



# University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. Central Michigan - Aug. 26, 7 p.m.  
vs. Saint Louis - Aug. 27, 12:30 p.m.  
vs. Marquette - Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

Aug. 23, 2011

## Iowa Hawkeyes

0-0, 0-0



Central Michigan  
Chippewas  
0-0, 0-0

Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa



Saint Louis  
Billikens  
0-0, 0-0

Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa



Marquette  
Golden Eagles  
0-0, 0-0

Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa

### FIRST SERVE

The University of Iowa volleyball team opens the 2011 season Friday and Saturday hosting Central Michigan, Marquette and Saint Louis at the Hawkeye Challenge. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for youth 18 and younger and UI students with a valid ID.

### HAWKEYE CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Aug. 26

4:30 p.m. Marquette vs. Saint Louis  
7 p.m. Iowa vs. Central Michigan

#### Saturday, Aug. 27

10 a.m. Central Michigan vs. Marquette  
12:30 p.m. Iowa vs. Saint Louis  
4:30 p.m. Saint Louis vs. Central Michigan  
7 p.m. Iowa vs. Marquette

### 2011 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>8/26-27</b>	<b>Hawkeye Challenge (Iowa City, Iowa)</b>	
<b>8/26</b>	Central Michigan	7 p.m.
<b>8/27</b>	Saint Louis	12:30 p.m.
<b>8/27</b>	Marquette	7 p.m.
<b>9/2-3</b>	<b>Iowa State Challenge (Ames, Iowa)</b>	
9/2	vs. Arizona State	11 a.m.
9/2	vs. Southern Mississippi	4 p.m.
9/3	at Iowa State	2 p.m.
<b>9/9-10</b>	<b>Iowa Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa)</b>	
9/9	Chicago State	7 p.m.
9/10	Loyola (Chicago)	12 p.m.
9/10	Oakland	7 p.m.
<b>9/16-17</b>	<b>Columbia Invitational</b>	
9/16	vs. Saint Francis (Pa.)	9 a.m.
9/16	at Columbia	6:30 p.m.
9/17	vs. Binghamton	9 a.m.
9/17	vs. St. John's	1:30 p.m.
<b>9/23</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
9/30	at Michigan	6 p.m.
10/1	at Michigan State	6 p.m.
<b>10/7</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
10/14	at Minnesota	7 p.m.
10/16	at Wisconsin <sup>^</sup>	1 p.m.
10/19	at Nebraska	7 p.m.
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
10/28	at Penn State	6 p.m.
10/30	at Ohio State	6 p.m.
<b>11/4</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/5</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
11/10	at Purdue	6 p.m.
11/12	at Indiana <sup>^</sup>	6 p.m.
<b>11/18</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/19</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/22</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/26</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

all times listed are central

<sup>^</sup>Big Ten Network (HD)

### HAWKEYE VOLLEYBALL - STREAMING ONLINE

Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com), where play-by-play voice of the Hawkeyes Ian Martin will call the action live throughout the season. Hawkeye All-Access, a subscription service committed to providing quality coverage of Hawkeye athletic events, will air the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series matchup vs. Iowa State (9/3), the Iowa Invitational (9/9-10), and every Big Ten match this season.

### OFFICIAL IOWA VOLLEYBALL BLOG - LIVE STATS

Live stats and live blogging will be available for every match throughout the season. A member of the Iowa volleyball staff will offer scoring updates and interactive content from the Official Iowa Volleyball Blog. Former Hawkeye Katie Kennedy and manager Melissa Brockway return in 2011 to host the live blog. Fans can also follow the action with live stats. Visit the Iowa volleyball page at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) for links to live stats, blogging and Gametracker.

### MARQUETTE

**Head Coach:** Bond Shymansky (41-21, 3rd season)

**2010 Record/Conference:** 23-9 overall; 11-3, 3rd (Big East)

**Top Performers:** Ciara Jones, Sr., 3.30 kps; Ashley Beyer, Sr., AVCA HM All-American; Julie Jeziorowski, So. 3.58 dps

**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 2-1/2009, Iowa, 3-1

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**Head Coach:** Erik Olson (99-109, eighth season)

**2010 Record/Conference:** 14-15 overall; 8-8 (6th, MAC)

**Top Performers:** Kaitlyn Schultz, Sr., All-MAC First Team; Catherine Ludwig, Sr., 10.4 apts; Jocelyn VerVelde, Jr., 52 total blocks

