



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

vs. Michigan (Apr. 14 & 15)
vs. Michigan State (DH, Apr. 16)

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

26-14 Overall, 4-2 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	W, 2-0
	Northern Illinois	L, 1-2
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 11	St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
	San Jose State	W, 3-2
Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
	Santa Clara	W, 6-5
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State	W, 6-1
	at Sacramento State	L, 0-6
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
Mar. 18	Nevada	W, 5-0
	# 6 California	L, 0-1
Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 2-5
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
	North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 26	Ball State	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	W, 8-0 (5)
Mar. 31	at Illinois	W, 9-0
Apr. 1	at Illinois	W, 7-4
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 1-3
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 2-12 (5)
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	W, 3-2
Apr. 7	Minnesota	W, 2-0
Apr. 8	Minnesota	W, 3-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 4-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 6-1
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	#12 Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	#12 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
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	40	.341	27	42	12	3	10	.496	4
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	40	.309	21	38	23	4	5	.463	6
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	So.	38	.348	21	39	27	5	12	.589	4
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	40	.274	19	29	12	4	6	.462	6
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	40	.232	11	23	18	3	7	.414	1
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	So.	36	.239	8	21	16	2	4	.352	2
or 14	Brandi Sargent	DP/1B	L-L	Sr.	23	.214	0	6	3	0	0	.214	0
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	29	.222	4	8	12	0	4	.333	3
or 8	Quinn Morelock	LF/DP	R-R	Fr.	32	.250	5	13	8	1	1	.365	3
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	35	.216	8	16	10	1	0	.257	2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	36	.127	2	8	0	0	0	.127	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	17-8	20	18	6	1	2.44	183	62	175.0
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	9-6	20	6	4	0	2.59	80	33	89.1
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	7.88	2	1	2.2

THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (26-14, 4-2) will host defending NCAA champion Michigan (25-10, 5-1) and current Big Ten leader Michigan State (28-11, 6-0). The Hawkeyes and Wolverines will play single games Friday (6 p.m.) and Saturday (12 p.m.). Iowa and Michigan State face off in a double-header starting at 12 p.m. Sunday.

SATURDAY'S GAME BROADCAST LIVE

College Sports Television (CSTV) will broadcast Saturday's contest between Iowa and Michigan to a live cable audience. Commentators are Tom Hart and Ann Schatz.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to Pearl Field can access livestats (gametracker) via www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the gametracker link found on the front page or on the softball schedule page.

IOWA TOPS WESTERN ILLINOIS

The Hawkeyes defeated Western Illinois, 5-2 Wednesday at McKee Field in Macomb, IL. Iowa used seven hits and three Westwind errors for the win.

Iowa scored three runs in the the third inning to take a 3-1 lead over the Westwinds. Junior **Emily Gerlick** scored off a **Brandi Sargent** single for the first run of the frame. Junior **Mindy Heidgerken** knocked in pinch-runner **Rachel West** and senior **Stacy May** with a single for the second and third runs of the inning.

Summer Downs roped a two-RBI single in the sixth for the final two runs of the contest.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. MICHIGAN STATE	6-0	28-11
2. MICHIGAN	5-1	25-10
T3. OHIO STATE	6-2	26-14
NORTHWESTERN	6-2	26-10
5. IOWA	4-2	26-14
T6. PURDUE	3-5	25-21
INDIANA	3-5	20-17-1
ILLINOIS	3-5	17-23
9. WISCONSIN	2-4	16-15
T10. PENN STATE	1-7	23-11
MINNESOTA	1-7	12-21

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

April 13

Michigan State at Loyola-Chicago

April 14

Michigan at Iowa

Purdue at Illinois

Indiana at Northwestern

Michigan State at Wisconsin

Minnesota at Penn State

April 15

Michigan at Iowa

Purdue at Illinois

Indiana at Northwestern

Michigan State at Wisconsin

Minnesota at Penn State

April 15

Michigan State at Iowa (DH)

Indiana at Illinois (DH)

Michigan at Wisconsin (DH)

Minnesota at Ohio State (DH)

Purdue at Northwestern (DH)

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

SCOUTING MICHIGAN

The 12th ranked Michigan Wolverines are 25-10 overall and 5-1 in Big Ten play.

Samantha Findlay leads the Wolverine offense with a .337 batting average. Findlay also has six home runs and a team-best 28 RBI. Three other Wolverines have a batting average of .300 or better.

