



# University of Iowa Women's Basketball

Game #28

Feb. 24, 2009

## 2008-09 Schedule/Results 18-9 Overall, 11-5 Big Ten

11/16	Texas State	W, 87-45
11/18	at Kansas	L, 55-76
11/22	Boston^	W, 83-58
11/23	Providence^	W, 64-46
11/27	vs. Texas Tech#	W, 56-48
11/28	vs. South Florida#	L, 79-82 (OT)
11/29	vs. #3 California#	L, 43-76
12/4	at #12 Duke\$	L, 47-71
12/7	#22 Iowa State+	W, 66-46
12/11	Northern Iowa	W, 72-46
12/20	at Drake	W, 71-53
12/22	at Wisconsin	W, 73-63
12/28	Purdue	L, 60-69
1/4	at Indiana	L, 54-76
1/8	at Purdue	L, 49-60
1/11	Minnesota	W, 74-57
1/15	at Illinois	W, 72-62
1/18	Northwestern	W, 74-46
1/26	Michigan	W, 77-69
1/29	at Michigan State	L, 56-68
2/1	Penn State	W, 97-89 (3OT)
2/5	Indiana	W, 69-67
2/8	at Minnesota	L, 58-64
2/12	#13 Ohio State	W, 85-75
2/15	at Penn State	W, 63-57
2/19	Wisconsin	W, 72-65
2/22	at Michigan	W, 68-64
2/26	<b>Illinois (BTN)</b>	<b>8:06 p.m.</b>
3/1	at Northwestern	2:05 p.m.

^ -- KCRG-TV9 Hawkeye Challenge, Iowa City

# -- Paradise Jam, U.S. Virgin Islands

\$ -- ACC/Big Ten Challenge

+ -- Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series

## Pronunciation Guide

Wendy Ausdemore.....	AUS-de-more
Lisa Bluder.....	BLUE-dir
Kelsey Cermak.....	SIR-mack
Kamille Wahlin.....	Kah-MEAL Wah-LEEN
Kelly Krei.....	CRY
Shante Jones.....	SHAN-tay
Lindsey Nyenhuis.....	NINE-hice
Megan Skouby.....	SKO-bee
Nicole VanderPol.....	VANDER-pole

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Illinois (8-19, 4-12) at Iowa (18-9, 11-5)

Feb. 26, 2009 • 8:06 p.m.

Iowa City, IA • Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Radio: WMT AM-600, KXIC AM-800, WHO AM-1040

TV: BTN (HD) • Live Stats: hawkeyesports.com

Series Record: Iowa leads, 43-16 (Last Meeting, Iowa, 72-62, Jan. 15, 2009)



### THE SETTING

The Iowa Hawkeyes (18-9, 11-5) return home Thursday for their regular-season home finale against the Illinois Fighting Illini (8-19, 4-12). Tip-off is slated for 8:06 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Tickets are \$9 for adults, while youths and UI students are admitted free.

The Iowa Hawkeyes will recognize five outstanding seniors Thursday night on "Senior Night". Wendy Ausdemore, Lindsey Nyenhuis, Megan Skouby, Kristi Smith and Nicole VanderPol will be honored after the game.

Iowa has won four straight, which ties Purdue for the longest active winning streak in the Big Ten. Illinois enters Thursday's contest on a two-game losing skid.

### SPECIAL GUEST IN IOWA CITY THURSDAY NIGHT

Gina Glocksen, who was the ninth-place finisher in the 2007 *American Idol* competition, will be the Hawkeyes' special guest Thursday night for "Senior Night". The Tinley Park, IL, native, will sing the national anthem, perform a song at halftime and also sign autographs. Glocksen is friends with Hawkeye senior Lindsey Nyenhuis.

### ON THE TUBE

Thursday's game will be televised live to a national cable audience on the Big Ten Network (HD). Brent Stover and Brenda VanLengen will call the action.

### ON THE RADIO

Brent Balbinot and Shelley Till will call Thursday night's game for the Hawkeye Radio Network. Hawkeye fans can listen to the game on WMT AM-600 in Cedar Rapids, KXIC AM-800 in Iowa City and WHO AM-1040 in Des Moines. Balbinot is in his fifth season as Iowa's play-by-play voice, while Till is in her fourth providing analysis.

Hawkeye fans can also follow the game via live stats (gametracker). The 'GT' link can be accessed under the 'Calendar' tab on the front page of [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) or on the women's basketball schedule page.

## Probable Starting Lineups

### Illinois Fighting Illini (8-19, 4-12)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Statistical Summary
G	3	Fabiola Josil	5-7	Fr.	4.1 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 1.1 apg, .388 FG%, .714 FT%
G	12	Lydia McCully	5-9	Fr.	7.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 2.3 apg, .338 FG%, .793 FT%
G	21	Macie Blinn	5-11	Fr.	5.9 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 1.0 apg, .315 FG%, .625 FT%
F	22	Lacey Simpson	6-1	Jr.	11.2 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 3.4 apg, .392 FG%, .679 FT%
C	13	Jenna Smith	6-3	Jr.	18.1 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 1.9 apg, .471 FG%, .773 FT%

Head Coach: Jollette Law (Iowa, 1990); Second Season at Illinois (28-34); Second Season Overall (28-34)

### Iowa Hawkeyes (18-9, 11-5)

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Statistical Summary
G	11	Kristi Smith	5-6	Sr.	13.3 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 3.1 apg, .411 FG%, .809 FT%
G	2	Kamille Wahlin	5-8	Fr.	6.7 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 2.4 apg, .447 FG%, .737 FT%
F	21	Kachine Alexander	5-9	So.	9.4 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 4.0 apg, .417 FG%, .760 FT%
F	32	Wendy Ausdemore	6-2	Sr.	12.1 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 2.5 apg, .454 FG%, .904 FT%
C	44	Megan Skouby	6-6	Sr.	12.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 1.6 bpg, .457 FG%, .846 FT%

Head Coach: Lisa Bluder (Northern Iowa, 1983); Ninth Season at Iowa (166-107); 25th Season Overall (522-249)



## Inside the Numbers

	IOWA	ILL
Scoring Average	67.6	52.2
Scoring Defense	62.9	59.4
Scoring Margin	+4.7	-7.2
FG%	.430	.373
FG% Defense	.308	.410
FT%	.793	.728
3-PT FG%	.364	.255
3-PT FG% Defense	.308	.311
Rebound Margin	+1.9	-3.6
Assists Per Game	15.3	11.1
Turnovers Per Game	16.7	16.8
Steals Per Game	5.1	7.4
Blocks Per Game	3.1	4.2