**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 2-1/2009, Iowa, 3-1

### SAINT LOUIS

**Head Coach:** Kent Miller (0-0, first season)

**2010 Record/Conference:** 19-13 overall; 11-4 (3rd, Atlantic 10)

**Top Performers:** Alyssa Deno, Sr., 3.37 kps, 2.68 dps; Andrea Beaty, So., 2.80 kps

**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 2-0/2010, Iowa 3-2



## 2011 Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Illinois	0-0	0-0
Indiana	0-0	0-0
<b>IOWA</b>	0-0	0-0
Michigan	0-0	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0	0-0
Minnesota	0-0	0-0
Nebraska	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-0	0-0
Ohio State	0-0	0-0
Penn State	0-0	0-0
Purdue	0-0	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0	0-0

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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](http://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 Chris Brewer of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS** - All player interviews are coordinated through Chris Brewer of the Iowa Athletic Communications Office. Please contact Chris (319-335-9267) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

## TEAM CAPTAINS

Seniors Megan Eskew and Mallory Husz will have been voted team captains for the 2011 season. In 2010, Husz led Iowa in kills per set (2.37) and ranked second in total blocks (93), while Eskew led the Hawkeyes in total attacks (800) and was one of three Hawkeyes to start every set. Eskew was also a captain in 2010.

## SEASON OPENERS

Head coach Sharon Dingman is 3-0 in season openers and 2-1 in home openers since taking over the Iowa program in 2008. Since 1977, the Hawkeyes are 22-12 all-time in season openers and 25-9 all-time in home openers. Iowa hasn't lost a season opener since 2007 (vs. BYU, 3-2).

## HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

The Hawkeyes host two preseason tournaments and make road trips to two others before beginning their 20-match Big Ten schedule. The entire 33-match schedule includes 16 contests against teams that appeared in the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Iowa will face Big Ten newcomer Nebraska Oct. 19 in Lincoln, Neb., and Nov. 22 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa will play a home-away series with every Big Ten team except Illinois and Northwestern. The Hawkeyes face the Illini once (at Illinois, Nov. 26) and the Wildcats once (at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Oct. 22). The Hawkeyes will make their first trip to Ames, Iowa, since 2008 when they face the Cyclones Sept. 3 in the first meeting of the 2011-12 Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series.

## GIANT SLAYERS

The Hawkeyes have defeated a ranked team in each of Dingman's three seasons. Iowa will have plenty of opportunities to continue that streak, as eight of their 2011 opponents appear in the AVCA top 25 preseason poll. Iowa's top 25 victories since 2008 include: vs. No. 18 Wisconsin (3-0, 2008); vs. No. 18 Michigan State (3-0, 2009); vs. No. 16 Michigan (3-1, 2010).

## BLACK & GOLD REPRESENTING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Sophomores Rachael Bedell and Bethany Yeager each earned the opportunity to compete for USA Volleyball during the 2011 summer. Bedell helped lead the Women's Junior A2-Europe Program to a gold medal at the European Global Challenge July 14-22. Yeager helped Team USA grab bronze in the International Junior Division of the USA High Performance Championships in Tucson, Ariz., July 26-29.

## WHO'S THAT GIRL?

The Hawkeyes have seven newcomers on this year's roster. They include sophomore transfer Grace Burns (5-9, DS) and true freshmen Erin Leppek (6-0, MB), Alex Lovell (5-11, OH), Megan Makuck (5-7, DS), Kari Mueller (5-7, DS), Alli O'Deen (5-11, OH) and Emily Yanny (6-2, MB).

## HAWKEYE IRONWOMEN

Senior Megan Eskew and sophomore Bethany Yeager started every match last season. Eskew led the team in total attacks (800) and Yeager led Iowa in digs (464) and digs per set (4.36). Graduated senior Becky Walters was the only other Hawkeye to start every match in 2010.

## ENJOY THE VIEW

The Hawkeyes retired the "North Carver" playing court last season. For the first time since 2004, Iowa will return to using the "full court" and fans will be able to sit 360-degrees around the arena. Black curtains will hang from the rafters to help create an intimate atmosphere and lower Carver's capacity from 15,500 to 8,517.

