



# University of Iowa Volleyball

Aug. 21, 2012

## Iowa Hawkeyes (0-0)



Chicago State  
Cougars  
0-0  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Friday, Noon



South Dakota State  
Jackrabbits  
0-0  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Friday, 7 p.m.



Southeast Missouri  
Redhawks  
0-0  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Saturday, Noon



Valparaiso  
Crusaders  
0-0  
Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Saturday, 7 p.m.

### 2012 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
	<i>HAWKEYE CHALLENGE</i>	
Aug. 24	Chicago State	Noon
Aug. 24	South Dakota State	7 p.m.
Aug. 25	SEMO	Noon
Aug. 25	Valparaiso	7 p.m.
	<i>OAKLAND TOURNAMENT</i>	
Aug. 31	vs. Eastern Illinois	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Toledo	9 a.m.
Sept. 1	at Oakland	6 p.m.
	<i>IOWA STATE TOURNAMENT</i>	
Sept. 7	vs. Syracuse	10 a.m.
Sept. 7	at Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Eastern Washington	4 p.m.
	<i>MARQUETTE TOURNAMENT</i>	
Sept. 14	vs. Pacific	11 a.m.
Sept. 14	vs. Milwaukee	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Marquette	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Ohio State ^	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Penn State	6 p.m.
Sept. 28	Michigan ^	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Michigan State	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Indiana	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Purdue	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Minnesota ^	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Wisconsin ^	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Nebraska ^	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Northwestern #	2 p.m.
Oct. 24	Penn State #	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Ohio State	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	at Michigan State	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Michigan ^	6 p.m.
Nov. 9	Purdue ^	TBD
Nov. 10	Indiana	7 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Wisconsin	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Minnesota ^	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Nebraska	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Illinois	7 p.m.

All times listed are central

# - Big Ten Network (HD) ^ - BTN.com

### FIRST SERVE

The University of Iowa volleyball team opens the 2012 season Friday and Saturday hosting Chicago State, South Dakota State, Southeast Missouri and Valparaiso in the Hawkeye Challenge presented by Comfort Suites. All matches will be played on Mediacom Court inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for youth 18 and younger, and UI students with a valid ID.

### HAWKEYE CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, Aug. 24

- 10 a.m. Valparaiso vs. Southeast Missouri State
- 12 p.m. Chicago State vs. Iowa
- 2 p.m. Southeast Missouri State vs. South Dakota State
- 5 p.m. Chicago State vs. Valparaiso
- 7 p.m. South Dakota State vs. Iowa

#### Saturday, Aug. 25

- 10 a.m. Chicago State vs. South Dakota State
- 12 p.m. Southeast Missouri State vs. Iowa
- 2 p.m. South Dakota State vs. Valparaiso
- 5 p.m. Chicago State vs. Southeast Missouri State
- 7 p.m. Valparaiso vs. Iowa

### 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 throughout the season. Hawkeye All-Access, a subscription service committed to providing quality coverage of Hawkeye athletic events, will air the Hawkeye Challenge and every Big Ten match this season.

### PARKING INFORMATION - FRIDAY

Fans can park in the Carver-Hawkeye Arena lot at no charge beginning Friday at 4:30 p.m. and all day Saturday. Prior to 4:30 p.m. Friday, public parking is available at an hourly rate at the North Dental Lot, Newton Road parking ramp, and UI Hospital Ramp 3. Public parking is also available at no charge at the UI softball complex (Pearl Field), located at the corner of Highway 6 and 1st Avenue/Hayden Fry Way in Coralville.



## 2012 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**

## 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 Patrick Sojka of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily at 3 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS** - All player interviews are coordinated through Patrick Sojka of the Iowa Athletic Communications Office. Please contact Patrick (319-335-9411) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

## OFFICIAL IOWA VOLLEYBALL BLOG - LIVE STATS

Live stats and live blogging will be available for every match of the Hawkeye Challenge. A member of the Iowa volleyball staff will offer scoring updates and interactive content from the Official Iowa Volleyball Blog. Hawkeye manager Libbie Hillmer will 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.

