



# WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Women's Gymnastics Contact -- Nick Hegland

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## 2012 GYMHAWK SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

J 6	at Cancun Classic ..... 4th, 193.875 (Cancun, Mexico)
J 13	vs. Michigan State (Iowa City, IA)
J 21	vs. Illinois (Co-ed) (Iowa City, IA)
J 27	at Iowa State (Ames, IA)
F 3	vs. Penn State (Iowa City, IA)
F 10	at Ohio State (Columbus, OH)
F 17	vs. Iowa State (Iowa City, IA)
F 24	vs. Minnesota (Iowa City, IA)
M 3	TWU, BYU & SEMO (Denton, TX)
M 9	vs. Louisiana State (Iowa City, IA)
M 17	Denver, Minnesota & Arizona State (Denver, CO)
M 24	Big Ten Championships (Iowa City, IA)
A 7	at NCAA Regionals (TBD)
A 20	at NCAA Championships (Deluth, GA)

## 2012 SEASON BESTS

### Team Bests

**Vault:**..... 48.575

at Cancun Classic (116)

**Uneven Bars:**..... 48.975

at Cancun Classic (116)

**Balance Beam:**..... 47.950

at Cancun Classic (116)

**Floor Exercise:**..... 48.375

at Cancun Classic (116)

**Team Total:**..... 193.875

at Cancun Classic (116)

## IOWA ON THE WEB



## GymHawks Host Michigan State in Home Opener

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team will open its home season with a Big Ten matchup against Michigan State Friday, Jan. 13. The 25th-ranked Hawkeyes will host the Spartans in Carver-Hawkeye Arena beginning at 7 p.m. (CT).

### LIVE BLOG

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive content live from Carver-Hawkeye Arena via the Official Iowa Gymnastics Blog. This feature gives diehard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to voice their opinion by submitting questions and comments, while receiving up-to-the-minute play-by-play, notes and stats about the meet and Hawkeyes. The live blog will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. (CT) and run throughout the meet.

### LAST TIME OUT

The GymHawks are coming off a fourth place finish at the Cancun Classic Jan. 6. The Classic featured five programs all ranked inside the nation's top-25. Iowa posted a team score of 193.875 to top No. 12 Louisiana State.

### BIG TEN HONORS

After an impressive performance at the Cancun Classic, Emma Willis was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week. In her collegiate debut, the Sarnia, Ontario, native posted a mark of 38.950 to finish eighth. She also paced Iowa on vault (9.800) and floor (9.775), finishing T10th and T7 respectively.

### MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans are 0-1 on the season after a 193.175-191.875 loss to No. 16 Washington on Jan. 6. Sophomore Taira Neal earned MSU's highest finish with a first place performance on vault (9.850). Sophomore Dani Levy led the Spartans in the all-around competition, finishing fourth with a score of 38.000.

### HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY

In her eighth season at Iowa, Libby has a career record of 64-71-1. The Hawkeyes are searching for their fifth consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the sixth in Libby's tenure. She coached the 2011 GymHawks to an 11-6 record and sixth place finish at the Big Ten Championships, this coming after a third place finish in 2010, their best finish in six years. Libby coached three all-Big Ten selections in 2011 - Rebecca Simbhudas, Houry Gebeshian and Jessa Hansen. Libby was named North Central Region Coach of the Year in 2009 for her efforts in guiding the GymHawks to a 10-5 record and a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Regionals. She was also named co-Big Ten Coach of the Year in 2008. Libby served as associate head coach in 2004 and assistant coach from 2001-03 at Iowa before being named head coach in 2005.