## HAWKEYE CHALLENGE HONOREES

Iowa has three players competing this weekend that earned Hawkeye Challenge honors last season. Senior Megan Eskew and sophomore Bethany Yeager were named to the 2010 all-tournament team, and senior Mallory Husz was named tournament MVP. Husz averaged 12 kills per set and 6.7 blocks per set to lead Iowa to the tournament title.



## Head Coach Sharon Dingman



Sharon Dingman was named the eighth coach in the history of University of Iowa volleyball March 21, 2008. In three seasons at the helm of the volleyball program, she has imposed a winning attitude and established a volleyball culture that has Iowa fans excited about the immediate future.

In 2010, the Hawkeyes used a nationally-recognized recruiting class to continue building a program that will in time ascend up the Big Ten standings. Iowa's four freshmen combined for 67 starts. The Hawkeyes started their freshman quartet four times, more than any other Big Ten school. Iowa kicked off the season with consecutive tournament championships and made program history by starting the season 3-0 for the second consecutive year.

In 2009, Dingman helped Iowa match the best start in program history by guiding the Hawkeyes to a 6-0 start. Iowa eventually became the first team in school history to start the season 7-0 on the road.

Iowa set season attendance records in two of the last three years, including averaging a school-record 1,632 fans in 2009, the 23rd highest total in the country.

In her first season she led Iowa to its most successful campaign in eight years. The Hawkeyes' 14 overall victories and six conference wins were the most by an Iowa volleyball team since 2000. Dingman also reached a personal milestone in her first Hawkeye season, recording career victory No. 350 Nov. 14 in a five-set victory over Northwestern.

Iowa re-established a home-court advantage in Dingman's first season, posting its first winning season at North Carver since 1998 and setting a program attendance record.

Dingman came 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. Illinois State reached 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. Dingman produced 21 all-MVC selections, including Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and two Freshman of the Year honorees.

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.

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.

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.

### HIGHEST HONORABLE MENTION

For the second straight year, Iowa's recruiting class earned Highest Honorable Mention honors from PrepVolleyball.com. The honor is bestowed to those schools that just missed being ranked inside the top 30. Iowa's seven-person recruiting class includes one sophomore and six freshmen.

### SPREAD ATTACK

Since 1990, when all three records were kept, the Hawkeyes had never had three different players lead the team in total kills, kills per set and total attacks in any single season. That changed last year when Becky Walters led the team in total kills (240), Mallory Husz led the team in kills per set (2.37) and Megan Eskew led the team in total attacks (800). Husz will attempt to become the first Hawkeye to lead the team in kills per set in back-to-back seasons since Catherine Smale performed the task in 2005-06. Smale was also the last Hawkeye to lead the team in total attacks in consecutive seasons (2005-06).

### BIG TEN GOES BIG IN PRESEASON POLL

The Big Ten is represented by seven teams in the AVCA top 25 preseason poll. Penn State was the preseason favorite for the fourth straight year. Conference newcomer Nebraska and Illinois join Penn State in the top 10 as the Huskers rank fifth and the Illini hold eighth in the poll. Other top 25 residents include Minnesota (No. 12), Purdue (No. 13), Ohio State (No. 21) and Michigan (No. 24).

### SEASON TICKET INFORMATION

Season tickets remain on sale through the UI Ticket Office. Season tickets are two-for-\$20 and include a complementary Hawkeye t-shirt. Contact the UI Ticket Office at 1-800-IA-HAWKS or visit [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) to place your season ticket order.

## 2010 Season Bests

### KILLS

Team: 63, vs. Southern Illinois, 8/28  
Player: 21, twice by Husz, last vs. Creighton, 9/4  
Opponent: 74, Wisconsin, 10/22

### ATTACK PERCENTAGE

Team: .250, vs. Green Bay, 8/29  
Player: .615, Walters vs. Green Bay, 8/29  
Opponent: .359, Purdue 11/5

### ASSISTS

Team: 66, vs. Creighton, 9/4  
Player: 59, Stevens vs. Creighton, 9/4  
Opponent: 72, Wisconsin, 10/22

### SERVICE ACES

Team: 7, twice, last vs. Indiana, 10/1  
Player: 6, Walters at Drake, 9/14  
Opponent: 8, Wake Forest, 9/3

### DIGS

Team: 100, vs. Creighton, 9/4  
Player: 33, Yeager vs. Creighton, 9/4  
Opponent: 85, twice, SIU (8/28) and Wisc (10/22)

