

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Shane Sturtz, Men's Golf Contact



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 9, 2018

2017-18 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 10-12	Gopher Invitational	14th/16
Sept. 17-19	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	2nd/15
Sept. 24	Trinity Forest Invitational	9th/13
Oct. 8	Windon Memorial Classic	7th/15
Oct. 23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	7th/13
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	9th/14
Mar. 12	Southern Intercollegiate	8:00 a.m.
Mar. 16	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 17	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 18	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 26	Duck Invitational	All Day
Mar. 27	Duck Invitational	All Day
Apr. 14	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 16	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 21	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 22	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 29	Big Ten Championships	All Day

2017-18 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	Jr.	Clive, Iowa
Ryoto Furuya	So.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Jaewook Lee	Fr.	Langley, British Columbia
Sam Meuret	Sr.	Brunswick, Neb.
Alex Moorman	So.	Centerville, Iowa
Jake Rowe	Fr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Jack Simpson	So.	Aurora, Ontario
Matthew Walker	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	So.	Potomac, Md.

2017-18 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Aaron DeNucci	3	78.33	75	-----
Ryoto Furuya	15	73.67	69	-----
Jaewook Lee	3	79.33	76	-----
Sam Meuret	12	74	69	-----
Alex Moorman	9	75.11	67	-----
Jake Rowe	6	77.83	71	-----
Alex Schaake	15	71.47	68	2
Matthew Walker	15	72.13	68	-----
Benton Weinberg	12	72	67	-----

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team returns to action on Monday after having a month off at the Southern Intercollegiate in Athens, Georgia. The University of Georgia will host the one-day, 36-hole tournament.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Round 1: Monday, March 12 -- 18 holes, shotgun start at 8 a.m. (CT)
Round 2: Monday, March 12 -- 18 holes, shotgun start at approximately 1 p.m. (CT)

FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting golfstat.com for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page at hawkeyesports.com.

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa men's golf program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" Hawkeye men's golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

THE FIELD

Iowa is joined by 17 other teams: Georgia (A and B), Arkansas, Charleston Southern, Chattanooga, Florida State, Francis Marion, Gardner Webb, High Point, Kennesaw State, Lipscomb, Nicholls State, Savannah State, Stetson, USC Upstate, Western Carolina, Wofford and Youngstown State. Arkansas (18) and Florida State (19) are ranked in Golfstat's top-25 rankings.

THE COURSE

Founded in 1926, the Athens Country Club is a par-72 Donald Ross design that stretches 6,917 yards. The 18-hole course grew in popularity so nine extra holes were added and the course is regarded as the finest private Club in Northeast Georgia.

THE LINEUP

The Hawkeyes are still competing for the five lineup spots.

LAST TIME OUT

In Iowa's first spring event, the Hawkeyes went 2-2 in the Big Ten Match Play Championships to place ninth. On day one, Iowa was edged by Purdue and Minnesota, but rebounding nicely with wins over Ohio State (6-0) and Maryland (4-2). Matthew Walker and Alex Moorman both secured three individual victories, while four other Hawkeyes had at least one win. Walker extended his career match play record to 10-2.

WALKER THRIVES IN MATCH PLAY

In this year's Big Ten Match Play Championships, junior Matthew Walker won three out of four individual matches to improve his career match play record to 10-2. He went 4-0 as a freshman, making him one of only six golfers to do so for the tournament. In back-to-back years, Walker finished 3-1 to have only two career losses on his career resume.

ON THIS DATE LAST YEAR

Last season on March 12, Iowa competed in a dual meet against Michigan State at the Chechessee Creek Club where they posted a team total of 363 (+13) to beat the Spartans by six strokes. Alex Schaake, Mathew Walker, Ryoto Furuya, and Jack Simpson all competed in the event. Schaake posted a 71 (+1), while Walker carded a 72 (+2).



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 33,564
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: Fourth
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Jeff Schmid
Year at Iowa: Second
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1990

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ATHENS COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	449	4
2	414	4
3	330	4
4	645	5
5	187	3
6	468	5
7	418	4
8	186	3
9	392	4
OUT	3,374	36
10	472	5
11	455	4
12	228	3
13	395	4
14	375	4
15	429	4
16	598	5
17	162	3
18	409	4
IN	3,503	36
TOTAL	6,917	72

SCHAAKE'S SECOND TOP-10 FINISH

Sophomore Alex Schaake finished with two top-10 finishes in the fall. His first top-five finish came in a runner-up performance at the Golfweek Conference Challenge at the Cedar Rapids Country Club. At the Windon Memorial Classic, he posted three consecutive rounds at or below par at the Evanston Golf Club to tie for fifth place. Schaake used career-best 54-hole scores of 208 in both of his top-five finishes.

FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes competed in five fall tournaments, averaging 73.63 strokes per round as a team. Iowa's best finish came at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they finished second out of 15 teams with four Hawkeye golfers finishing in the top 20. Sophomore Alex Schaake, who finished second in the Golfweek Conference Challenge, had the lowest Hawkeye scoring average of 71.47. For the fall, seven Hawkeyes had top-20 finishes, while the team recorded 27 rounds at or below par.

CLIMBING THE LEADERBOARD

- Three Hawkeyes -- Ryoto Furuya, Alex Schaake, and Matthew Walker -- competed in every fall event. The trio combined for 17 rounds at or below par.
- Iowa's low 18-hole score of the season came in the first round of the Windon Memorial Classic when they fired a 276 (-4). Schaake, Walker, and Alex Moorman carded below par rounds, while Moorman's 67 tied for the lowest 18-hole round of the season.
- Benton Weinberg's best performance of the season happened at Iowa's last fall tournament in the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate when he used a career-best 54-hole score of 212 (-1) to finish a season-best tied for 17th. Weinberg's 18-hole average of 72 was second on the team to Schaake (71.47).

WALKER IS A WORK HORSE

Junior Matthew Walker was the first true freshman to compete in every fall tournament for the Hawkeyes since Cole Peevler in 2015. In two and a half years as a Hawkeye, Walker has competed in every event dating back to his freshman year.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Iowa added two freshmen to its 2017-18 roster. Jaewook Lee (Langley, British Columbia) and Jake Rowe (Portadown, Northern Ireland). The freshmen competed in their first collegiate tournaments as individuals in the Zach Johnson Invitational, Oct. 2-3.

9 STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last nine seasons, joining Illinois as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last nine seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last eight years (2009, 2011, 2012).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes remain in Georgia to play in the Schenkel Invitational, March 16-18, for the fifth straight year. Last year Iowa finished sixth and Matthew Walker tied for 24th with an even-par 216.

