



University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. Chicago State - Sept. 9, 4:30 p.m.
vs. Loyola (Chicago) - Sept. 10, 12 p.m.
vs. Oakland - Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

Sept. 6, 2011

Iowa Hawkeyes

3-3



Chicago State
Cougars
1-7

Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa



Loyola (Chicago)
Ramblers
1-4

Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa



Oakland
Golden Grizzlies
4-2

Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa

2011 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
8/26-27	Hawkeye Challenge (Iowa City, Iowa)	
8/26	Central Michigan	W, 3-2
8/27	Saint Louis	L, 2-3
8/27	Marquette	L, 1-3
9/2-3	Iowa State Challenge (Ames, Iowa)	
9/2	vs. Arizona State	W, 3-1
9/2	vs. Southern Mississippi	W, 3-1
9/3	at Iowa State	L, 0-3
9/9-10	Iowa Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa)	
9/9	Chicago State	7 p.m.
9/10	Loyola (Chicago)	12 p.m.
9/10	Oakland	7 p.m.
9/16-17	Columbia Invitational	
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.
9/23	Ohio State	7 p.m.
9/24	Penn State	7 p.m.
9/30	at Michigan	6 p.m.
10/1	at Michigan State	6 p.m.
10/7	Indiana	7 p.m.
10/8	Purdue	7 p.m.
10/14	at Minnesota	7 p.m.
10/16	at Wisconsin^	1 p.m.
10/19	at Nebraska	7 p.m.
10/22	Northwestern	7 p.m.
10/28	at Penn State	6 p.m.
10/30	at Ohio State	6 p.m.
11/4	Michigan State	7 p.m.
11/5	Michigan	7 p.m.
11/10	at Purdue	6 p.m.
11/12	at Indiana^	6 p.m.
11/18	Wisconsin	7 p.m.
11/19	Minnesota	7 p.m.
11/22	Nebraska	7 p.m.
11/26	at Illinois	7 p.m.

all times listed are Central

^Big Ten Network (HD)

FIRST SERVE

The University of Iowa volleyball team returns home this weekend to host the Iowa Invitational on Mediacom Court inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes open tournament play Friday at 7 p.m. against Chicago State. Iowa plays Loyola (Chicago) Saturday at 4:30 p.m. before concluding the three-day tournament against Oakland Saturday at 2 p.m.

IOWA INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 9

4:30 p.m. Loyola (Chicago) vs. Oakland
7 p.m. Chicago State vs. Iowa

Saturday, Sept. 10

10 a.m. Chicago State vs. Oakland
12 p.m. Loyola (Chicago) vs. Iowa
4:30 p.m. Loyola (Chicago) vs. Chicago State
7 p.m. Oakland vs. Iowa

HAWKEYE VOLLEYBALL - STREAMING ONLINE

Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball at hawkeyesports.com, where play-by-play voice of the Hawkeyes Ian Martin will call this weekend's action live from Carver-Hawkeye Arena. An audio and video stream is available via Hawkeye All-Access, a subscription service committed to providing quality coverage of Hawkeye athletic events.

OFFICIAL IOWA VOLLEYBALL BLOG - LIVE STATS

Live stats and live blogging will be available for every match at the Iowa Invitational. 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 for links to live stats, blogging and Gametracker.

CHICAGO STATE (Sept. 9)

Head Coach: Bob Eskew (1-40, 2nd season)

2011 Record/Conference: 1-7 overall; 0-0 (Great West)

Top Performers: Alexandra Mason, Sr., MB, 2.0 kps, leads team with 24 total blocks.

Series Record/Last Meeting: Iowa leads 2-0/2006, Iowa 3-0

LOYOLA (CHICAGO) (Sept. 10)

Head Coach: Chris Muscat (1-4, 1st season)

2011 Record/Conference: 1-4 overall, 0-0 (Horizon)

Top Performers: Laura Purcell, Fr. OH, 3.12 kps, 2.24 dps

Series Record/Last Meeting: Iowa leads 3-2/2009, Iowa 3-0

OAKLAND (Sept. 10)

Head Coach: Rob Beam (54-67, 5th season)

2011 Record/Conference: 4-2 overall; 0-0 (Summit)

Top Performers: Meghan Bray, Jr. OH, 3.67 kps, 2.29 dps

Series Record/Last Meeting: Iowa leads 1-0/2000, Iowa 3-0



2011 Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Illinois	0-0	6-0
Purdue	0-0	6-0
Michigan St.	0-0	6-0
Michigan	0-0	6-0
Northwestern	0-0	5-0
6. Penn State	0-0	4-1
7. Nebraska	0-0	3-1
Minnesota	0-0	3-1
9. Indiana	0-0	4-2
10. Ohio State	0-0	4-3
11. IOWA	0-0	3-3
Wisconsin	0-0	3-3

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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 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.

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

Freshmen Alex Lovell and Emily Yanny have started every match this season. Lovell opened her Hawkeye career with a team-leading 14 kills in Iowa's win over Central Michigan. Her 16 kills against Arizona State is the highest kill total by any Hawkeye this season. Yanny recorded career bests in kills (15) and total blocks (6) in Iowa's 3-1 win over Arizona State.