### THIS WEEKEND'S PROMOTIONS - FRIDAY

Fans in attendance will receive free schedule posters and magnets. Hawkeye fans are also encouraged to show their ticket stub from the Chicago State match (Noon, Friday) to receive free admission to Friday's match at 7 p.m. The first 250 kids (12 and under) at Friday night's match will receive free back-to-school pencil pouches. In addition, the first 50 UI students with valid ID at the evening match will be awarded free pizza. There will be free food for students at each Friday match throughout the season.

### THIS WEEKEND'S PROMOTIONS - SATURDAY

At both matches, a Kids Zone will be available featuring giant board games. Hawkeye fans are again encouraged to show their ticket stub from the early match (Noon, Saturday) to receive free admission to Saturday's match at 7 p.m. The first 150 kids (12 and under) will receive a Hawkeye volleyball folder.

### CHICAGO STATE (Aug. 24)

**Head Coach:** Bob Eskew (3-61, 3rd season)  
**2011 Record/Away/Conference:** 3-28 overall; 3-10 away; 2-8 (Great West)  
**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 3-0/2011, Iowa, 3-0

### SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (Aug. 24)

**Head Coach:** Phil McDaniel (13-20, 2nd season)  
**2011 Record/Away/Conference:** 13-20 overall; 3-10 away; 5-13 (Summit League)  
**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 1-0/2009, Iowa, 3-1

### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (Aug. 25)

**Head Coach:** Julie Folliard (14-19, 2nd season)  
**2011 Record/Away/Conference:** 14-19 overall; 4-13 away; 12-9 (OVC)  
**Series Record/Last Meeting:** First Meeting

### VALPARAISO (Aug. 25)

**Head Coach:** Carin Avery (241-96, 11th season)  
**2011 Record/Away/Conference:** 20-15 overall; 7-8 away; 9-7 (Horizon)  
**Series Record/Last Meeting:** Iowa leads 1-0/1993, Iowa, 3-0

### TEAM CAPTAINS

Senior Allison Straumann and juniors Bethany Yeager and Nikki Dailey have been voted team captains for the 2012 season. Straumann, Iowa's lone senior, has appeared in 43 career matches. Yeager and Dailey both started every match in 2011.

### SEASON OPENERS

Head coach Sharon Dingman is 4-0 in season openers and 3-1 in home openers since taking over the Iowa program in 2008. Since 1977, the Hawkeyes are 23-12 all-time in season openers and 26-9 all-time in home openers. Iowa has not lost a season opener since 2007 (vs. BYU, 3-2).

### HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

The Hawkeyes host the Hawkeye Challenge and make three weekend road trips before beginning their 20-match Big Ten schedule. The entire 33-match schedule includes 18 contests against teams that appeared in the 2011 NCAA Tournament. Iowa will play a home-away series with every Big Ten team except Illinois and Northwestern for the second-straight season. The Hawkeyes face the Illini once (at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Nov. 24) and the Wildcats once (at Northwestern, Oct. 21).

### BIG TEN GOES BIG IN PRESEASON POLL

The Big Ten is represented by seven teams in the AVCA top 25 preseason poll, including four in the top 10. Both mark the most of any conference. Penn State leads the way at No. 3, followed by defending conference champion Nebraska (No. 4). Illinois, the 2011 national runner-up sits at seventh and Purdue is No. 9. Other top 25 residents include Minnesota (No. 16), Michigan (No. 23) and Ohio State (No. 24). Michigan State is receiving votes.