## Illinois vs. Iowa Series History

Iowa leads series, 43-16  
Last 10 meetings listed below

Date	Score	Site
Jan. 15, 2009	W, 72-62	Champaign
Jan. 21, 2008	W, 60-58	Champaign
Feb. 15, 2007	L, 69-74	Iowa City
Feb. 23, 2006	W, 71-60	Champaign
Jan. 1, 2006	W, 84-65	Iowa City
Feb. 24, 2005	W, 87-63	Iowa City
Jan. 2, 2005	W, 72-58	Champaign
Feb. 29, 2004	W, 89-64	Champaign
Jan. 2, 2004	W, 91-73	Iowa City
Feb. 9, 2003	L, 58-73	Champaign

## How Many Times a Hawkeye Player...

<b>Scored 20 or More Points</b>	
Megan Skouby .....	6
Wendy Ausdemore .....	5
Kristi Smith .....	5
JoAnn Hamlin .....	1
Kachine Alexander .....	1
<b>Scored 15 or More Points</b>	
Kristi Smith .....	11
Wendy Ausdemore .....	11
Megan Skouby .....	9
Kachine Alexander .....	6
JoAnn Hamlin .....	3
Kamille Wahlin .....	2
<b>Grabbed 10 or More Rebounds</b>	
Kachine Alexander .....	12
JoAnn Hamlin .....	6
Wendy Ausdemore .....	3
Megan Skouby .....	1
<b>Grabbed 7 or More Rebounds</b>	
Kachine Alexander .....	18
JoAnn Hamlin .....	10
Megan Skouby .....	9
Wendy Ausdemore .....	7
Kamille Wahlin .....	4
Kelly Krei .....	2
Hannah Draxten .....	1
Kristi Smith .....	1
<b>Dished out 7 or More Assists</b>	
Kachine Alexander .....	4
Wendy Ausdemore .....	1
Kamille Wahlin .....	1
<b>Dished out 5 or More Assists</b>	
Kachine Alexander .....	9
Kamille Wahlin .....	4
Kristi Smith .....	3
Wendy Ausdemore .....	3
<b>Recorded 4 or More Steals</b>	
Wendy Ausdemore .....	1
<b>Blocked 3 or More Shots</b>	
Megan Skouby .....	6
JoAnn Hamlin .....	2
Kachine Alexander .....	1

## 2008-09 Margin of Victory/Defeat

Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	15+	20+
Wins	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	3	3	5
Losses	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4

### MARCH TOWARDS 1,000

Iowa has played 997 games, three shy of competing in its 1,000th contest, since beginning basketball in 1974. Overall, Iowa's record is 607-390 (.609). That includes a 307-151 (.670) mark in Big Ten contests and 284-82 (.776) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

### NUMBER OF THE WEEK -- 6

Iowa's senior trio of, Kristi Smith (1,393), Megan Skouby (1,389) and Wendy Ausdemore (1,276), have combined for 4,058 points during their illustrious four-year careers. The trio is only six points from becoming the highest scoring trio, from one class, in Big Ten history. Purdue's 1988 senior trio of Sharon Versyp (1,565), Christa LaCroix (1,289) and Lisa Jahner (1,209) accumulated a record 4,063 points.

### FIRST-DIVISION FINISH

Iowa's win at Michigan Sunday coupled with Indiana's loss to Ohio State clinched another upper division finish for Lisa Bluder and the Iowa Hawkeyes. Bluder's Hawkeyes have finished in the first division of the Big Ten Conference six times in her nine years as head coach.

### HOME SWEET HOME

Iowa has maintained a solid home court advantage the last couple years. Dating back to last season, Iowa has won 19 of its last 20 home games. Iowa boasts a 12-1 home record this season.

### FINAL STRETCH

Only two dates left in the Big Ten regular season and the league race is heating up. Only one game separates second place from fifth. Listed below is each team's remaining schedule.

**Ohio State (13-3):** Wisconsin, Penn State

**Michigan State (12-4):** Minnesota, Purdue

**Purdue (12-4):** Michigan, at Michigan State

**Iowa (11-5):** Illinois, at Northwestern

**Minnesota (10-6):** at Michigan State, Illinois

**Indiana (10-7):** Idle, Michigan

### IOWA-ILLINOIS CONNECTIONS

Illinois second-year Head Coach Jolette Law is a 1990 graduate of the University of Iowa. Law, who was a 1990 all-American, played four years (1986-90) for former Iowa and Hall of Fame Coach C. Vivian Stringer. Law currently ranks 17th in Iowa career scoring (1,137), sixth in steals (205) and seventh in assists (353). The Hawkeyes won or shared four Big Ten championships, reached the Elite Eight twice and helped Iowa win 46-straight home games during her career.

Law will be making her first appearance in Carver-Hawkeye Arena as a head coach Thursday night. Law was back in Iowa City in December 2006, when Rutgers visited Iowa City for the 2006 Hawkeye Challenge. Law was an assistant for C. Vivian Stringer and Rutgers.

## 2008-09 Iowa Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown (High School/College)
2	Kamille Wahlin	Fr.	5-8	G	Crookston, MN (Crookston)
11	Kristi Smith	Sr.	5-6	G	Thornton, CO (Horizon)
13	Shante Jones	Fr.	5-9	G	Dayton, OH (Carroll)
20	Kelly Krei	Fr.	6-2	F	Iowa City, IA (City)
21	Kachine Alexander	So.	5-9	G	Minneapolis, MN (Benilde-St. Margaret's)
22	Kelsey Cermak	So.	6-1	F	Norwalk, IA (Norwalk)
31	Hannah Draxten	Fr.	6-0	G/F	Fergus Falls, MN (Fergus Falls)
32	Wendy Ausdemore	Sr.	6-2	F	Neola, IA (Tri-Center)
43	Nicole VanderPol	Sr.	6-1	F	Grundy Center, IA (Grundy Center)
44	Megan Skouby	Sr.	6-6	C	Mentor, OH (Mentor)
45	JoAnn Hamlin	Jr.	6-3	F/C	Douglass, KS (Winfield/Kansas State)
50	Lindsey Nyenhuis	Sr.	5-7	G	Grand Rapids, MI (Forest Hills Northern)

**Head Coach:** Lisa Bluder

**Associate Head Coach:** Jan Jensen

**Assistant Coaches:** Jenni Fitzgerald and Shannon Gage



## 2008-09 Captains

Iowa captains are seniors Wendy Ausdemore and Kristi Smith and junior JoAnn Hamlin.

### SCOUTING ILLINOIS

After starting the season 4-16, Illinois has gone 4-3 its last seven games. The Illini are 4-10 in games away from home, including a 4-5 mark in true road contests.

Illinois lost its last two games, 68-50 at Purdue and 67-56 vs. Penn State at home. In the loss to Penn State, the Lady Lions outscored the Illini 19-8 at the free throw line. Also, Penn State's bench scored 22 points to Illinois' zero. Jenna Smith paced the Illini, recording her 31st career double-double (22 points, 13 rebounds). The 31 double-doubles, ties Indiana's Whitney Thomas and Ohio State's Jantel Lavender for the most among active Big Ten players. Smith has now reached double figures in 35-straight contests.

