



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

March 4-5
Coach B Classic
Carbondale, IL

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

6-6 Overall, 0-0 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
	Florida International	W, 1-0
Feb. 11	North Carolina	W, 3-2 (8)
	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 17	Illinois State	W, 9-3
	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
	# 2 Tennessee	L, 2-11 (5)
Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	2 p.m.
	Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	10 a.m.
Mar. 5	TBD	TBD
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 10	North Dakota State	3 p.m.
	San Jose State	9 a.m.
Mar. 11	TBD	TBD
Mar. 12	TBD	TBD
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State (DH) (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic	
Mar. 17	Jacksonville	12 p.m.
	Long Island	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	Nevada	12 p.m.
	California	5 p.m.
Mar. 19	Syracuse	11 a.m.
	TBD	TBD
Mar. 22	at Illinois State	4 p.m.
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
	North Dakota State	5 p.m.
Mar. 26	Ball State	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Illinois	6 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Illinois	12 p.m.
Apr. 2	at Northwestern (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 7	Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	1 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 16	Michigan State (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Drake	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Purdue	12 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Indiana (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	5 p.m.
Apr. 28	Ohio State	6 p.m.
Apr. 29	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 30	Penn State	12 p.m.
May 3	South Dakota State (DH)	4 p.m.
May 6	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 7	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 12-14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	9	.063	0	1	0	0	0	0.63	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	1B/C	R-R	So.	10	.259	2	7	7	0	3	.370	0
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	12	.300	6	9	4	2	1	.553	1
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	12	.412	9	14	1	0	4	.529	3
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	12	.138	1	4	7	0	0	.138	0
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	12	.267	5	8	8	2	2	.533	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	12	.270	8	10	8	1	1	.405	2
5	Jenna Spratt	LF	L-R	Jr.	11	.231	3	3	0	0	0	.231	2
or 22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	9	.125	0	1	0	0	0	.125	0
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	10	.190	3	4	1	1	0	.333	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	1B/C	R-R	So.	10	.259	2	7	7	0	3	.370	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	1-3	7	1	0	0	4.57	23	13	30.2
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	5-3	5	4	1	0	4.06	40	20	48.1

WEEKEND IN THE MIDWEST

The University of Iowa softball team travels to Carbondale, IL, this weekend to compete in the Coach B Classic, hosted by Southern Illinois University. The Hawkeyes face the Salukis Saturday at 2 p.m. and Northern Illinois at 4 p.m. Iowa will square off against Illinois-Chicago at 10 a.m. Sunday and the teams will then be seeded. The Hawkeyes will play at either 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. to close out the tournament.

RAINED OUT IN GEORGIA

Iowa played only two of its scheduled five games at the NFCA Leadoff Classic last weekend. The Hawkeyes fell to No. 14 Louisiana-Lafayette and to No. 2 Tennessee in the first day of competition.

Iowa was scheduled to face Florida State and participate in bracket play Saturday, but over two inches of rain fell in Columbus, GA. Tournament officials tried to schedule games for Sunday, but the facilities were too wet for competition.

RAGIN' CAJUNS SHUT OUT HAWKEYES

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** recorded Iowa's only hit in a 6-0 loss to Louisiana-Lafayette. The Ragin' Cajuns belted three home runs and recorded nine hits against the Hawkeyes.

2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. PENN STATE	0-0	7-3-0
2. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	8-4-0
3. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	4-2-0
4. MICHIGAN	0-0	4-3-0
5. PURDUE	0-0	8-6-0
6. IOWA	0-0	6-6-0
7. OHIO STATE	0-0	6-8-0
8. ILLINOIS	0-0	4-7-0
9. MINNESOTA	0-0	4-8-0
10. INDIANA	0-0	2-4-1
11. WISCONSIN	0-0	1-4-0

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

March 2

Michigan at Florida State

March 3-5

Iowa at Coach B Classic Carbondale, IL

Indiana at Chattanooga Tournament
Chattanooga, TN

Michigan at Sunshine State Tournament
Tallahassee, FL

Michigan St. at Sunshine State Tournament
Tallahassee, FL

Minnesota at Buzz Classic
Atlanta, GA

Northwestern at Worth Invitational
Fullerton, CA

Ohio St. at Alabama Tournament
Tuscaloosa, AL

Purdue at Worth Invitational
Fullerton, CA

Wisconsin at Buzz Classic
Atlanta, GA

Purdue at Bradley Invitational
Peoria, IL

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

LADY VOLS TOP IOWA

The Hawkeyes didn't have an answer for Tennessee all-American pitcher Monica Abbott in an 11-2, five inning contest. The Lady Vols recorded 11 hits, including two home runs for the win.