## Head Coach Sharon Dingman



Sharon Dingman was named the eighth coach in the history of the University of Iowa volleyball program on March 21, 2008. In four 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 2011, the Hawkeyes used their second of consecutive nationally recognized recruiting classes to continue building a program that will in time ascend up the Big Ten Standings. Four Hawkeye freshmen combined to start 59 matches, and those four freshmen combined with four sophomores to total 62-percent of Iowa's starting lineup. The Hawkeyes' youth flourished in the non-conference season, racing to a 10-3 record and a pair of tournament championships.

In 2010, 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. Iowa knocked off No. 16 Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 12 to mark the third time in as many seasons Dingman and the Hawkeyes defeated a top 25 opponent.

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. The Hawkeyes captured five conference wins in 2009, raising Dingman's two-year Big Ten win total to 11, the highest two-year stretch for an Iowa volleyball team since 2000-01.

Iowa set season attendance records in each of Dingman's first two seasons as head coach, including averaging a school-record 1,632 fans in 2009, the 23rd highest total in the country. Since 2008, the Hawkeyes have experienced nine of the school's top 10 all-time attendance figures, and 17 of the top 20. On November 11, 2009, the Hawkeyes eclipsed the 3,000 mark for the first time in program history when 3,102 fans saw Iowa host top-ranked Penn State. Four of Iowa's top 10 all-time attendance figures came in 2011, as fans continued to pack Mediacom Court at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in year four of the Dingman era.

Dingman led the Hawkeyes to their most successful campaign in recent memory in her first season at the helm. Iowa's 14 wins in 2008 were tied for the most since 2000, and its six conference victories are the most since 2000. Dingman guided the Hawkeyes to a ninth place finish in the competitive Big Ten Conference, which was the highest finish for a Hawkeye squad since 2000.

Dingman and the Hawkeyes set or snapped many streaks in a successful first season. Iowa won seven-straight matches, tying the fourth-longest winning streak in school history. The Hawkeyes also swept every opponent during the winning streak and won 15-straight sets. That was the longest set-winning streak since 1990. Iowa opened the conference season with wins over No. 18 Wisconsin and Northwestern, marking only the fifth time in school history that a Hawkeye team started 2-0 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes also had a winning record inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the first time since 1998.

The Hawkeyes also snapped conference losing streaks in Dingman's first season. Iowa defeated Ohio State for the first time in 39 tries, dating back to 1988. That win also broke an 18-match losing skid on the road in Big Ten play. Iowa's upset win over No. 18 Wisconsin snapped a 26-match losing streak against the Badgers, which went back to 1994.

Dingman set a personal milestone at Northwestern on Nov. 14 when she recorded her 350th career win in Iowa's five-set victory. Her career record stands at 381-293 in 21 seasons as a head coach.

### WELCOME

The Hawkeyes have six newcomers on this year's roster. They include sophomore transfers Alessandra Dietz (Loyola-Marymount, 6-1, MB) and Katie Kelley (Maryland, 5-5, DS), and true freshmen Julianne Blomberg (5-11, DS/OH), Kathleen Dailey (5-11, DS/OH), Erin Radke (6-1, RS) and Anne Yanda (5-11, S).

### HAWKEYE IRONWOMEN

Juniors Bethany Yeager and Nikki Dailey started every match last season. Dailey played in all 123 sets in 2011, while Yeager, an Academic All-Big Ten honoree, has only missed one set in her first two seasons at Iowa (228-of-229).

### RETURNING LEADERS

In 2011, sophomore Alex Lovell led the team in kills and became Iowa's first freshman since 2005 to surpass 300 kills in a single season, recording 312. Junior Nikki Dailey led the team a year ago in assists (1,152) and service aces (33). Junior Bethany Yeager led Iowa in digs (527) for the second time in as many years.

### HAWKEYE CHALLENGE HONOREES

Iowa has two players competing this weekend that earned Hawkeye Challenge All-Tournament honors last season. Juniors Nikki Dailey and Bethany Yeager were both named to the squad a year ago. In addition, Dailey, Yeager and Alex Lovell earned Iowa Invitational honors.