Smith, a pre-season all-Big Ten honoree, averages a team-best 18.1 points, 53 blocks and .471 shooting percentage from the field. She also pulls down 8.6 rebounds per outing. Lacey Simpson averages 11.2 points and a team-best 9.0 rebounds.

Like Iowa, Illinois has a thin bench, playing only two bench players in its last game. The Illini average only 52.2 points per game, while allowing 59.4. Illinois has made only 75 triples this season, shooting 25.5 percent from behind the 3-point arc.

Jolette Law is in her second season as a head coach, both years at Illinois. Her record is 28-34 (.452) on the Fighting Illini sidelines. Last season, Law guided Illinois to the championship game of the Big Ten Tournament.

### ALL-TIME SERIES

Thursday will be the 60th meeting between Iowa and Illinois, with the Hawkeyes boasting a 43-16 advantage. The 43 victories are the most the Hawkeyes have against any other team. Iowa has won 40 of the last 47 meetings, including eight of the last nine. Iowa owns a commanding 22-5 advantage in games played at Iowa City. Thursday will be Illinois' first visit to Iowa City since a 74-69 triumph on Feb. 15, 2007. Iowa is 20-3 against the Fighting Illini in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes defeated Illinois earlier this season, 72-62, Jan. 15 in Champaign, IL.

### IOWA, ILLINOIS NOTES

- Last year, Iowa went 13-5 in Big Ten play to win a share of the regular season title with Ohio State. The Hawkeyes are on pace to finish with the same league record this season, 13-5.
- This season marks the sixth time in nine years that Coach Bluder has guided the Hawkeyes to at least 18 victories. Bluder has mentored Iowa to three 20-win seasons during her tenure.
- Iowa's last two games of the season are vs. the bottom two teams in the Big Ten standings. In fact, the Hawkeyes' last five games of the regular season will be against the bottom five of the league.
- Iowa boasts a perfect 10-0 record when allowing 59 points or less, are 15-2 when shooting a higher field goal percentage than its opponents and 15-1 when leading at halftime this season.
- Kachine Alexander, who stands 5-9, leads the Big Ten in rebounding, pulling down 9.7 per contest in 16 league games. Also, Alexander has attempted the most free throws of any Big Ten athlete (146) in 27 overall games.
- Iowa's senior trio of Kristi Smith (1,393), Megan Skouby (1,389) and Wendy Ausdemore (1,276) is the first-ever senior class of three players in Big Ten history to each have eclipsed 1,250 points.
- Iowa shoots 79 percent (59-75) from the foul line the last two minutes of games, including 85 percent (46-54) with under a minute to go.

## Head Coach Lisa Bluder

Lisa Bluder (pronounced BLUE-dir) is in her ninth season as head coach at the University of Iowa and her 25th season as a college head coach. She is a two-time Big Ten and WBCA Regional Coach of the Year, most recently earning honors a year ago in 2007-08.

Bluder, 47, has a career record of 522-249 (.677), including a 166-107 (.608) record at Iowa, a 187-106 (.638) record in 10 seasons (1990-2000) at Drake and a six-year mark (1984-90) of 169-36 (.824) at St. Ambrose.

Bluder is Iowa's second all-time winningest coach and trails only C. Vivian Stringer. She has guided the Hawkeyes to six post-season tournaments (4 NCAA, 2 WNIT) and five upper-division finishes in the Big Ten Conference, including winning a share of the league championship in 2008.

In her first season with the Hawkeyes, Bluder transformed a struggling program into a 21-game winner. Iowa finished second in the Big Ten, won the conference tournament and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Bluder became Iowa's third coach to be named Big Ten Coach of the Year. She was also honored as the College Coach of the Year by the *Women's Basketball News Service* and was named the WBCA District 6 Coach of the Year. Iowa's 2001-02 squad finished fourth in the Big Ten and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year. In 2003, Bluder guided the Hawkeyes to their first-ever WNIT appearance. Iowa, which had nine underclassmen on its roster, advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Creighton. In 2004-05, Iowa finished 23-10, starting the year 13-0 and were the last Division I undefeated team standing. In 2005-06, Bluder mentored a team plagued by injuries to a fifth-place Big Ten finish and an NCAA Tournament berth.

In her 10 years at Drake, Bluder brought great success and tradition to the Bulldog program and established herself as one of the top coaches in the country. She led Drake to five 20-plus win seasons in her last six years, including five post-season appearances. She guided the Bulldogs to eight Missouri Valley Conference Tournament appearances, reaching the semifinals six times and winning the tournament four times. Bluder was also named the Conference Coach of the Year three times at Drake.

Bluder began her coaching career at St. Ambrose, where she coached six successful seasons, building the Bees into a NAIA powerhouse. During her tenure at St. Ambrose, Bluder guided the Bees to four straight national tournaments, including two consecutive Final Four appearances. The 1990 St. Ambrose team was ranked No. 1 and Bluder was named the NAIA Converse Coach of the Year.

A graduate of Linn-Mar High School in Marion, IA, Bluder was a three-year starter at Northern Iowa. She graduated from UNI in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.



- Kristi Smith, Megan Skouby and Kamille Wahlin had solid outings at Illinois on Jan. 15. Skouby finished with a game-high 21 points, Smith chipped in 17 and Wahlin 12. The Hawkeyes shot a blistering 62.5 percent (10-16) from 3-point range. Illinois was paced by Jenna Smith's 18 points and 18 rebounds. Lacey Simpson contributed 15 rebounds and 12 points. Chelsea Gordon scored 14 points against Iowa, but is out for the remainder of the year with a knee injury.
- Kristi Smith, Megan Skouby and Wendy Ausdemore have had good games against Illinois in their careers. Smith averages 11.4 points, including 11-20 from distance, and 3.4 assists in five starts vs. the Illini. Ausdemore averages 14.6 points, sinking all 14 free throw attempts, while Skouby averages 13.8 points and 4.3 rebounds.
- Kristi Smith has reached double figures a team-best 21 times this year, including the last 13 contests. Also, Smith has made 19-straight free throws, dating back to the Indiana game (Feb. 5).