Senior **Stacy May** and junior **Sami Baugh** tallied hits in the contest, with May and freshman **Rachel West** each scoring a run.

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 24th in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll. The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) is updated every Wednesday.

SCOUTING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

The Southern Illinois Salukis are 7-1 this season.

Chelsea Petty and Jayme Wamsley lead the Salukis at the plate, each batting .421. Wamsley paces the team with seven RBI. Katie Louis is batting .308 and leads the team with two home runs.

Ashley Hamby is 4-0 with a 1.40 ERA inside the circle. She has started three games with one complete game and one shutout. Cassidy Scoggins is 3-1 with a 0.72 ERA and paces the team with 30 K's.

The Salukis are coached by Kerry Blaylock. Iowa leads the all-time series, 5-1.

SCOUTING NORTHERN ILLINOIS

The Northern Illinois Huskies are 2-2 this season.

Elyse Jamrozy and Randi Kreiter lead Northern Illinois' offense. Both are batting .375 with a run scored. Kelly Drozd is batting .300 with a team-best three RBI.

Lindsey LaChiana is 2-0 with a 1.50 ERA to lead the Northern Illinois pitching staff. She also has a team-leading 15 strikeouts.

The Huskies are coached by Donna Martin. Iowa leads the all-time series, 18-16.

SCOUTING ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

The Illinois-Chicago Flames are 1-4 this season.

Elizabeth Jacoby is batting .444 to lead the Flame offense. Cathy Joyce leads the team with two home runs.

Sarah Clynes is 1-1 with a 4.97 ERA inside the circle for the Flames. She also paces the team with 14 strikeouts.

The Flames are coached by co-head coaches Tom Gray and Sarah O'Malley Fisher. Iowa leads the all-time series, 3-1.

MAY CHARGES OFFENSE

Senior shortstop **Stacy May** leads the Hawkeyes in batting average (.412), at bats (34), runs scored (9), hits (14), doubles (4), slugging percentage (.529), walks (6) and stolen bases (3). May has only struck out once in her 34 plate appearances this season.

In addition, May is currently tied for fourth in career doubles (42) and tied for seventh in career hits (214).

FRESHMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hawkeye freshmen have recorded 13 hits and scored 17 runs so far this season.

Erin Riemersma has started all 10 games at second base while **Brittany Weil** has started five games in the circle. Both **Quinn Morelock** and **Colleen McGlaughlin** have started 10 games while **Rachel West** and **Callie Adreon** have appeared as pinch runners. **Lindsey Emery** has one plate appearance as a pinch hitter.

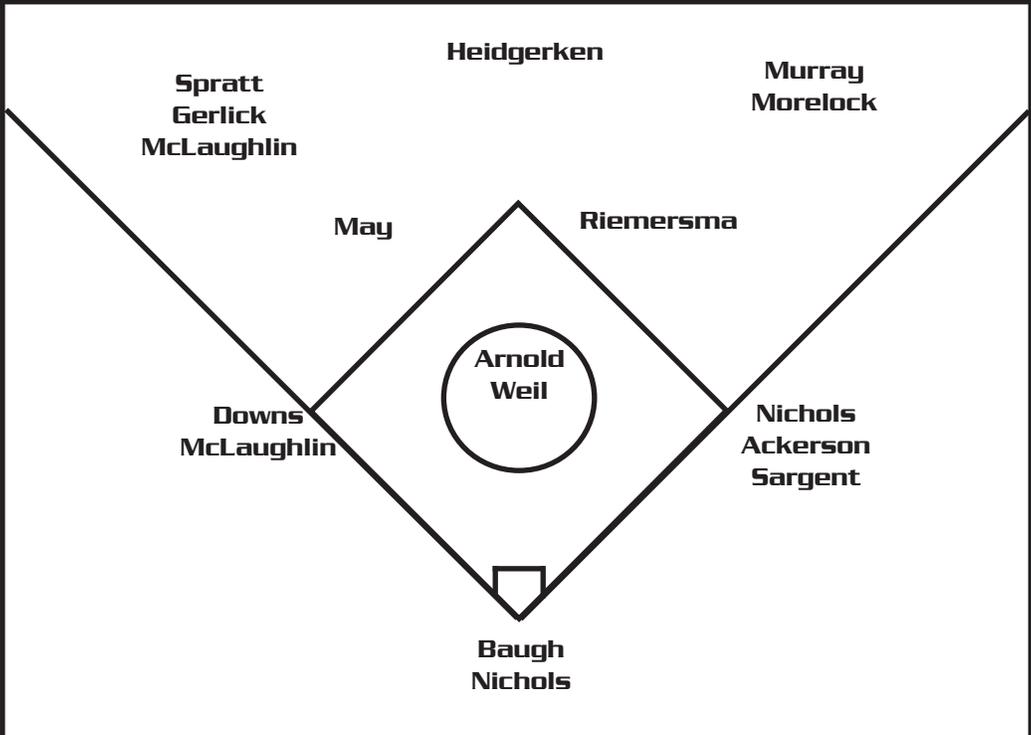
MAY SELECTED IN NPL DRAFT

Shortstop **Stacy May** was drafted by the Comcast Chicago Bandits, a member of the National Professional Fastpitch League (NPF). May was selected with the fourth pick in the second round. She was the Bandits' first pick overall.

