 2012 Big Ten Tournament (lowa City, lowa)
  - Nov. 1 First Round 3 Games (BTN.com)
  - Nov. 2 Semifinals (BTN)
  - Nov. 4 Championship (BTN)

#### **FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES**

Become fans of the official lowa Field Hockey fan page by going to **facebook.com/io-wafieldhockey** to follow the Hawkeyes on Facebook. Fans can also follow the Black and Gold on Twitter at **twitter.com/iowafield-hockey**.

#### **UP NEXT**

lowa closes out conference play and its regular season next weekend at Grant Field. The Hawkeyes host No. 15 Michigan on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m., and No. 8 Northwestern on Oct. 28 at noon. Iowa and Michigan will be televised live on the Big Ten Network, while Iowa and Northwestern will be streamed live at BTN.com. All times are Central.