The Wolverines have a very tough combination in the circle between Jennie Ritter and Lorilyn Wilson. Ritter is 13-4 with a 0.84 ERA and has amassed 215 strikeouts. Wilson is 10-5 with a 1.38 ERA and has 112 K's. The two combined have walked only 37 batters.

Michigan is coached by Carol Hutchins, who served as an assistant coach under Gayle Blevins at Indiana. Iowa leads the all-time series, 50-43-1.

SCOUTING MICHIGAN STATE

The Michigan State Spartans are 28-11 overall and coming into the weekend, are at the top of the Big Ten standings with a 6-0 record.

Nikki Nicosia has a .336 batting average to lead the Spartan offense. Dayna Feenstra leads the team with six home runs and 31 RBI.

Lesley Noel, Megan Hair and Rachel Turney split time in the circle. Noel is 8-3 with a 0.82 ERA in 12 starts. Hair has started eight games with a 1.80 ERA. Turney tops the team with 106 strikeouts in 19 starts.

The Spartans are coached by Jacquie Joseph. Iowa leads the all time series, 58-26.

HAWKEYES TOUGH AT HOME

With a 9-0 record at Pearl Field, the Hawkeyes have the best start at home since 1997, when Iowa won 14-straight home games.

The 1997 squad went a perfect 13-0 during the regular season en route to the Big Ten title. Iowa's only loss at home came in the Big Ten Tournament to Michigan. The Hawkeyes bounced back to beat Michigan State and Michigan in the title game to finish with a 16-1 record at Pearl Field, which is the best home record in school history.

EMILY SQUARED

Both Emily's (Gerlick and Nichols) on the Iowa squad have been on a tear as of late. In the last five games, Gerlick has batted .500 (5-10) with four doubles, three RBI and a .900 slugging percentage. Nichols has batted .400 (6-15) with three doubles, four RBI and a .600 slugging percentage.

AND SHE'S ONLY A FRESHMAN

With four home runs, Erin Riemersma is tied with Mindy Heidgerken for the second most home runs this season. Riemersma also has six doubles, one triple and 12 RBI.

NICHOLS FEELS RIGHT AT HOME

Sophomore Emily Nichols must like the surroundings at Pearl Field. The Portland, OR, native is batting .480 with two home runs, five doubles and nine RBI in games played at Pearl Field. She also has a .920 slugging percentage and .500 on base percentage in home games.

GAINING AN EARLY LEAD

The Hawkeyes have outscored their opponents, 56-37 in the first two innings of games this season. Iowa has scored 33 first inning runs and 23 second inning runs and held their opponents to 22 runs and 15 runs in the first and second frames, respectively.

WEIL IN THE CIRCLE

Brittany Weil is having a breakout season as a freshman. The Garden Grove, CA, native is 17-8 with 183 strikeouts. Weil has started 20 games and thrown 18 complete games, six of which have been shutouts.

CALL HER CLUTCH

Junior Mindy Heidgerken might be the person that the Hawkeyes want in the box with runners on base. She is batting .414 with runners in scoring position and .625 with a runner on third and less than two outs. Heidgerken is also batting .441 with two outs in the inning.