### YOU FROM AROUND HERE?

Three Hawkeyes on the 2012 roster hail from Iowa City: sophomores Kari Mueller and Katie Kelley, and redshirt freshman Alli O'Deen. Mueller competed at City High School while Kelley and O'Deen led West High School to the 2010 state title.

### REUNITED

Hawkeye sophomores Alessandra Dietz and Alex Lovell were high school teammates (2007-10) at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. The two led Marian to three division championships from 2008-10 and a pair of state titles in 2009 and 2010. Dietz and Lovell played club volleyball with Hawkeye sophomore Erin Leppek. The trio led the 17 team to a national title at the 2010 USA Volleyball National Championships and a fifth place finish at the AAU National Championships.

### GIANT SLAYERS

The Hawkeyes have defeated a ranked team in three of Dingman's four seasons. Iowa will have plenty of opportunities to continue that trend, as eight of their 2012 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).

### LIVE ACTION ON BTN

Ten Iowa volleyball regular season contests will be available via live coverage during the season. The Hawkeyes' matches against Penn State on Oct. 24 and at Northwestern on Oct. 21 will be shown on BTN, while eight other contests will be streamed on [BTN.com](http://BTN.com).

### SEASON TICKET INFORMATION

Season tickets remain on sale through the UI Ticket Office. Season tickets are two-for-\$30 and include a complementary Hawkeye t-shirt. Contact the UI Ticket Office at 1-800-IA-HAWKS or visit [hawk-eyesports.com](http://hawk-eyesports.com) to place your season ticket order.

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

Become fans of the official Iowa Volleyball fan page by going to [facebook.com/iowavolleyball](http://facebook.com/iowavolleyball) to follow the Hawkeyes on Facebook. Fans can also follow the Black and Gold on Twitter (@IowaVolleyball).





## 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
Equal Number of 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 BTN: .....	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

## 2012 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nikki Dailey	5-9	S	Jr.	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
2	Kari Mueller	5-7	DS	So.	Iowa City, Iowa (City)
3	Erin Radke	6-1	RS	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Lincoln)
4	Bethany Yeager	5-7	DS	Jr.	Brenham, Texas (Brenham)
5	Anne Yanda	5-11	S	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Holy Innocents' Episcopal)
6	Alessandra Dietz	6-1	MB	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Loyola-Marymount)
7	Alex Lovell	5-11	OH	So.	Leonard, Mich. (Marian)
8	Chante' Thompson	6-3	MB	Jr.	Hurst, Texas (L.D. Bell)
9	Emily Yanny	6-2	MB	So.	New Berlin, Wis. (Eisenhower)
10	Katie Kelley	5-5	DS	So.	Iowa City, Iowa (Maryland)
11	Erin Leppek	6-0	RS/OH	So.	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Rochester)
12	Kathleen Dailey	5-11	DS/OH	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles East)
14	Alli O'Deen	5-11	OH	RS Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa (West)
15	Julianne Blomberg	5-11	DS/OH	Fr.	Chanhassen, Minn. (Chanhassen)
16	Grace Burns	5-10	DS	Jr.	Geneva, Ill. (Grand Valley State)
22	Alli Straumann	5-11	DS	Sr.	Cary, Ill. (Cary Grove)
32	Rachael Bedell	6-1	RS/OH	Jr.	Plano, Texas (Plano West)

**Head Coach:** Sharon Dingman (fifth season; 45-81 overall, 14-66 Big Ten)

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

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Adam Rollman

**Director of Volleyball Operations:** Angie Boldt

**Managers:** Michael Runde, Libbie Hillmer

## 2012 Coaching Staff

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

Allen is in his fifth 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 fourth 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 fifth 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.

**Adam Rollman** is in his first season as a volunteer assistant coach. Rollman previously served as a student assistant at Nebraska Wesleyan in 2011 and a student manager for Nebraska in the spring of 2012.

