

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

March 30-31
at Indiana
April 1
at Purdue (DH)

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

23-13 Overall, 0-0 Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	W, 11-0 (5)
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	W, 5-2
Feb. 10	at Stetson	L, 3-5
Feb. 11	at Stetson	W, 4-1
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	L, 5-10
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	L, 1-5
Feb. 17	at #2 Arizona State	L, 3-4
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	W, 10-4
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	W, 5-2
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	L, 3-7
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	W, 3-2 (8)
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Woodstock, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	L, 5-7
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 2-0
Mar. 4	vs. Troy	W, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 4	vs. #24 Georgia Tech	L, 0-6
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. #23 California	L, 1-4
Mar. 9	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 2-1
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	W, 9-8 (10)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-1 (9)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 4-5
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	W, 4-0
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 9-0 (6)
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	W, 13-6
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-1
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	L, 3-8
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	W, 4-1
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	W, 9-2
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	W, 4-2
Mar. 30	at Indiana	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Indiana	1 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	11 a.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	1:15 p.m.
Apr. 3	Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
Apr. 13	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 20	Penn State	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	Penn State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
May 2	at Drake	5 p.m.
May 5	Illinois	12 p.m.
May 6	Illinois	1 p.m.
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 25-26	NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)	

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	35	.221	24	23	17	1	3	.279	11
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	Fr.	32	.365	15	19	2	0	0	.365	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	36	.438	28	53	29	8	12	.752	4
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	36	.267	9	28	12	2	6	.381	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	3B	R-R	So.	36	.327	18	36	21	3	8	.500	5
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	34	.356	26	26	9	2	0	.548	17
22	Lindsey Diggmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	23	.239	7	11	4	0	1	.261	8
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	36	.250	4	22	17	0	5	.307	3
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	36	.147	7	10	9	1	0	.191	8

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	6-1	7	5	4	1	1.13	76	16	49.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	8-6	15	7	2	0	2.72	106	69	103.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

IOWA OPENS BIG TEN PLAY

The University of Iowa softball teams open Big Ten play Friday when they face Indiana in Bloomington at 2 p.m. The Hawkeyes and Hoosiers will face off again Saturday at 1 p.m. Iowa then travels to West Lafayette, IN, for a doubleheader against Purdue starting at 11 a.m. Sunday. All times listed are Central.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

Iowa's final 31 regular season games will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeyesports.com. Jerry Kiwala or Rob Brooks will handle play-by-play commentary. The broadcasts are free and can be found in the Hawkeye All-Access section.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Iowa softball fans can follow the Hawkeyes every week with Gametracker at hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

McGLAUGHLIN POWERS IOWA PAST NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** hit a two-run home run to help Iowa defeat Northern Illinois, 4-2, Wednesday in DeKalb, IL. McGlaughlin hit a towering shot to straight-away center field with a strong wind blowing in.

After Northern Illinois took a 1-0 lead in the fourth, Iowa battled back to take a 3-1 lead in the sixth. Freshman **Taylor Leichsenring** scored the tying run, beating a throw from first base to home plate. McGlaughlin gave Iowa the lead with her home run.

Iowa tacked on another run in the seventh when junior **Emily Nichols** scored on an **Erin Riemersma** sacrifice fly.

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** picked up her sixth win of the season, throwing just over three innings of relief.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. MICHIGAN	0-0	25-5
2. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	24-6
3. WISCONSIN	0-0	15-7
4. ILLINOIS	0-0	20-11
5. IOWA	0-0	22-13
6. INDIANA	0-0	17-12
7. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	18-13
8. OHIO STATE	0-0	17-13
9. MINNESOTA	0-0	13-12
10. PENN STATE	0-0	12-12
11. PURDUE	0-0	17-21-1

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Friday, March 30

Iowa at Indiana

Illinois at Purdue

Michigan at Northwestern

Minnesota at Ohio State

Penn State at Wisconsin

Saturday, March 31

Iowa at Indiana

Illinois at Purdue

Michigan at Northwestern

Minnesota at Ohio State

Penn State at Wisconsin

Sunday, April 1 (DH)

Iowa at Purdue

Illinois at Indiana

Penn State at Minnesota

Michigan State at Northwestern

Wisconsin at Ohio State

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

IOWA WINS HAWKEYE CLASSIC

Iowa claimed its own tournament title with a 4-0 record last weekend at the Hawkeye Classic. The Hawkeyes defeated South Dakota State (4-1), North Dakota State (3-0), Ball State (9-2) and Northern Illinois (2-0).

SUPER SOPHOMORES VS. NDSU

Four sophomores led Iowa to a 3-0 win over North Dakota State last Saturday.

Erin Riemersma and Rachel West each hit home runs against the Bison. Riemersma's long ball plated Colleen McGlaughlin, who singled earlier in the inning.

