



WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Women's Gymnastics Contact -- Janey Kiryluik

January 23, 2006

2006 GYMhawk SCHEDULE

J 13	Oregon St./BYU/Florida	188.050
	(Corvallis, OR)	
J 20	at LSU	191.100
	(Baton Rouge, LA)	
J 28	Iowa State*	7 p.m.
	(Iowa City, IA)	
F 5	at West Virginia	1 p.m.
	(Morgantown, WV)	
F 10	Denver*	7 p.m.
	(Iowa City, IA)	
F 18	Illinois*	7 p.m.
	(Iowa City, IA)	
F 25	at Texas Woman's	7 p.m.
	(Denton, TX)	
M 5	Minnesota*	TBA
	(Iowa City, IA)	
M 11	Missouri*	7 p.m.
	(Iowa City, IA)	
M 17	Iowa State	7 p.m.
	(Ames, IA)	
M 24-25	at Big Ten Championships	6 p.m.
	(East Lansing, MI)	

* -- at Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 * Home meets in bold
 * Times are local to site and subject to change.

GymHawks To Host Iowa State

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team will host Iowa State, Saturday, in a meet designed to bring more awareness to Breast Cancer. The "Think Pink" competition will benefit Breast Cancer Awareness, and fifty percent of ticket proceeds will go toward the cause. Competition is set to begin at 7p.m. at the FieldHouse.

LAST COMPETITION

The Hawkeyes competed at LSU last weekend, losing 195.025-191.100. Top performances by Iowa included Beth Dilick on vault with a 9.80, Katie Burke on bars with a 9.70, Danielle Legeai on beam with a 9.725, and Liz Grajewski on floor with a 9.700. In addition, Liz Grajewski posted a 38.525 all-around score for a third place finish.

SCOUTING THE HAWKEYES

Iowa returns 10 letterwinners from last year when it finished with an 8-14 overall record and a sixth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships. Iowa adds three new members to the team for the 2006 season. Brandi Loffer, from Corona, CA, Kara Pinjuv, from Reno, NV, and Jennifer Simbhudas, from Markham, Ontario.

HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY

Iowa Head Coach Larissa Libby begins her second season as head coach for the Hawkeyes. In her first year, Libby recorded an 8-14 record in 2005. Before becoming head coach, Libby was Iowa's associate head coach for one year and an assistant coach for three seasons. While associate head coach, Libby led the GymHawks to a school record 49.425 beam performance in 2004. In addition, in 2004 the GymHawks recorded a 49.0 or higher seven times on beam under Libby's guidance.

QUOTING ASSISTANT COACH TALYA VEXLER

"Our team is excited for this meet because it is our home opener, along with the fact that we will be wearing the same leotards as Iowa State. It's in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. We look to improve upon our past two performances. In front of a home crowd is a great place to accomplish our goals."

NEXT COMPETITION

The Hawkeyes will travel to Morgantown, WV, Sunday, February 5th to compete at West Virginia University.

2005 INDIVIDUAL/TEAM BESTS

Individual Bests

Vault:..... 9.900

Kortny Williamson, twice

Uneven Bars:..... 9.850

Romina Mazzoni at Michigan (3/4)

Balance Beam:..... 9.875

Danielle Legeai at Hearts Invite (2/11)

Floor Exercise:..... 9.850

Natalie Padilla, Kortny Williamson, Liz Grajewski

All-Around:..... 39.075

Liz Grajewski at Minnesota (2/26)

Team Bests

Vault:..... 48.875

at Denver (1/15)

Uneven Bars:..... 48.950

vs Iowa State (2/19)

Balance Beam:..... 48.950

at Minnesota (2/26)

Floor Exercise:..... 49.000

at Minnesota (2/26)

Team Total:..... 195.425

at Minnesota (2/26)

IOWA ON THE WEB



GYMINFO TOP 25 POLL

Final 2005 Rankings
by National Meet Finish, Regional Meet
Finish

Team	RQS
1. Georgia	197.825
2. Alabama	197.400
3. Utah	197.275
4. UCLA	197.150
5. Michigan	196.575
6. Nebraska	196.425
7. Florida*	196.225
8. Iowa State*	195.975
9. LSU*	195.800
10. Penn State	195.085
11. Brigham Young*	195.075
12. Oklahoma	194.900
13. Oregon State*	194.820
14. Missouri*	194.810
15. Washington	194.605
16. Auburn	194.570
17. Stanford	194.270
18T. New Hampshire	194.115
18T. Arizona	194.060
20T. Arizona State	194.050
20T. Boise State	193.885
22. Central Michigan	193.685
23T. Denver*	193.680
23T. North Carolina	193.235
25. Minnesota*	192.695

* - GymHawks 2006 opponents

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GYMHAWKS INFORMATION

Head Coach Larissa Libby
Alma Mater/Year:.....LSU/1996
Record at Iowa/Years:.....8-14/1
Overall Record/Years:.....8-14/1
Assistant Coaches:.....Jeff Richards
.....Talya Vexler
Gymnastics Secretary:.....Irene Pearson
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2005 Record:.....8-14
2005 Conference Record:.....1-2
2005 Conference Finish:.....6th
2005 Postseason:.. NCAA Regionals/6th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:..... 10/2
Newcomers:..... 3

Hawkeye Gymnastics Continued...

Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series

Iowa State leads the second annual Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series 9-4. Iowa State recorded a 2-1 victory in women's soccer and a 23-3 win in football, while Iowa defeated Iowa State 20-15 in wrestling. Iowa State won the women's basketball contest 77-61 and the men's game by a 72-60 margin. Iowa won the women's swimming and diving meet, 156-144.

Iowa claimed the initial Cy-Hawk Series (13-8) in 2004-2005.

A point system will track each institution's performance and will culminate in one institution winning the annual trophy for the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series. Intercollegiate athletic teams from Iowa and Iowa State will square off in head-to-head competition eight different times during the 2005-2006 academic year. The competition this season is in men's basketball, women's basketball, wrestling, women's gymnastics (2), women's soccer and softball. Additional points will be available for each school based on successful performance in the classroom by its student-athletes.

Jan. 28	W. Gymnastics	2 points
Mar. 17	W. Gymnastics	2 points
TBA	Softball	2 points

Two points for an institution if the student-athlete graduation rate for all student-athletes is greater than the national average for all student-athletes.

2006 IOWA GYMNASTICS ROSTER

Name	Height	Year	Hometown
Katie Burke	5-3	So.	Palatine, IL
Beth Dilick	5-3	Jr.	King George, VA
Liz Grajewski	5-4	Sr.	Covington, WA
Danielle Legeai	4-11	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
Brandi Loffer	5-2	Fr.	Corona, CA
Romina Mazzoni	5-5	Jr.	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Natalie Padilla	5-3	So.	Bonita, CA
Kara Pinjuv	5-2	Fr.	Reno, NV
Amanda Rudolph	5-4	So.	West Bend, WI
Jennifer Simbhudas	5-1	Fr.	Markham, Ontario, Canada
Kortny Williamson	5-4	Sr.	Manheim, PA
Bobbie Zimmerman	5-5	Jr.	Naperville, IL
Ally Zipse	5-5	So.	Fort Wayne, IN

Head Coach: Larissa Libby (second season)

Assistant Coaches: Jeff Richards (first season)

Talya Vexler (first season)