## Charting The Iowa Hawkeyes

### Career Scoring

Rank	Pts	Player	Years
1	2059	Cindy Haugejorde	76-80
2	1906	Lindsey Meder	98-02
3	1821	Michelle Edwards	84-88
4	1762	Jennie Lillis	00-04
5	1742	Franthea Price	86-90
6	1606	Toni Foster	89-93
7	1598	Tangela Smith	94-98
8	1393	Kristi Smith	05-
9	1389	Megan Skouby	05-
10	1335	Lisa Becker	83-87
11	1319	Amy Herrig	95-99
12	1283	Necole Tunsil	90-94
13	1276	Wendy Ausdemore	05-

### Career Assists

Rank	Ast.	Player	Years
1	576	Cara Consuegra	97-01
2	431	Michelle Edwards	84-88
3	393	Kristi Smith	05-

### Career Blocks

Rank	Blks.	Player	Years
1	235	Tangela Smith	94-98
2	149	Megan Skouby	05-

### Career 3-Point Field Goals Made

Rank	3-pters	Player	Years
1	261	Lindsey Meder	98-02
2	213	Wendy Ausdemore	05-
3	177	Kristi Smith	05-

### Career 3-Point Field Goal Percentage

Rank	3-pters	Player	Years
1	.409 (213-521)	Wendy Ausdemore	2005-
2	.409 (177-433)	Kristi Smith	2005-
3	.405 (261-644)	Lindsey Meder	1998-02

### Senior Blocks

Rank	Blks.	Player	Season
1	59	Jerica Watson	2001-02
2	58	Jamie Cavey	2004-05
3	54	Tangela Smith	1997-98
4	42	Megan Skouby	2008-09

### Senior 3-Pointers

Rank	3-pters	Player	Season
1	84	Lindsey Meder	2001-02
2	57	Kristi Faulkner	2003-04
3	57	Kristi Smith	2008-09
4	54	Leah Magner	2001-02
5	53	Wendy Ausdemore	2008-09

### Sophomore Assists

Rank	Asts	Player	Season
1	153	Cara Consuegra	1998-99
2	153	April Calhoun	2002-03
3	121	Kristi Smith	2006-07
4	107	Kachine Alexander	2008-09

### Sophomore Rebounds

Rank	Rbs	Player	Season
1	300	Cindy Haugejorde	1977-78
2	267	Lisa Long	1984-85
3	247	Toni Foster	1990-91
4	237	Krista VandeVenter	2005-06
5	234	Kachine Alexander	2008-09

## Big Ten Standings/Schedule

Team	Big Ten	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Ohio State	13-3	.813	22-5	.815
Michigan State	12-4	.750	19-8	.704
Purdue	12-4	.750	19-8	.704
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>11-5</b>	<b>.688</b>	<b>18-9</b>	<b>.667</b>
Minnesota	10-6	.625	18-9	.667
Indiana	10-7	.588	17-9	.654
Wisconsin	6-11	.353	16-12	.571
Penn State	5-11	.313	10-16	.385
Illinois	4-12	.250	8-19	.296
Michigan	3-13	.188	10-17	.370
Northwestern	3-13	.188	7-20	.259

### Thursday, Feb. 26

Northwestern at Penn State, 6:05 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Minnesota at Michigan State, 6:05 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Michigan at Purdue, 6:05 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Wisconsin at Ohio State, 6:05 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Illinois at Iowa, 8:05 p.m. (BTN)  
 Idle: Indiana

### Sunday, Mar. 1

Purdue at Michigan State, 11 a.m. (BTN)  
 Michigan at Indiana, 1 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Illinois at Minnesota, 1 p.m. (Webcast)  
 Iowa at Northwestern, 2 p.m.  
 Penn State at Ohio State, 3 p.m. (BTN)  
 Idle: Wisconsin

- Kristi Smith's 57 triples this season are a single-season best and tie Kristi Faulkner (2003-04) for second-best in school history by an Iowa senior.
- Kamille Wahlin ranks second in assists (3.0), fourth in scoring (8.0), rebounding (3.6) and 3-point field goal percentage (.400), amongst Big Ten freshmen, in conference games only rankings.
- Kristi Smith's two assists at Michigan moved her past Johanna Solverson and into third place in Iowa all-time assists (493). She is only seven dimes from reaching 400. Megan Skouby, who ranks 18th in career rebounding (499), is only one from reaching 500.
- Iowa players have corralled double-digit rebounds 20 times this season. Kachine Alexander has accomplished the feat a team-best 11 times, JoAnn Hamlin six times, Wendy Ausdemore three times and Megan Skouby once. The last time an Iowa player controlled double-digit rebounds 11 times or more in a season was Jenee Graham (11), during the 2006-07 season.
- Iowa has an RPI rating of 32nd in the country and strength of schedule of 28th. Iowa has four wins over teams in the RPI top-50, including two ranked in the top 25. Iowa's lowest RPI-ranked loss this year came at Kansas (59) in its second game of the year. Illinois is rated 132nd in the RPI and 18th in strength of schedule. The numbers are based on the report published Feb. 23.

### SMITH AND SKOUBY BATTLE FOR EIGHTH PLACE

Only four points separate Megan Skouby and Kristi Smith for eighth place on Iowa's all-time scoring list. Smith has amassed 1,393 points, followed by 1,389 for Skouby. Skouby (114) has played four fewer games than Smith (118).

### KASHIN' IN

Sophomore Kachine Alexander has made a name for herself in the Big Ten with her improved play. Last year, she played only 18 games, averaging 2.2 points, 2.9 rebounds and 0.7 assists. Through 27 games this season, she is averaging 9.4 points, 8.7 rebounds and 4.0 assists.

Alexander, who stands 5-9, first in rebounding (9.7) and defensive rebounding (7.25), second in assists (4.69), third in assist/turnover ratio (1.5), and 12th in free throw percentage (.767), in Big Ten Conference games only.

Additionally, she became the first Big Ten player to ever post two triple-doubles in the same season when she accomplished the feat twice in four games. The Minneapolis, MN, native had 10 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists vs. Northwestern (Jan. 18) and 26 points, 21 rebounds and 10 assists vs. Penn State (Feb. 1). Both games were Iowa wins.

### Hawkeye Career Statistics vs. Illinois

#	Player	GP-GS	FG-FGA	PCT	[-3-Pointers-]			REB	AVG	AST	TO	STL	BLK	PTS	AVG	
					FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA									
2	Kamille Wahlin	1-0	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	1	1.0	1	1	0	12	12.0	
11	Kristi Smith	5-5	20-49	.408	11-20	.550	6-9	.667	15	3.0	17	6	3	0	57	11.4
20	Kelly Krei	1-0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	4.0	0	1	1	0	0	0.0
21	Kachine Alexander	2-1	3-10	.300	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	12	6.0	10	3	0	1	10	5.0
22	Kelsey Cermak	1-0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2.0	2	1	1	1	0	0.0
31	Hannah Draxten	1-0	2-4	.500	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	6	6.0
32	Wendy Ausdemore	5-4	24-43	.558	11-22	.500	14-14	1.000	13	2.6	10	10	2	6	73	14.6
44	Megan Skouby	4-3	22-43	.512	1-1	1.000	10-13	.769	17	4.3	3	3	4	6	55	13.8
45	JoAnn Hamlin	2-2	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0.5	2	3	1	1	4	2.0
50	Lindsey Nyenhuis	3-0	2-6	.333	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	4	1.3



