

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 20-21
vs. Penn State
April 22 (DH)
vs. Ohio State

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

31-17 Overall, 6-4 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
	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 10-1
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	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	at Indiana	W, 9-0 (6)
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 6-1
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 3	Iowa State	W, 2-1
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 0-5
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	Cancelled
Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 2-3 (10)
Apr. 14	Michigan	L, 0-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 6-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 7-2
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	W, 10-0 (5)
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	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.	47	.268	38	38	26	4	6	.394	15
10	Taylor Leichsenring	DP	L-R	Fr.	44	.322	17	28	5	0	0	.322	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	48	.425	32	68	42	10	14	.713	6
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Jr.	47	.283	12	39	22	4	10	.442	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	2B	R-R	So.	48	.331	20	49	24	3	13	.493	5
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	37	.299	7	20	17	1	3	.388	0
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	45	.347	31	35	10	2	2	.505	25
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	48	.194	11	19	11	1	1	.235	14
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	48	.226	6	26	17	0	5	.270	3

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	13-4	14	12	6	1	1.38	128	30	112.0
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	9-7	20	8	3	0	2.36	139	85	124.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

BIG WEEKEND FOR THE HAWKEYES

The University of Iowa softball team (31-17, 6-4) will host the top two teams in the Big Ten this weekend. The Hawkeyes face second place Penn State (21-13, 3-1) Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at Noon. Iowa and first place Ohio State (24-14, 5-1) will play a Sunday doubleheader starting at Noon.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule 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.

ROUT AGAINST THE PEACOCKS

Iowa hammered Upper Iowa, 10-0, in five innings Wednesday at Pearl Field. Freshman pitcher **Amanda Zust** tallied a career-high 12 strikeouts in five innings of work against the Peacocks.

Freshman **Erin Riemersma** and junior **Emily Nichols** each collected two hits and three RBI. A total of four Hawkeyes tallied two hits.

IOWA SWEEPS MICHIGAN STATE

The Hawkeyes picked up a pair of wins against Michigan State Sunday. Iowa won game one, 6-2, and game two, 7-2.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** finished a perfect 3-3, while junior **Stephanie Ackerson** went 2-2 at the plate in game one. Junior **Emily Nichols** also collected two hits.

Riemersma and junior **Summer Downs** each went deep in game two against the Spartans. Riemersma started the game with a line-drive home run in the first inning and Downs blasted a three-run home run to center field in the sixth.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. OHIO STATE	5-1	24-14
2. PENN STATE	3-1	21-13
3. NORTHWESTERN	8-3	33-10
4. MICHIGAN	4-2	33-8
5. ILLINOIS	5-3	26-16
6. IOWA	6-4	31-17
7. PURDUE	4-5	26-27-1
8. WISCONSIN	3-5	24-13
9. MINNESOTA	2-4	17-16
10. INDIANA	1-7	20-23
11. MICHIGAN STATE	0-6	22-21

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Friday, April 20

Penn State at Iowa

Michigan at Purdue

Michigan State at Indiana

Northwestern at Wisconsin

Ohio State at Illinois

Saturday, April 21

Penn State at Iowa

Michigan at Purdue

Michigan State at Indiana

Northwestern at Wisconsin

Ohio State at Illinois

Sunday, April 22 (DH)

Ohio State at Iowa

Michigan at Indiana

Michigan State at Purdue

Northwestern at Minnesota

Penn State at Illinois

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

MICHIGAN TAKES TWO FROM IOWA

The Hawkeyes lost two games against ninth-ranked Michigan last weekend. The Wolverines took game one of the series, 3-2 in 10 innings, and game two, 2-0.

Iowa took a 2-0 lead in game one off a home run in the fourth and an RBI single in the fifth, both by junior **Emily Nichols**.

Michigan tied the game in the seventh with a two-run home run by Samantha Findlay and took the lead for good in the top of the 10th with an RBI single by Maggie Viefhaus.

Freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**, junior **Summer Downs** and senior **Sami Baugh** were the only Hawkeyes to record a hit.

SCOUTING PENN STATE

The Penn State Nittany Lions are 21-13 overall and 3-1 in Big Ten play.

Danielle Kinley leads the Nittany Lion offense with a .430 batting average. She also has a team-best 24 RBI. Four players have at least three home runs.

Ashley Esparza is 10-7 with a 2.15 earned run average. She has pitched 107.1 innings and leads the team with 110 strikeouts. Jenn Reynolds is 10-5 with a 3.00 earned run average in 100.1 innings pitched.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 34-11.

SCOUTING OHIO STATE

The Ohio State Buckeyes are 24-14 overall and 5-1 in Big Ten action.

Sam Marder is batting .364 with a team-high eight home runs and 35 RBI to lead the Buckeyes at the plate. Ohio State has four players with a batting average above .300.

Jamee Juarez is 10-8 with a 1.89 earned run average and leads the team with 131 strikeouts in 115 innings pitched. Kim Reeder is 12-5 with a 2.53 earned run average and has 102 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 56-29.

BUSY WEEKEND FOR WEIL

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** appeared in all four games last weekend and threw 26.2 innings. She started the first three games and threw just over three innings of relief in the last game of the weekend against Michigan State.

Weil tossed all 10 innings against Michigan Friday. She threw 186 pitches with 125 crossing the plate for strikes.

She finished the weekend with 14 strikeouts and walked only two batters.

LUCKY NUMBER SIX

Iowa scored a total of six runs in the sixth inning against Michigan State.

The Hawkeyes plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth during game one of the doubleheader. Sophomore **Quinn Morelock** hit an RBI double, freshman **Taylor Leichsenring** hit a fielder's choice RBI and junior **Emily Nichols** roped a two-RBI double to give Iowa the win.

Iowa scored two runs off a Michigan State error in the top of the sixth in game two of the twin bill.

WEST AT PEARL FIELD

Sophomore **Rachel West** must like the friendly confines of Pearl Field. She is batting .409 (9-22) with one home run, one double and has scored nine runs in nine home games this season.

West is also a perfect 6-6 in stolen bases at Pearl Field.

RIEMERSMA HEATING UP

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** collected five hits last weekend, including a home run against Michigan State. She also scored five runs and stole two bases.

Riemersma went 2-2 with three RBI and scored three runs against Upper Iowa Wednesday.

She leads the team with 38 runs scored and is also first on the team with a .406 batting average in conference play.

WEIL BACK TO FORM

After missing the first five weeks of the season with a head injury, sophomore **Brittany Weil** is once again leading the Hawkeye pitching staff.

Weil ranks first among Hawkeye pitchers in wins (13), earned run average (1.38), complete games (12), shutouts (6) and saves (1).