### TOTAL BLOCKS

Team: 18, vs. Southern Illinois, 8/28  
Player: 11, Husz vs. Southern Illinois, 8/28  
Opponent: 15, Indiana, 11/6



## Iowa's Record When...

Three-Set Match:.....	0-0
Four-Set Match:.....	0-0
Five-Set Match:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-0
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set:.....	0-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set:.....	0-0
At Home:.....	0-0
On the Road:.....	0-0
At Neutral Site:.....	0-0
Day Match:.....	0-0
Night Match:.....	0-0
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Kills:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Kills.....	0-0
Iowa Has Higher Hitting %:.....	0-0
Opponent Has Higher Hitting %:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Assists:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Assists:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Aces:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Aces:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Aces:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Blocks:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Blocks.....	0-0
Wearing White Uniforms:.....	0-0
Wearing Black Uniforms:.....	0-0
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-0
In Central Time Zone:.....	0-0
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-0
In Iowa:.....	0-0
In Indiana:.....	0-0
In Illinois:.....	0-0
In Minnesota:.....	0-0
In Michigan:.....	0-0
In Missouri:.....	0-0
In Ohio:.....	0-0
In Pennsylvania:.....	0-0
In Wisconsin:.....	0-0
On Wednesday:.....	0-0
On Friday:.....	0-0
On Saturday:.....	0-0
On Sunday:.....	0-0

## 2011 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nikki Dailey	5-9	So.	S	Franklin, Wis./Franklin
2	Kari Mueller	5-7	Fr.	DS	Iowa City, Iowa/City
3	Mallory Husz	6-0	Sr.	MB	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Lewis Central
4	Bethany Yeager	5-7	So.	L	Brenham, Texas/Brenham
5	Lauren Friedman	6-0	Jr.	MB	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus
6	Paige Stevens	6-1	Sr.	S	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
7	Alex Lovell	5-11	Fr.	OH	Leonard, Mich./Marian
8	Chante'Thompson	6-3	So.	MB	Hurst, Texas/L.D. Bell
9.	Emily Yanny	6-2	Fr.	MB	New Berlin, Wis./Eisenhower
10	Megan Makuck	5-7	Fr.	DS	Atlanta, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic
11	Erin Leppek	6-0	Fr.	MB	Rochester Hills, Mich./Rochester
12	Tiffany Nilges	5-11	Sr.	OH	Tripoli, Iowa/Tripoli
14	Megan Eskew	5-9	Sr.*	OH	Schererville, Ind./Marist
15	Alli O'Deen	5-11	Fr.	OH	Iowa City, Iowa/West
16	Grace Burns	5-9	So.	DS	Geneva, Ill./Grand Valley State
22	Allison Straumann	5-11	Jr.	OH	Cary, Ill./Cary Grove
32	Rachael Bedell	6-1	So.	OH	Plano, Texas/Plano West

\* indicates redshirt

**Head Coach:** Sharon Dingman (fourth season; 34-59 overall, 13-47 Big Ten)

**Assistant Coaches:** Jason Allen and Ben Boldt

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Chad Nelson

**Director of Volleyball Operations:** Angie Boldt

**Manager:** Melissa Brockway, Michael Runde

## 2011 Coaching Staff

**Sharon Dingman** enters her fourth season as the head Hawkeye. She is joined by assistants **Jason Allen** and **Ben Boldt**.

Allen is in his fourth season as an assistant coach at Iowa. Allen was also promoted to the team's recruiting coordinator following the 2008 season. Allen previously served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Sam Houston State University prior to serving as the 16U head coach for the Texas Tornados club program in 2007.

Boldt enters his third season as an assistant coach at Iowa. Before joining the Hawkeyes, Boldt spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama. Prior to joining Alabama, Boldt served as a staff assistant for five seasons at the University of Nebraska. In his final season, the Cornhuskers finished 33-1 en route to the NCAA Championship.

**Angie Boldt** is in her fourth season as the Director of Volleyball Operations. She came to Iowa City in 2008 after serving as the Director of Volleyball Operations at Alabama for two seasons.

**Chad Nelson** is in his first season as a volunteer assistant. Nelson previously served as head coach at Illinois College, a Division III institution in Jacksonville, Ill.