Brittany Weil threw a complete game shutout, striking out 10 and walking zero.

McGLAUGHLIN HEATS UP AT PEARL

Sophomore Colleen McGlaughlin batted .583 (7-12) with two doubles, two RBI and three runs scored at the Hawkeye Classic last weekend.

McGlaughlin played both second and third base last weekend.

WEIL RETURNS TO FORM

Sophomore pitcher Brittany Weil threw 21 innings without giving up an earned run in three games pitched at the Hawkeye Classic. Weil tossed three complete games and two shutouts while striking out 28 and walking only three.

The Garden Grove, CA, native is 6-1 with a 1.13 ERA since returning to the lineup March 13. She has four double-digit strikeout performances, including a career-high 15 K's against BYU.

NICHOLS TIES HOME RUN MARK

Junior Emily Nichols tied Iowa's career home run record with a solo home run against BYU on March 15.

Nichols is tied with former Hawkeye Alicia Gerlach, who hit 29 career home runs from 1999-02.

Nichols set Iowa's single-season home run mark with 16 long balls as a freshman along with five as a sophomore. She currently has eight home runs this season.

NICHOLS VS. THIS WEEKEND'S PITCHERS

Junior Emily Nichols has only faced one pitcher scheduled to throw this weekend. Nichols went 0-2 against Purdue's Brooke Baker as a freshman in 2005.

LEADING...EVERYTHING

Junior Emily Nichols leads the Hawkeyes in virtually every offensive category. Her team-best numbers include at bats (121), runs (28), hits (53), doubles (12), home runs (8), RBI (29), total bases (91), slugging percentage (.752) and on-base percentage (.474).

LEICHSENRING EARNS STARTING SPOT

Freshman Taylor Leichsenring started in right field the past 14 games. She is batting .396 with one RBI and eight runs scored since moving to the starting role.

NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP

Sophomore Rachel West has come on strong in recent weeks.

West tallied a triple in three-straight games at the Buzz Classic and tallied four of her eight RBI at the NIST. She also hit her first career home run against San Jose State at the NIST.

The Burlington, IA, native collected 10 hits, including another triple, three RBI and seven runs scored against Colorado State and at the Capital Classic.

West belted her second home run of the season and collected four hits at the Hawkeye Classic last weekend.

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 69 bases this season. Sophomore Rachel West leads the team with 17 stolen bases followed by sophomore Erin Riemersma with 11.

Sophomore Lindsey Digmann and senior Mindy Heidgerken have not been thrown out this season. Digmann and Heidgerken are a perfect 8-8.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes are outscoring their opponents 37-16 in the first inning and 24-5 in the fifth inning of games this season.

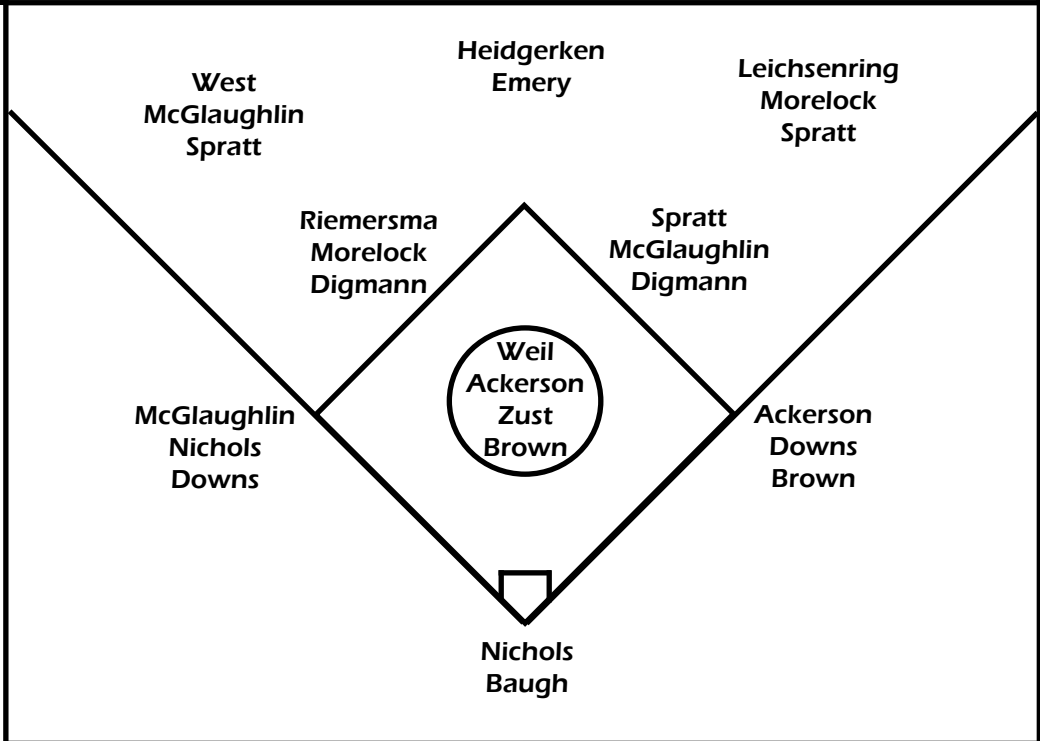
Iowa is outscoring its opponents in every inning except the third and ninth innings.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior Emily Nichols' school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped last weekend at the Capital Classic. Nichols failed to collect a hit against Mercer on March 16, ending her streak at 28 games.

