

IOWA HAWKEYES



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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 18, 2015

2015 SCHEDULE

1/9	at #3 LSU	L, 193.700-197.123
1/18	#22 Michigan State, Ball State 2/3, 194.425	
1/24	at #20 Ohio State	L, 195.225-196.200
1/30	Maryland	W, 195.725-195.275
2/7	at #7 Nebraska	L, 195.175-197.325
2/14	# 15 Illinois	L, 196.375-196.975
2/21	at Denver, BYU	7 p.m.
2/27	at UC Davis	7 p.m.
3/6	Iowa State	7 p.m.
3/14	at Big Five Meet	TBA
	(vs. Michigan, Minnesota, Penn State, Rutgers)	
3/21	Big Ten Championships (BTN)	TBA
4/4	NCAA Regionals	TBA
4/17-19	NCAA Nationals	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change -- Home events in BOLD

2015 ROSTER

Opua Calucag	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Mollie Drenth	So.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	So.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Jr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hoerr	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Maryah Huntley	Jr.	Van Meter, Iowa
Amanda Kowalski	So.	Northville, Mich.
Caroline McCrady	So.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	So.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	So.	Caseyville, Ill.
Jori Robertson	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Caitlin Tanzer	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	Fr.	Darien, Ill.

2014 TEAM BESTS

Vault	49.200	#15 Illinois (2/14)
Uneven Bars	49.275	at #20 Ohio State (1/24)
Balance Beam	49.100	#7 Nebraska (2/7)
Floor	49.375	#22 MSU, BSU (1/18)
Total	196.375	#15 Illinois (2/14)

THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team is set to travel to Denver, Colorado, to take on the No. 17 Denver Pioneers and BYU Cougars in a tri-meet on Saturday. The meet is slated to begin at 7 p.m. (CT) inside Hamilton Gymnasium.

LAST TIME OUT:

The GymHawks fell to Illinois on Feb. 14, 196.975 to 196.375, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The score marked a season best for the Hawkeyes, replacing their previous score of 195.725 against Maryland on Jan. 30 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Eight GymHawks earned a total of 10 career bests to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was senior Sydney Hoerr with a pair of bests on vault (9.800) and bars (9.875). Registering her own pair of career bests was sophomore Angel Metcalf, posting scores of 9.900 and 9.825 on vault and floor, respectively. Rounding out the season best list were sophomores Ashleigh Edlin, Caroline McCrady, Mollie Drenth, and freshmen Ashley Fischer, Melissa Zurawski, and Nikki Youd.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION:

No. 17 Denver edged West Virginia while on the road Feb. 13th, 195.425 to 194.600. The Pioneers are currently ranked ninth nationally as a team on floor (49.136 average score), 15th nationally as a team on vault (49.093), and 25th on beam (48.561).

BYU fell to Southern Utah on Feb. 13th, 195.500 to 194.975. The Cougars posted seven career or season highs at the meet and tied their season team high, tallying a 49.050 on the vault.

IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa is currently ranked No. 26 nationally. The GymHawks rank 16th nationally as a team on the uneven bars (48.950 average score) and 14th on floor (49.000).

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The majority of GymHawks are underclassmen, with six freshmen, six sophomores, three juniors, and three seniors on the roster.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcome six newcomers -- Ashley Fischer, Lanie Snyder, Melissa Zurawski, Nikki Youd, Jori Robertson, and Megan Ruzicka -- to the 2015 squad. Iowa also welcomes new additions to the coaching staff. Assistant coach Jennifer Green comes to Iowa after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Missouri for two years, and Caleb Phillips returns to Iowa, where he previously coached from 2008-13.

HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby is in her 11th year as head coach, and 15th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2014-15. In 2014, six Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Alie Glover, Angel Metcalf, and Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while Jordyn Doherty competed on vault and Mollie Drenth competed on floor. Maryah Huntley was selected as the alternate behind Drenth on floor. Libby coached Hoerr to second team All-Big Ten honors, while Hoerr, Caitlin Tanzer and Glover earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. Libby led Iowa to its sixth consecutive NCAA postseason appearance and the seventh in her tenure in 2013.

IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host a 2016 NCAA Regional (April 2, 2016) in women's gymnastics. Iowa last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009.

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PRACTICE FACILITY RENOVATION:

The women's gymnastics team is amidst a practice facility renovation. The gym -- located in the UI Field House -- is scheduled to be completed in April 2015. The renovation will include new equipment, more space to train, and enhanced safety and resources for Hawkeye student-athletes.

METCALF, HOERR NAMED TO BIG TEN WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Sydney Hoerr have been named to the 2015 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List. Metcalf, one of six sophomores to make the list, hails from Swansboro, North Carolina. She captured her third all-around title last season against No. 20 Ohio State on Feb. 14 in Iowa's annual Pink Meet. Metcalf improved her all-around score to 39.325. She previously posted a season best at Georgia (39.100). Metcalf received a bid to NCAA Regionals with five of her teammates to compete in the all-around. She competed in 12 meets last season, nine of which she competed for the all-around title. Her season-best all-around score of 39.325 has been tallied twice; the most recent at the 2014 Big Ten Championships.

Hoerr, who was also featured on the 2014 Big Ten Watch List, is a senior from Bloomington, Illinois. The 2014 second team All-Big Ten honoree registered Iowa's individual season bests on the uneven bars (9.900 at Iowa State, March 7) and floor exercise (9.875 at Georgia, Jan. 20) last season. She competed in all 12 meets in addition to NCAA Regionals, while competing in the all-around in seven competitions. Hoerr led Iowa on the bars with a regional qualifying score of 9.855, tying for 54th nationally. Hoerr is also an Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive Twitter content live at every event this season via @iowagymnastics. This feature gives Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

Web Address: hawkeyesports.com (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)

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UP NEXT:

Iowa will travel to Davis, California, to take on UC Davis on Friday, February 27. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. (CT) inside the Pavilion.