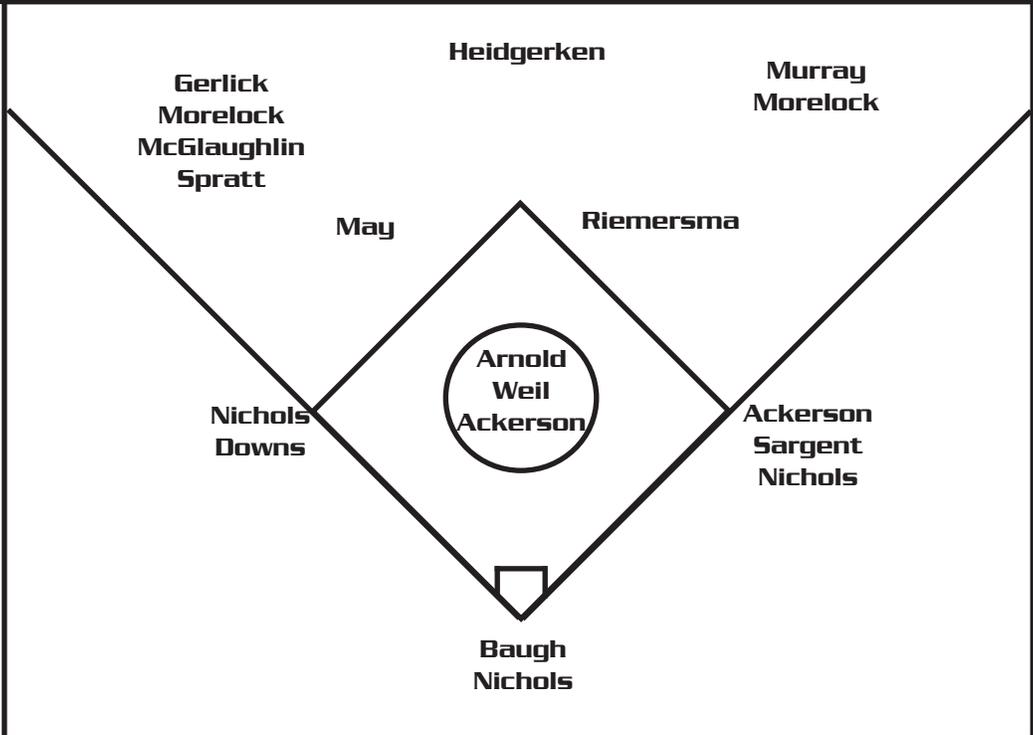
Iowa Hawkeye
Softball

- 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 **STEPHANIE ACKERSON**

HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



MAKING THE MOST OF HER AB'S

Sophomore **Summer Downs** has tallied 16 RBI on 21 hits this season. She is batting .239 with four doubles.

GOING DEEP

Iowa, as a team, has recorded 24 home runs this season. Last season, Iowa set the single season home run record with 61 long balls.

CLOSING IN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** blasted her fourth and fifth home runs of the season against Illinois. Nichols, who has 21 career home runs, only needs nine more home runs to break the Iowa career home run mark of 29, set by Alicia Gerlach (1999-02).

Senior **Stacy May** has 48 career doubles, which is only four doubles shy of the career record of 52, held by Kari Knopf (1994-97).

HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

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.

In addition, May was also named to the Capital Classic all-tournament team. May finished the Capital Classic with a .417 batting average and did not commit an error all tournament.

OVER 50 FREE

Men and women ages 50 and older will receive free admission to softball and baseball games (non post-season events) played at Pearl Field and Banks Field during the month of May. This is part of an agreement with the Johnson County Chapter of AARP.

Individuals simply need to show proof of their age (AARP card or driver's license) upon arrival at the ticket gate.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	7-4
2-RUN GAMES	3-1
3+-RUN GAMES	16-9
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD	9-0
ON THE ROAD	6-8
AT NEUTRAL SITE	11-6
DAY GAMES.....	19-13
NIGHT GAMES.....	7-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	23-3
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	3-11
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	20-3
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	6-11
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	1-9
ARNOLD STARTS.....	13-7
WEIL STARTS.....	13-7
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	12-3
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	7-10
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	20-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	2-11
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	4-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S... 21-4	
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...3-6	
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	2-4
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	8-3
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	11-4
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	7-7
FLYING TO GAME.....	11-11
BUSING TO GAME.....	6-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-3
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	15-3
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	5-5
IN IOWA	10-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	5-3
IN CALIFORNIA.....	5-5
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	6-6
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-0
ON WEDNESDAY	3-1
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	6-3
ON SATURDAY	10-4

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	7
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON LAST 6
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (TWICE, LAST VS. ARIZONA STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES	5 (AT ILLINOIS)
MOST TRIPLES..	1 (FOUR TIMES, LAST VS. MINNESOTA)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3 (TWICE, LAST AT ILLINOIS)
MOST STOLEN BASES... 4 (TWICE, LAST AT SAC. STATE)	
MOST STRIKEOUTS	17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ...	3 (VS. UIC/SAC. STATE)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	12 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

HOME RUNS	5 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	27 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	66 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.589 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	17 (MURRAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	6 (MAY)
STRIKEOUTS.....	28 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.421 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	4 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	10 (BAUGH)
STOLEN BASES	9 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	13 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	348 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	40 (FOUR TIED)
GAMES STARTED	40 (FOUR TIED)
AT BATS.....	123 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	27 (MAY)
HITS	42 (MAY)
DOUBLES	12 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	1 (FOUR TIED)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.44 (WEIL)
WINS.....	17 (WEIL)
LOSSES	6 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT.680 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	33 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	20 (WEIL & ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES	18 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	175.0 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	183 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE223 (WEIL)

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 786-352-3 (.690)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,086-500-5 (.684). 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	26-14	.650
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				