



# WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Women's Gymnastics Contact -- Brad Rudner

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## 2009 GYM<sup>HAWK</sup> SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

J 9	LSU/SEMO .....3rd, 191.375 <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
J 17	MSU, Ill. St., W. Virginia 6:30 p.m. <b>(East Lansing, MI)</b>
J 24	Illinois.....7 p.m. <i>(Champaign, IL)</i>
J 31	T.W.U., UW-Whitewater...7 p.m. <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
F 7	Ohio State .....6 p.m. <i>(Columbus, OH)</i>
F 12	Iowa State .....7 p.m. <i>(Ames, IA)</i>
F 16	Iowa State .....7 p.m. <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
F 20	Southern Utah.....7 p.m. <i>(Cedar Valley, UT)</i>
F 28	Maryland.....7 p.m. <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
M 6	Kentucky.....7 p.m. <i>(Denton, TX)</i>
M 14	Minnesota .....6 p.m. <i>(Minneapolis, MN)</i>
M 21	Big Ten Championships. 2 p.m. <i>(Champaign, IL)</i>
A 4	NCAA Regionals ..... TBA <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
A 16-19	NCAA Championships .....TBA <i>(Lincoln, NE)</i>

\* Times are local to site and subject to change.

## 2009 TEAM BESTS

<b>Vault:</b> .....	<b>48.200</b>
vs. <i>LSU, SEMO (1/9)</i>	
<b>Uneven Bars:</b> .....	<b>47.100</b>
vs. <i>LSU, SEMO (1/9)</i>	
<b>Balance Beam:</b> .....	<b>48.425</b>
vs. <i>LSU, SEMO (1/9)</i>	
<b>Floor Exercise:</b> .....	<b>47.650</b>
vs. <i>LSU, SEMO (1/9)</i>	
<b>Team Total:</b> .....	<b>191.375</b>
vs. <i>LSU, SEMO (1/9)</i>	

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## GymHawks Hit The Road

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team hits the road for the first time this season, travelling to East Lansing, MI, Saturday for quad-meet with Michigan State, Illinois State and West Virginia. The meet will be broadcast on tape-delay by the Big Ten Network, airing Jan. 22 at 9 p.m. (CT).

### SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

Michigan State opened their 2009 season Jan. 9 with a third place finish in a quad meet with Michigan, Illinois and Western Michigan. The Spartans posted a score of 192.325 and were led by junior Nicole Curler, who posted a team-high score of 9.850 on floor.

Illinois State dropped their second dual meet in as many weeks Jan. 9, falling to Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant, MI. Senior Meaghan Koshman took second place on vault and freshman Melissa Mann was first overall on beam for the Redbirds.

West Virginia comes to East Lansing having lost a close dual meet to defending national champion Georgia. Senior Mehgan Morris led the Mountaineers on both bars and floor, while junior Chelsi Tabor won the vault.

### SCOUTING THE HAWKEYES

The GymHawks opened the season at home Jan. 9, hosting No. 7 LSU and Southeast Missouri State, finishing third. Senior **Jenifer Simbhudas** led Iowa in every event and finished second in the all-around competition (39.200). Sophomore **Houry Gebeshian** also had strong performance, earning second place on beam (9.800) and fourth in the all-around (38.625).

### FRESH FACES SEEING ACTION

Seven competitors saw their first action as members of the GymHawks against LSU and SEMO, including five freshmen. After a rocky start to her collegiate career on uneven bars, freshmen **Jessa Hansen** bounced back on beam and floor to earn sixth and fourth place, respectively. In addition to Hansen, junior **Andrea Hurlburt** (beam), sophomore **Becky Blahyj** (vault) and freshmen **Rachel Corcoran** (vault), **Melissa Miller** (beam), **Jennie Schurman** (bars, floor) and **Annie Szatkowski** (vault) all saw their first collegiate action as members of the Hawkeyes.

### HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY

Entering her fifth season at Iowa, **Larissa Libby** has a career record of 30-46-1. She was named co-Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2009 for her efforts in guiding the GymHawks to a 10-4-1 record and a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Regionals. Libby served as associate head coach in 2004 and assistant coach from 2001-03 at Iowa before being named head coach in 2005.