May has started every game in her career so far at Iowa and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. She was

**Iowa Hawkeye
Softball**

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3 ALI ARNOLD**
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5 JENNA SPRATT**
- 6 RACHEL WEST**
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10 STACY MAY**
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13 SAMI BAUGH**
- 14 BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15 CALLIE ADREON**
- 17 KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22 EMILY GERLICK**
- 24 STEPH ACKERSON**



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



also named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003. She joins current Akron Racer **Kristin Johnson** as the second Hawkeye to be a member of the NPF.

ARNOLD MOVING UP

Senior **Ali Arnold** passed former Hawkeye player and assistant coach Debbie Bilbao for fifth on the career strikeout list last weekend at the Littlewood Classic. Arnold now has 492 career K's.

EARLY HONORS

Senior **Stacy May** and freshman **Brittany Weil** were both named to the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic all-Tournament team.

May batted .462 (6-13) with three doubles during the opening tournament while Weil went 4-1 with a 0.98 ERA and 18 K's in her first action as a Hawkeye.

HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players and coaches can visit pics.hawkeyesports.com.

SCOTT NAMED PITCHING COACH

Amanda Scott has been hired as Iowa's new pitching coach. Scott began her coaching career at Michigan State where she served as pitching coach from 2002-04. She then pitched professionally for the New York Juggernauts and led them to a National Pro Fastpitch championship in 2004 while earning league M.V.P. honors. Scott served as the Juggernauts pitching coach during the 2005 season.

Scott was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1997-00 and earned a gold medal at the 1998 World Championships. She was also an alternate on the 2000 Olympic Team.

Scott played at Fresno State and graduated as one of the school's most decorated athletes. She was named Fresno State's No. 2 greatest athlete of the 20th century and led the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Championship in 1998. Scott also received the NCAA Top VIII Award in 2001, which singles out eight NCAA student-athletes who demonstrate athletic success, academic achievement and community service.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	3-2
2-RUN GAMES	0-0
3+-RUN GAMES	2-3
EXTRA INNINGS.....	1-1
AT PEARL FIELD	0-0
ON THE ROAD	1-3
AT NEUTRAL SITE	5-3
DAY GAMES.....	5-5
NIGHT GAMES.....	1-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	6-1
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-5
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	4-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	2-5
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	1-5
ARNOLD STARTS.....	4-3
WEIL STARTS.....	2-3
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	3-1
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	3-5
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	3-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-4
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-0
IOWA HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	5-2
OPPONENT HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	0-3
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	2-1
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	2-2
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	2-3
FLYING TO GAME.....	6-6
BUSING TO GAME.....	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-3
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	0-0
IN IOWA	0-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN CALIFORNIA.....	0-0
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	1-1
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	3-3
ON SATURDAY	2-2

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	8 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST HITS.....	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE, TWICE)
MOST RBI	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST DOUBLES	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	3 (AT FIU)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	13 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	2 (THREE TIMES)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	11 (BY TENNESSEE)
MOST HITS ALLOWED ...	11 (TWICE, LAST BY TENNESSEE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.412 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED	12 (FIVE TIED)
GAMES STARTED	12 (FIVE TIED)
AT BATS.....	34 (MAY)
RUNS	9 (MAY)
HITS	14 (MAY)
DOUBLES	4 (MAY)
TRIPLES	1 (HEIDGERKEN)
HOME RUNS	2 (RIEMERSMA 7 MURRAY)

RBI.....	8 (HEIDGERKEN & MURRAY)
TOTAL BASES	18 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.533 (RIEMERSMA)
WALKS	6 (MAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	1 (FOUR TIED)
STRIKEOUTS.....	10 (REIMERSMA & HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.512 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	1 (THREE TIED)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	3 (RIEMERSMA & MURRAY)
STOLEN BASES	3 (MAY)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	4 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	4.06 (WEIL)
WINS.....	5 (WEIL)
LOSSES	3 (WEIL & ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT625 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	11 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	7 (ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES	4 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	1 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	N/A
INNINGS PITCHED.....	48.1 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	40 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE252 (ARNOLD)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th 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. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 766-344-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,066-492-5 (.685). 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	6-6	.500
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				