FATHERLY ROAD TRIP

Bob Eskew, head coach of Chicago State, is the father of Iowa senior Megan Eskew. Megan is a fifth year senior who ranks second on the Hawkeyes in kills per set. Bob is in his second season as Chicago State's head coach after serving 22 seasons as head volleyball coach at Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, Ill. He led the Blazing Trojans to seven conference titles and a 389-109 overall record. Bob is a Chicago State alum.

DIGGIN' THE D

Sophomore Bethany Yeager leads the Big Ten with 120 digs. Her 4.80 average ranks No. 4 in the conference. Yeager picked up 4.36 digs per set last season, the fourth highest total in the Big Ten. Yeager picked up 30 digs in Iowa's 3-1 win over Arizona State, marking the fourth time in her career she has reached 30 digs in a single match.

BLOCK... HUSZ

Senior Mallory Husz has 31 total blocks in 2011, the second highest total in the Big Ten. Husz matched her career best with 11 total blocks in Iowa's 3-1 win over Southern Miss. The 11 stuffs are the highest single match total in the conference.

HAWKEYE IRONWOMEN

Six Hawkeyes recorded starts in each of the first six matches of 2011. They include Megan Eskew, Bethany Yeager, Emily Yanny, Mallory Husz, Alex Lovell and Nikki Dailey.

Eskew and Yeager started all 29 matches last season to run their streaks of consecutive starts to 35. Yeager has not missed a start in her collegiate career.

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).

ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS

Three Hawkeyes have earned all-tournament honors following the season's first two tournaments. Bethany Yeager and Nikki Dailey were named to the all-tournament team at the Hawkeye Challenge (8/26/27). Yeager and Megan Eskew earned all-tournament laurels at the Iowa State Challenge. Yeager has now been named to the all-tournament team in each of the four collegiate tournaments she has played -- others include 2010 Hawkeye Challenge and 2010 Marcia E. Hamilton Active Ankle Challenge.

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.

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.



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.

HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

The Hawkeyes' 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).

TEAM CAPTAINS

Seniors Megan Eskew and Mallory Husz 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. Both Hawkeyes have started every match this season.

BIG TEN GOES BIG IN AVCA POLL

The Big Ten is represented by seven teams in the Sept. 5 AVCA top 25 poll. Penn State, the preseason favorite for the fourth straight year, currently sits at No. 2 behind California. Illinois (No. 4) and Minnesota (No. 6) are also planted in the top 10. Other top 25 residents include Nebraska (No. 11), Purdue (No. 13), Michigan (No. 20) and Ohio State (No. 25). Michigan State is receiving votes.

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 to place your season ticket order.

2011 Season Bests

KILLS

Team: 59 vs. Arizona State (9/2)
Player: 16, Alex Lovell vs. Arizona State (9/2)
Opponent: 53, Central Michigan (8/26)

ATTACK PERCENTAGE

Team: .222, vs. Arizona State (9/2)
Player: .462, Nikki Dailey vs. Saint Louis (8/27)
Opponent: .319, Iowa State (9/3)

ASSISTS

Team: 49, vs. Arizona State (9/)
Player: 48, Nikki Dailey vs. Arizona State (9/2)
Opponent: 52, Marquette (8/27)

SERVICE ACES

Team: 5, twice, Central Mich. (8/26); Marquette (8/27)
Player: 3, Megan Eskew vs. Marquette (8/27)
Opponent: 11, Saint Louis (8/27)

DIGS

Team: 82, vs. Southern Miss (9/3)
Player: 30, Bethany Yeager vs. Arizona State (9/2)
Opponent: 85, Southern Miss (9/3)

TOTAL BLOCKS

Team: 15, vs. Southern Miss (9/2)
Player: 11, Mallory Husz vs. Southern Miss (9/2)
Opponent: 12, Saint Louis (8/27)



Iowa's Record When...

Three-Set Match:.....	0-1
Four-Set Match:.....	2-1
Five-Set Match:.....	1-1
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	2-2
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	1-1
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	2-0
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	1-3
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	2-0
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	1-3
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	2-1
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	1-1
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set:..	1-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set:	0-1
At Home:.....	1-2
On the Road:.....	0-1
At Neutral Site:.....	2-0
Day Match:.....	2-1
Night Match:.....	1-2
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	0-1
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	2-1
Opponent Has More Kills:.....	1-2
Equal Number of Kills.....	0-0
Iowa Has Higher Hitting %:.....	3-0
Opponent Has Higher Hitting %:.....	0-3
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	2-1
Opponent Has More Assists:.....	1-2
Equal Number of Assists:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Aces:.....	0-2
Opponent Has More Aces:.....	2-1
Equal Number of Aces:.....	1-0
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	1-1
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	1-2
Equal Number of Digs:.....	1-0
Iowa Has More Blocks:.....	2-0
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	1-3
Equal Number of Blocks.....	0-0
Wearing White Uniforms:.....	2-1
Wearing Black Uniforms:.....	1-2
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-0
In Central Time Zone:.....	3-3
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-0
In Iowa:.....	3-3
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:.....	3-0
On Saturday:.....	0-3
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, Ill./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; 37-62 overall, 13-47 Big Ten)

Assistant Coaches: Jason Allen, Ben Boldt

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.