## Big Ten Overall Individual Stats

<b>Megan Skouby</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Kristi Smith</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
Free Throw Percentage	2nd	.846	3-Pointers Made	2nd	2.11
Blocked Shots	6th	1.56	3-Point FG Percentage	3rd	.419
Field Goal Percentage	9th	.457	Free Throw Percentage	4th	.809
Scoring	T-9th	12.5	Scoring	5th	13.3
Rebounding	T-20th	5.0	Assist/Turnover Ratio	8th	1.17
			Assists	11th	3.11
			Minutes Played	15th	33.37
<b>Kachine Alexander</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>Wendy Ausdemore</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
Defensive Rebounds	4th	6.26	3-pointers Made	4th	1.96
Rebounding	5th	8.7	3-point FG Percentage	7th	.371
Assists	5th	3.96	Field Goal Percentage	11th	.454
Assist/Turnover Ratio	5th	1.26	Scoring	12th	12.1
Offensive Rebounds	T-10th	2.41	Assists	15th	2.52
Free Throw Percentage	14th	.760			
Scoring	26th	9.4	<b>JoAnn Hamlin</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Avg.</b>
			Field Goal Percentage	4th	.500
			Defensive Rebounds	12th	4.5
			Rebounding	13th	6.4
			Blocked Shots	13th	0.91

### IOWA HANGS ON TO BEAT MICHIGAN

Iowa won its fourth-straight game Sunday with a 68-64 triumph at Michigan. The Hawkeyes led start-to-finish and led by as many as 16 points in the second half.

Wendy Ausdemore tallied a game-high 19 points on 7-12 shooting from the field, including 3-6 from 3-point territory, and 2-2 from the foul line. Ausdemore has been on fire during Iowa's four-game winning streak, draining 26-45 (.578) from the floor. Kristi Smith registered 13 points, while JoAnn Hamlin added nine. Three Hawkeyes grabbed eight rebounds each: Kachine Alexander, Megan Skouby and Wendy Ausdemore. Smith controlled a season-high seven boards.

Despite not shooting the ball very well, Iowa won the game with defense and rebounding. The Hawkeyes boasted a +18 rebounding margin (50-32), allowing a season-low seven offensive rebounds to the Wolverines. Iowa grabbed a season-high 19 offensive rebounds. Iowa turned its second-chance opportunities into 14 points, to only four for Michigan.

### LAST OUTING TIP-INS

- Iowa has won 10 of its last 12 games. The Hawkeyes have won five road games this season, four of which have come in the Big Ten.
- Michigan has lost 10 games by eight points or less this season.
- Iowa has won 12 of the last 13 against Michigan, including four of the last five contests played in Crisler Arena.
- Iowa led 31-20 at intermission. The Hawkeyes improves to 15-1 when leading at half-time.
- Wendy Ausdemore scored 12 of her game-high 19 points in the first half. The senior made two huge jumpers with under five minutes remaining when Michigan made a push.
- Kachine Alexander dished out a team-high five assists. Iowa improves to 9-0 when the sophomore collects five assists or more.
- Michigan's Carly Benson netted 14 of her 17 points in the second stanza. Also scoring in double figures for the Wolverines was Veronica Hicks (16) and Melinda Queen (11).

### MAKING THE FREEBIES

Iowa has done an outstanding job, recently, getting to the free throw line and taking advantage of the free shots. The Hawkeyes attempted an average of 18.7 free throws the last six games, including making 15.3 of those attempts. Iowa was 21-26 (.808) vs. Indiana, 26-32 (.813) vs. No. 13 Ohio State, 20-24 (.833) vs. Wisconsin, 11-14 (.786) at Penn State, 9-11 at Michigan and 5-5 (1.000) at Minnesota.

Senior Megan Skouby ranks first in the conference and 29th nationally in free throw accuracy, shooting .846 (77-91). Wendy Ausdemore has missed only five free throw attempts this season (47-52, .904). Kachine Alexander has attempted more free throws than any other Big Ten student-athlete this season (146). The 146 are the most by a Hawkeye since Kristi Faulkner attempted 165 in 33 games during the 2002-03 campaign. The school record for free throw attempts is Amy Herring's 169, which she established in 1998-99.

As a team, Iowa shoots .793 (391-493) from the charity stripe, ranking fourth in the nation. The Hawkeyes have made more free throws (391) than their opponents have attempted (389).

## Big Ten Overall Stats

<b>Scoring Offense</b>	
1. Ohio State _____	68.5
3. Iowa _____	67.6
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	54.5
9. Iowa _____	62.9
<b>Scoring Margin</b>	
1. Ohio State _____	+12.3
5. Iowa _____	+4.7
<b>Free Throw Percentage</b>	
1. Iowa _____	.793
<b>Field Goal Percentage</b>	
1. Ohio State _____	.439
2. Iowa _____	.430
<b>Field Goal Percentage Defense</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	.336
4. Iowa _____	.374
<b>3-Point Field Goals Made</b>	
1. Michigan _____	6.59
2. Iowa _____	6.19
<b>3-Point Field Goal Percentage</b>	
1. Iowa _____	.364
<b>3-Point Field Goal Percentage Defense</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	.261
3. Iowa _____	.308
<b>Rebounding</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	42.4
5. Iowa _____	38.6
<b>Offensive Rebounds</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	14.63
6. Iowa/Purdue _____	11.41
<b>Defensive Rebounds</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	27.74
2. Iowa _____	27.19
<b>Rebounding Allowed</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	33.4
8. Iowa _____	36.7
<b>Rebounding Margin</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	+8.9
5. Iowa _____	+1.9
<b>Blocked Shots</b>	
1. Michigan State _____	5.59
9. Iowa _____	3.11
<b>Assists</b>	
1. Purdue _____	15.67
2. Iowa _____	15.33
<b>Steals</b>	
1. Indiana _____	9.04
11. Iowa _____	5.07
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	
1. Indiana _____	+3.77
10. Iowa _____	-2.96
<b>Assist/Turnover Ratio</b>	
1. Purdue _____	0.94
2. Iowa _____	0.92



## Big Ten League Stats

### Scoring Offense

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 68.8

### Scoring Defense

1. Purdue \_\_\_\_\_ 53.3

11. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 65.7

### Scoring Margin

1. Ohio State \_\_\_\_\_ +11.1

5. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ +3.1

### Free Throw Percentage

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ .788

### Field Goal Percentage

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ .431

### Field Goal Percentage Defense

1. Michigan State \_\_\_\_\_ .342

5. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ .398

### 3-Point Field Goals Made

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 7.0

### 3-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ .394

### 3-Point Field Goal Percentage Defense

1. Michigan State \_\_\_\_\_ .244

8. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ .319

### Rebounding

1. Michigan State \_\_\_\_\_ 40.9

5. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 37.1

### Offensive Rebounds

1. Indiana \_\_\_\_\_ 14.53

6. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 11.13

### Defensive Rebounds

1. Michigan State \_\_\_\_\_ 26.63

2. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 26.00

### Rebounding Allowed

1. Ohio State \_\_\_\_\_ 32.6

9. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 37.1

### Rebounding Margin

1. Michigan State \_\_\_\_\_ +7.1

5. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ +0.0

### Blocked Shots

1. Northwestern \_\_\_\_\_ 5.00

9. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 2.56

### Assists

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 16.0

### Steals

1. Ohio State \_\_\_\_\_ 8.94

11. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 5.06

### Turnover Margin

1. Indiana \_\_\_\_\_ +4.71

8. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ -1.62

### Assist/Turnover Ratio

1. Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ 1.07

## Big Ten League Stats

### Megan Skouby

Blocked Shots 6th 1.44  
Field Goal Percentage 12th .438  
Scoring T-15th 11.2  
Rebounding 17th 5.6

