# IOWA HAWKEYES

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# MEN'S TENNIS WEEKLY RELEASE

# 2018-19 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (5-0)

Sept. 20-23	at Milwaukee Tennis Claissic	All Day	
Sept. 21-23	at Drake Invitational	All Day	
Sept. 29- Oct. 8	at ITA All-American Championships	All Day	
0ct. 5-7	at Bobby Bayliss Invitational	All Day	
0ct. 13-14	at Champaign Challenger	All Day	
0ct. 18-22	at ITA Central Regionals	All Day	
0ct. 26-29	at Big Ten Indoor Championships	All Day	
Nov. 7-11	at ITA Oracle National Fall Champions	nips All Day	
Nov. 9-11	at Longhorn Invitational	All Day	
Jan. 19	vs. Western Michigan	W, 6-1	
	vs. Marquette	W, 7-0	
Jan. 25	North Dakota	W, 7-0	
	East Tennessee State	W, 4-3	
Jan. 27	Butler	W, 5-2	
Feb. 8	Miami	3 p.m.	
Feb. 10	Utah	11 a.m.	
Feb. 15	UMKC	Noon	
	Omaha	5 p.m.	
Feb. 24	at Cornell	11 a.m. (ET)	
March 3	at Texas Tech	1 p.m.	
March 8	Drake	6 p.m.	
March 10	at Nebraska	1 p.m.	
March 18	at Arizona	2 p.m. (PT)	
March 22	at Minnesota	6 p.m.	
March 24	Wisconsin	Noon	
March 30	at Northwestern	Noon	
March 31	at Illinois	Noon	
April 5	Penn State	6 p.m.	
April 7	Ohio State	11 a.m.	
April 13	at Purdue	Noon (ET)	
April 14	at Indiana	Noon (ET)	
	at IUPUI	6 p.m.(ET)	
April 19	Michigan State	6 p.m.	
April 21	Michigan	Noon	
	Illinois State	5 p.m.	
April 25-28	Big Ten Championships	All Day	
May 10-12	NCAA Tournament	Winston-Salem	
All times Central and subject to change			

# 2018-19 Roster & Results (Singles/Doubles)

Kareem Allaf, Jr	
Will Davies, So	5-0/4-1
Jason Kerst, Jr	1-0/0-0
Jonas Larsen, Sr	
Morgan Lohan, So	0-1/0-0
Oliver Okonkwo, Fr	4-1/4-1
Piotr Smietana, So	5-0/1-1
Nikita Snezhko, Fr	0-0/1-0
Joe Tyler, So	

# THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa men's tennis team will host two matches this weekend at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex (HTRC) in Iowa City. On Friday, the Hawkeyes will square off against the Miami Hurricanes at 3 p.m. (CT). Iowa will close out the weekend on Sunday against the Utah Utes at 11 a.m. (CT). Admission is free to the public.

### WATCH MATCHES ONLINE:

All lowa home matches are available for fans to watch online for free via Playsight Technology. Click on the "Watch" link on the schedule page on **hawkeyesports.com**.

# THIS YEAR:

• The Hawkeyes (5-0) are off to their best start in five seasons.

 lowa has won the doubles point in each of the duals, most notably Kareem Allaf and Jonas Larsen are undefeated on court one.

#### MIAMI BREAKDOWN:

• The Hurricanes enter Friday's match 5-2 on the season, but have dropped two out their last three matches (losses on the road to No. 8 Texas and No. 3 Mississippi State).

 Miami has two ranked singles players (No. 13 Adria Soriano Barrera and No. 58 Bojan Jankulovski).

Miami went to NCAA Tournament a year ago and finished with a 15-13 overall record.

• The Hawkeyes won the last meeting in Coral Gables (5-2) on Feb. 4, 2018.

#### **UTAH BREAKDOWN**:

- The Utes enter Sunday's match 5-2 overall, winners of three straight.
- Utah will face Miami on Saturday (Noon) at the HTRC.
- Dan Little is 2-2 on court one this season.

• Randy Cory and Russell Benkaim hold down the No. 1 spot in doubles, with a 4-1 record so far this season.

#### **HAWKEYE NOTABLES**:

• Allaf won 11 matches during competition, including seven in a row to capture the ITA Central Regional championship. He became the third Hawkeye to accomplish the feat in school history.

• The regional title earned him a berth in the Oracle Fall National Championships, a first for a Hawkeye since Tyler Cleveland in 1999.

- Allaf is ranked 89th nationally by the ITA this week.
- Sophomores Will Davies and Piotr Smietana were a combined 13-0 in singles competition through the month of January.
- lowa has outscored opponents, 29-6, in its five Januray matches.

# FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

Fans can follow the Hawkeyes all season long and receive live match updates on Facebook (facebook.com/lowaMensTennis) and Twitter (@lowaMensTennis). Fans can also get a behind the scenes look on Instagram (iowamenstennis).

# **HEAD COACH ROSS WILSON:**

Ross Wilson, a former two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion at Ohio State, is in his fifth season as head coach and sixth year with the Iowa men's tennis program.

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