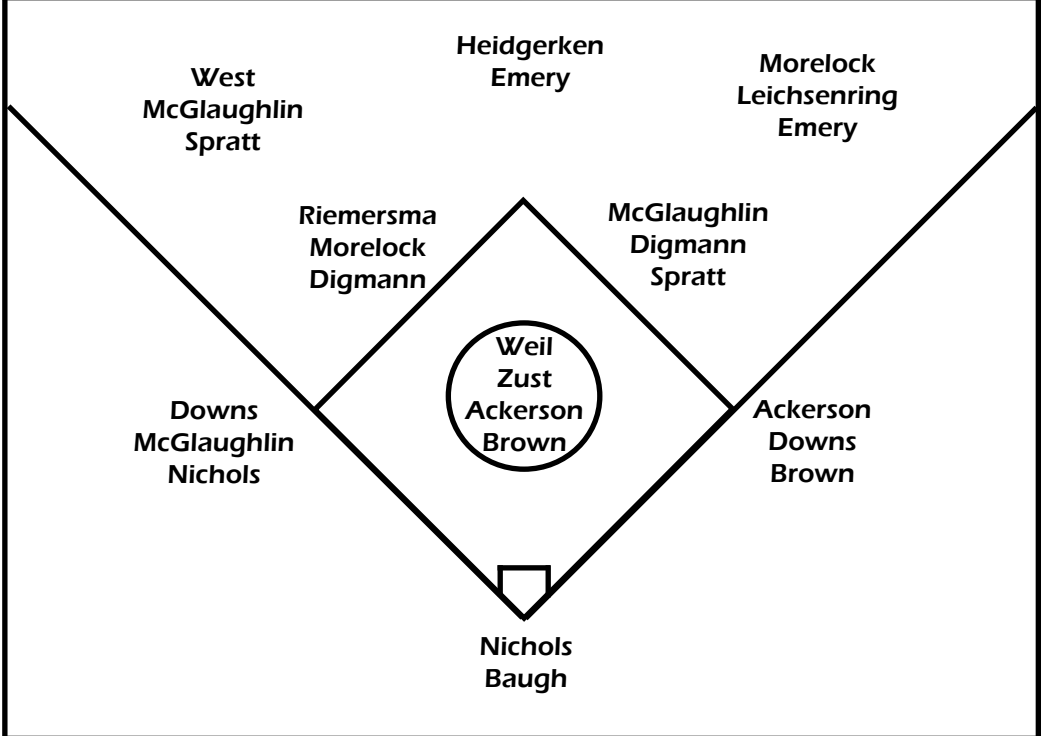
DUCKS ON THE POND

The Hawkeyes would like either junior **Emily Nichols** or sophomore **Erin Riemersma** at the plate with runners on base.

Nichols is batting 1.000 (5-5) with the bases loaded, .581 (25-43) with runners in scoring position and .667 (10-15) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

Riemersma is batting .900 (9-10) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

- 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



QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 93 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 25 stolen bases followed by sophomore **Erin Riemersma** with 15 senior **Mindy Heidgerken** with 14.

Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 9-9 on the basepaths this season.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes have scored 106 of their 219 runs in the first three innings of games this season.

Iowa is outscoring their opponents in every inning except the third inning.

WEIL NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for her efforts during Iowa's five-game road trip March 28-April 1. This was the first time Weil earned the award.

Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

NICHOLS BREAKS HOME RUN MARK

Junior **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's career home run record with a two-run home run against Indiana on March 31. Nichols' home run cleared the center field fence and gave Iowa a 9-0, six-inning win over the Hoosiers.

Nichols passed 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 10 home runs this season.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior **Emily Nichols'** school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped 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.

WEATHER LINE

Fans of Iowa softball can now call to check if a home game is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather. The number to call is (319) 335-9450.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	6-4
2-RUN GAMES	5-4
3+-RUN GAMES	20-9
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-2
AT PEARL FIELD	8-2
ON THE ROAD	7-4
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	31-16
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	23-6
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	8-10
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	5-9
SCORING 3+ RUNS	26-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	26-2
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	5-15
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-5
WEIL STARTS.....	9-5
ZUST STARTS.....	14-7
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	13-6
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	6-10
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	28-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-14
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	24-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	6-8
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	9-6
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	9-8
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	13-3
FLYING TO GAME	16-12
BUSING TO GAME	7-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	9-4
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	8-2
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	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-2
ON SUNDAY	10-3
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	2-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-5
ON SATURDAY	9-7

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 3
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 (SIX TIMES)
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	16 (VS. MICHIGAN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	425 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	48 (4 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	48 (4 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	160 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	38 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS	68 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	10 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	42 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	114 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	713 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	20 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	26 (WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	472 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	10 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES	25 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	28 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.38 (WEIL)
WINS.....	13 (WEIL)
LOSSES	4 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	27 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	20 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	12 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	124.2 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	139 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE210 (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 830-377-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,130-525-5 (.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	31-17	.646
TOTALS						1,130-525-5	.682