### Kachine Alexander

Rebounding 1st 9.7  
Defensive Rebounds T-1st 7.25  
Assists 2nd 4.69  
Assist/Turnover Ratio 3rd 1.5  
Offensive Rebounds T-9th 2.44  
Free Throw Percentage 12th .767  
Scoring 19th 10.6

### Kamille Wahlin

Assist/Turnover Ratio 1st 1.92  
3-Point FG Percentage 5th .400  
Assists T-11th 3.0

### Kristi Smith

3-Pointers Made 1st 2.63  
Minutes Played 2nd 37.25  
3-Point FG Percentage 3rd .438  
Scoring 4th 15.3  
Free Throw Percentage 7th .813  
Assist/Turnover Ratio 9th 1.18  
Assists 10th 3.25  
Field Goal Percentage 15th .418

### Wendy Ausdemore

3-pointers Made 3rd 2.13  
Field Goal Percentage 5th .475  
Scoring 6th 13.5  
3-point FG Percentage 7th .386  
Minutes Played 11th 34.62  
Assists 15th 2.73

### SENIOR DUO IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Seniors Kristi Smith and Wendy Ausdemore have their names all over the Hawkeye record books for 3-point shooting. Both Smith and Ausdemore are shooting at a 40.9 percent clip from 3-point territory. Ausdemore has converted 213-521 and Smith 177-433.

Smith and Ausdemore's career shooting accuracy from distance currently ranks second in the Big Ten and first in Hawkeye record books. Former Ohio State Buckeye Caitly Matter (270-657, .411) ranks first. Former Hawkeye Lindsey Meder (261-644, .405) ranks fourth. Ausdemore's 213 treys ranks second in Iowa annals behind Meder's 261. Smith's 177 triples rate third best. Last season, Ausdemore was 78-171 (.456), with her percentage ranking third in the nation, and first among players with over 150 attempts. Also, Ausdemore made a school-best 62 triples as a sophomore and 78 as a junior.

### DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Last season, Iowa had only three players record a double-double in 32 games (Wendy Ausdemore, Johanna Solverson and Megan Skouby). So far this season, Iowa has had five different players post double-doubles a total of 15 times through 27 games. The last time Iowa had at least 15 double-doubles in a season was during 2000-01 campaign. That team, which was Lisa Bluder's first Hawkeye team, collected a total of 16 double-doubles that season.

Kachine Alexander has posted a team-best six double-doubles this season, which includes two triple-doubles. The sophomore registered double-doubles vs. Providence, Michigan, No. 13 Ohio State and Wisconsin, and also added triple-doubles vs. Northwestern and Penn State. The last Iowa player to record six or more double-doubles in a season was Jennie Lillis in 2002-03. Lillis had nine double-doubles that season.

JoAnn Hamlin has four double-doubles (Boston, Iowa State, Minnesota and Wisconsin) this year. Wendy Ausdemore collected double-doubles vs. Texas Tech and South Florida in the Paradise Jam and also at Penn State. Kamille Wahlin had her first double-double vs. Michigan, while senior Megan Skouby posted her first career double-double at Minnesota.

### IOWA DOUBLE-DOUBLES THIS SEASON (15)

Kachine Alexander (6)..... 15 points, 11 rebounds vs. Providence (11/23)  
..... 10 points, 11 rebounds, 12 assists vs. Northwestern (1/18)\*  
..... 10 points, 14 rebounds vs. Michigan (1/26)  
..... 26 points, 21 rebounds, 10 assists vs. Penn State (2/1)\*  
..... 16 points, 14 rebounds vs. Ohio State (2/12)  
..... 15 points, 12 rebounds (2/19)

JoAnn Hamlin (4) ..... 14 points, 10 rebounds vs. Boston (11/22)  
..... 18 points, 10 rebounds vs. Iowa State (12/7)  
..... 10 points, 10 rebounds at Wisconsin (12/28)  
..... 21 points, 10 rebounds vs. Minnesota (1/11)

Wendy Ausdemore (3)..... 17 points, 10 rebounds vs. Texas Tech (11/27)  
..... 21 points, 11 rebounds, vs. South Florida (11/28)  
..... 15 points, 12 rebounds at Penn State (2/15)

Kamille Wahlin (1) ..... 14 points, 10 assists vs. Michigan (1/26)  
Megan Skouby (1) ..... 21 points, 11 rebounds (2/8)

\* - denotes a triple-double



## Hawkeyes Ink Four Talented Recruits

Morgan Johnson, Gabby Machado, Jaime Printy and Theairra Taylor have signed National Letters of Intent to attend the University of Iowa.

"I am very happy with our recruiting class this year," said Bluder. "It is a strong class and I believe each player has an incredible upside. They are very good players now, but they can all become great players."

Printy, who became the youngest player (15) ever to verbally commit to the Iowa women's basketball program, is a two-time consensus all-state, all-conference and all-metro selection playing for Coach Bluder's alma mater, Linn-Mar High School. So far this season, Printy is averaging 17.7 points and 6.8 assists. A two-time team captain, she was named to the all-tournament team at the Iowa state tournament her junior season. The 5-11 guard averaged 18.2 points, 4.6 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.4 steals during her high school career. She is a 90 percent free throw shooter and has converted over 43 percent of her 3-point field goal attempts. The guard is ranked 78th on the ESPNU HoopGurlz Top 100 list.

Taylor is a two-time honorable mention Associated Press and Pioneer Press all-state honoree playing for St. Paul Central High School in Minnesota. So far this season, she is averaging 20.2 points, 8.6 rebounds, 3.9 steals and 2.6 assists. During her two years at Central, her team boasts a 60-4 record, including a perfect 32-0 record her sophomore season, and two 4AAAA state championships. Taylor is a three-time all-conference selection. She led the St. Paul Conference in scoring as a freshman at Como Park. She was named to the Wells Fargo All-Tournament team as a sophomore and junior, including being named MVP of the tournament and the gbbrecruit Player of the Week during the tournament last March. During last year's championship run, Taylor broke the state tournament free throw record. The 5-11 guard, who averaged 14 points last season, is ranked 94th on the ESPN HoopGurlz Top 100 list, including a 21st ranking in her position.