Her 28-game hitting streak is also the seventh longest in NCAA history.

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 KATIE BROWN
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 6 RACHEL WEST
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY
- 10 TAYLOR LEICHSENRING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



ACKERSON THROWS NO-HITTER IN OPENER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** took full advantage of her first career start in the circle, tossing a five-inning no-hitter in Iowa's season opener against Howard. The Clive, IA, native allowed only four Howard baserunners and struck out five.

Prior to the start against Howard, Ackerson had only thrown 11 innings in relief.

IOWA EXTENDS BLEVINS' CONTRACT

University of Iowa Athletic Director Gary Barta announced that **Gayle Blevins'** contract has been extended thru June 30, 2011.

Blevins is the all-time winningest coach in Iowa softball history and has led the Hawkeyes to four College World Series appearances, five Big Ten regular season titles and two Big Ten Tournament championships.

HAWKEYES ADD FIVE FRESHMEN

Iowa welcomes a class of five freshmen to the 2007 squad. **Katie Brown**, **Lindsey Digmann**, **Taylor Leichsenring**, and **Amanda Zust** hail from Iowa while walk-on **Heidi Daumen** is from Illinois.

Brown and Zust will see time in the circle while Digmann will play second base. Leichsenring is an outfielder and Daumen is a utility player who can catch or play first base.

IOWA ADDS TWO NEW COACHES

Jen Fried and **Stacy May** are new members of the Iowa coaching staff. Fried is a volunteer assistant and May is a student assistant.

Fried joins the staff from Swarthmore College in Media, PA, where she was an assistant coach from 2005-06. Her duties included designing and implementing daily practices for outfielders along with batting instruction.

Fried played both softball and soccer at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named the Centennial Conference Softball Player of the Year in 2004 and was an all-conference selection from 2001-04.

May was a four-year letterwinner at both third base and shortstop for Iowa from 2003-06. She was named both Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first team all-Big Ten in 2003. May was also a three-time NFCA all-Mideast Region pick and was a two-time *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America District 7 selection.

May was drafted by the Chicago Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League as the fourth pick in the second round in the 2006 draft. She earned the 2006 Nokona Rookie of the Year award and was also named to the all-NPF team.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	4-3
2-RUN GAMES	5-3
3+-RUN GAMES	14-7
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD	4-0
ON THE ROAD	3-2
AT NEUTRAL SITE.....	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	23-12
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	17-5
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	6-7
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	4-5
SCORING 3+ RUNS	19-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	19-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	4-12
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-3
WEIL STARTS.....	5-2
ACKERSON STARTS.....	7-4
ZUST STARTS.....	11-6
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	9-5
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	5-9
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	20-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-10
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	17-6
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	5-6
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	7-5
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	7-5
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	9-3
FLYING TO GAME.....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME.....	3-1
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	10-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	5-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	4-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA.....	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	6-1
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-2
ON WEDNESDAY	1-0
ON THURSDAY.....	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	7-4
ON SATURDAY	8-6

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	5
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 5
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT...6 (VS. GA TECH, CAL POLY)	
MOST AT-BATS.....	41 (VS. SAN JOSE STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST HITS.....	19 (VS. MERCER)
MOST RBI	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (TWICE, LAST VS. TROY)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (SIX TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS... 2 (VS. IDAHO STATE, UC RIVERSIDE)	
MOST STOLEN BASES	7 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	15 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (VS. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (VS. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	15 (VS. UC RIVERSIDE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	438 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	36 (5 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	36 (5 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	121 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	28 (NICHOLS)
HITS	53 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	12 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	8 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	29 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	91 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.752 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	13 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	3 (RIEMERSMA)
STRIKEOUTS.....	21 (ACKERSON)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.474 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	6 (THREE TIED)
STOLEN BASES	17 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	20 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.13 (WEIL)
WINS.....	9 (ACKERSON)
LOSSES	1 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	22 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	15 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	7 (ZUST)
SHUTOUTS	4 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	103 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	106 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE199 (WEIL)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 20th season as the head coach of the Iowa 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 and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005. In her 19 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 822-373-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,122-521-5 (.682). 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	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	23-13	.629
TOTALS						1,122-521-5	.682