Johnson, a native of Platte City, MO, currently owns the Platte County High School record for career points (1,331), rebounds (864) and blocks (281), single-season scoring (502), blocks (113) and free throws made (107) and single-game scoring (33) and free throws made (16). The 6-5 center has been an all-conference and all-district honoree all three seasons and all-state the past two. Johnson was named team MVP all three years, as well. She has helped guide her team to a 53-29 record and the school's first-ever sectional championship, and second district and conference titles. Last season, her team posted a school-record 25 victories.

Machado, a native of Pontiac, MI, averaged 23 points, 14 rebounds and three assists last year for Northern High School. This season, Machado averages 22 points and 13 rebounds and has recorded a rare quadruple-double twice. She is ranked in the top ten in the 2009 class in the state of Michigan. She earned all-conference honors and was named to the Detroit News Class "A" All-State Honorable Mention and Associated Press State of Michigan Honorable Mention as a junior. She also earned first team all-Oakland County laurels last season. Machado is the school record holder for career rebounds (1,106). She averaged 17 points and eight rebounds as a sophomore and 15 points and eight boards her freshman campaign. She was rated the No. 1 power forward and No. 4 player overall in her class by michladyballers.com.

### HOME, AWAY COMPARISONS

Iowa averages 15.1 more points at home than on the road. The Black and Gold have a much-higher free throw percentage at home (.820) than on the road (.753). Iowa averages 2.9 more rebounds per game, 4.9 more assists and 2.4 fewer turnovers at home than on the road. Here are the home and away comparisons:

	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO	PTS
Home	.465	.376	.820	40.1	17.9	15.5	75.4
Away	.397	.353	.755	37.2	13.0	17.9	60.3

### WINS, LOSSES COMPARISONS

There are big differences, statistically in Iowa's wins vs. losses. The Hawkeyes average 17.8 more points in victory. Also, Iowa averages 4.9 fewer turnovers in its victories. Finally, Iowa averages .403 from behind the 3-point arc in its wins, compared to only .296 in defeat.

Individually, Kristi Smith averages 15.2 points, including making 41-90 (.456) from 3-point territory, in victories. Also, Kachine Alexander averages 11.2 points, 5.1 assists and 9.7 rebounds in Hawkeyes wins. In losses, Smith averages only 9.6 points, while Alexander averages 5.8 points and 1.7 assists.

Here are the wins and losses comparisons:

	FG%	3-PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO	PTS
Wins	.461	.403	.800	39.7	17.2	15.1	73.5
Losses	.365	.296	.774	36.4	11.8	20.0	55.7

### TRIFECTA MAKES HISTORY

Iowa has three seniors who have reached the 1,200-point plateau. Wendy Ausdemore, Megan Skouby and Kristi Smith became the first trio, from the same class, in Big Ten history to ever eclipse 1,250 points! Purdue and Illinois each have three members from their 1988 class score 1,000 points or more.

Smith currently has 1,393 points, followed by Skouby (1,389) and Ausdemore (1,276).

Skouby and Smith accomplished the feat last season as juniors, while Ausdemore topped 1,000 points early this season.

Ausdemore netted a game-high 21 points in an overtime loss to South Florida (Nov. 28, 2008). The native of Neola, IA, reached 1,000 points in 97 games.

Skouby scored six points at No. 20 Ohio State (Feb. 21, 2008) to become the 24th Hawkeye to amass 1,000 career points. Skouby, who is a native of Mentor, OH, accomplished the feat in only 82 games and she did so in front of family and friends.

Smith netted 19 points vs. Purdue (March 8, 2008) to become the 25th Iowa player to tally 1,000 points. The Thornton, CO, native accomplished the feat in 90 contests.

### REACHING DOUBLE FIGURES

The following are Iowa's number of double figure games in scoring and rebounding, both for the 2008-09 season and career:

	Points		Rebounds	
	'08-09	Career	'08-09	Career
Kristi Smith .....	22	75	0	0
Megan Skouby .....	15	70	0	1
Wendy Ausdemore.....	18	68	2	4
JoAnn Hamlin .....	8	10	6	6
Nicole VanderPol .....	0	6	0	0
Lindsey Nyenhuis.....	0	5	0	0
Kachine Alexander.....	11	11	12	13
Kamille Wahlin.....	6	6	0	0

### COMPARING SMITH AND WAHLIN'S FRESHMAN NUMBERS

Kamille Wahlin is on the same path as Kristi Smith in her freshman season. Below are Kamille's and Kristi's freshman year numbers.

#### Kristi Smith's Freshman Campaign in 2005-06

GP/GS	FG-FGA	3-Ptrs	FT-FTA	RB	AS	ST	PTS	AVG
29/21	74-156	22-53	36-43	61	82	29	206	7.1

#### Kamille Wahlin's Freshman Campaign in 2008-09

GP/GS	FG-FGA	3-Ptrs	FT-FTA	RB	AS	ST	PTS	AVG
27/9	67-149	19-48	28-38	83	67	18	181	6.7



### **TRIPLE THREAT**

Kachine Alexander, who was tabbed Big Ten Player of the Week twice this season (Jan. 20 and Feb. 3), is the first player in Big Ten history to record two triple-doubles in a season.

The 5-9 guard totaled 10 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists in Iowa's win against the Northwestern Wildcats. The 12 assists are a personal best and match the school single-game and Carver-Hawkeye Arena record.

She became the first player to register a triple-double during a Big Ten game since Feb. 8, 2007, when Ohio State's Jessica Davenport tallied 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 blocks against Minnesota. The last triple-double involving points, rebounds and assists in league play was courtesy of Iowa's Cara Consuegra (17 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists) on Feb. 3, 2000.

The sophomore repeated the feat three games later when she totaled 26 points, 21 rebounds and 10 assists in a triple-overtime triumph over Penn State. She is the only Hawkeye to ever record two triple-doubles.

Alexander is one of only four NCAA Division I student-athletes to post multiple triple-doubles this season. Kansas State's Shalee Lehnig, UT-San Antonio's Monica Gibbs and St. Mary's Louella Tomlinson are the other three players to have two triple-doubles this year. In total, there have been 13 triple-doubles, by a total of nine different players in 2008-09.

Alexander became only the second Iowa basketball player, male or female, to post a triple-double (Cara Consuegra).

### **WAHLIN SHINES IN STARTING ROLE**

Kamille Wahlin was moved to a starting role the last nine games. She first entered the starting lineup after JoAnn Hamlin went down with an injury, but has remained in the starting lineup since Hamlin's return.

In her nine career starts, Wahlin averages 11.0 points, 4.9 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 35 minutes of action. She currently second in assists (3.0), fourth in scoring (8.0), rebounding (3.6) and 3-point field goal percentage (.400), amongst Big Ten freshmen, in conference games only rankings. Additionally, she ranks first in Big Ten assist/turnover ratio (1.92), fifth in 3-point percentage (.400) and 11th in assists (3.0), in conference games only rankings.

In her first career start against Michigan (Jan. 26), she posted a double-double, the first of her career, recording 14 points and a personal-best 10 assists. The 10 assists are believed to be the most in a single-game by an Iowa freshman.

At Michigan State, Wahlin was under the weather, with the flu, but still managed to play 27 minutes and collect six points and two assists. In Iowa's triple overtime thriller, the freshman logged 43 minutes of court time, recording 18 points and seven boards.

Wahlin helped Iowa to a two-point victory (69-67) over Indiana on Feb. 5. The freshman tallied 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists. At Minnesota, she was credited with eight points, seven rebounds and a game-high six assists.

The native of Crookston, MN, netted a personal-best 19 points and collected a team-high five assists in Iowa's 10-point upset home win over No. 13 Ohio State. Wahlin was credited with 10 points and a personal-best eight boards in Iowa's last win vs. Wisconsin.

### **SIMILARITIES**

Coach Bluder sees similarities between this season's senior and freshman classes. This year's senior class was asked, in 2005-06, to step-up and make an immediate impact when they were freshmen. Iowa's freshman class this year, again, was asked to provide depth and will likely play a pivotal role in the team's success.

### **DISTRIBUTING THE BALL**

Kachine Alexander has been putting up big assist numbers. The sophomore had eight assists vs. Minnesota (Jan. 11) and followed up that performance with nine at Illinois (Jan. 15). Against Northwestern (Jan. 18), Alexander collected a game and career-high 12 helpers. The 12 assists tied the school single-game and Carver-Hawkeye Arena record. She was credited with 10 dimes vs. Penn State (Feb. 1). Alexander ranks second in assists (4.69), in league play.

Alexander's 29 combined assists vs. Minnesota, Illinois and Northwestern are believed to be the most ever by a Hawkeye in a three-game span.

Iowa is 9-0 this season when Alexander has five assists or more, and only 2-6 with two assists or fewer.

### **IOWA FAST BREAKS**

- Senior Nicole VanderPol will not play the rest of the year, due to injury. VanderPol only played in the first two games of the season.

- Kristi Smith ranks 20th nationally in 3-point field goal percentage (.419), while Megan Skouby ranks 29th in free throw percentage (.846). As a team, Iowa ranks fourth in free throw percentage (.793), 26th in 3-point field goal percentage (.364), 33rd in assists (15.3) and 37th in assist/turnover ratio (0.92).

- Iowa has only three wins this season when trailing at the half: two coming against Penn State and the other vs. Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes were behind by two (36-34) at intermission vs. Penn State Feb. 1. The Black and Gold also trailed the Lady Lions 41-23 Feb. 15 on the road. Iowa rallied from 12 points down in the first half against the Lady Lions (Feb. 1) and a school-record 20 points in the second half (Feb. 15) at Penn State. Iowa trailed Wisconsin 32-30 at the break, but won by seven (72-65) on Feb. 19 in Iowa City.

- Iowa is 136-18 when leading at the half in nine years under Coach Bluder, including 15-1 this season. The Hawkeyes are 116-26 when holding opponents to 69 points or less, including a 56-4 mark when opponents score 59 points or less.

- Iowa's 12 blocks at Drake (Dec. 20) tied the school single-game record previously set vs. UC Santa Barbara in 1995.

- Iowa played seven non-conference games against teams from a major conference: Big East (Providence and South Florida), Pac-10 (California), ACC (Duke), Big 12 (Kansas, Texas Tech and Iowa State).

- Megan Skouby tied a Paradise Jam tournament game record with four blocked shots against Texas Tech (11/27/08). Additionally, she blocked a career-high six shots at Purdue (1/8/09).

- Wendy Ausdemore's 14 three-point attempts vs. Penn State (Feb. 1) tied a school single-game record. Crystal Smith attempted 14 triples at Louisiana Tech, while Lindsey Meder shot 14 treys vs. Colorado and Ohio State.

- Iowa boasted a +21.3 scoring margin in its three wins over in-state competition. The Hawkeyes dropped Iowa State by 20, Northern Iowa by 26 and Drake by 18.

- Iowa is 3-0 in bus trips this season (Drake, Wisconsin and Illinois). The Hawkeyes have one bus trip remaining (at Northwestern).

### **HOME GROWN HAWKEYES**

Iowa's 2008-09 roster features four players from the state of Iowa (Wendy Ausdemore, Kelsey Cermak, Kelly Krei and Nicole VanderPol). The Hawkeyes also have three players from Minnesota (Kachine Alexander, Hannah Draxten and Kamille Wahlin). Iowa's 13-person roster also features players from Ohio (Shante Jones and Megan Skouby), Colorado (Kristi Smith), Kansas (JoAnn Hamlin) and Michigan (Lindsey Nyenhuis).





### **HAWKEYES RANK WELL IN BIG TEN STATISTICS**

The Iowa Hawkeyes rank first in seven statistical Big Ten games only categories: scoring (68.8), free throw percentage (.788), field goal percentage (.431), 3-pointers made (7.0), 3-point field goal percentage (.394), assist/turnover ratio (1.07) and assists (16.0).

Individually, Kachine Alexander ranks first in rebounding (9.7) and defensive rebounding (7.25), second in assists (4.69) and third in assist/turnover ratio (1.5). Kristi Smith ranks first in 3-pointers made (2.63), second in minutes played (37.25), third in 3-point percentage (.438) and fourth in scoring (15.3). Megan Skouby rates sixth in blocked shots (1.44) and 12th in field goal percentage (.438). Kamille Wahlin ranks first in assist/turnover ratio (1.92), fifth in 3-point percentage (.400) and 11th in assists (3.0). Wendy Ausdemore ranks third in 3-pointers (2.13), fifth in field goal percentage (.475) and sixth in scoring (13.5).

### **HAWKEYES-LADY LIONS MAKE BIG TEN HISTORY**

The Iowa-Penn State triple overtime game on Feb. 1, in Iowa City, made Big Ten history. Iowa became the first Big Ten school to win a triple overtime conference game, since league play officially began in 1982-83.

### **PRE-SEASON RANKINGS**

Iowa has been picked to finish fourth in the Big Ten by the league coaches and fifth by a selected media panel. The coaches picked Purdue to win the conference, while the media selected Ohio State. The Buckeyes have won outright, or shared, the last four regular season conference titles. Ohio State sophomore Jantel Lavender was selected as the pre-season Player of the Year by both voting groups.

### **FITZGERALD EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Former Drake athlete Jenni Fitzgerald received the Drake Double D Award in Des Moines, IA, on Jan. 17.

The award is presented annually to Drake letterwinners for achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor and/or community service since leaving Drake. The Double D Award is the highest honor Drake bestows on its student-athletes. Since its inception in 1968, the Double D honor has been presented to 234 former Drake letterwinners.

Fitzgerald was the starting point guard for the Drake women's basketball team from 1986-91. She was named team MVP as a junior and was named captain as a senior while earning All-Gateway Conference honors.

She was a four-year starter for the Bulldogs and only the second player in Drake history to start every game of her collegiate career.

Fitzgerald graduated from Drake, ranking second on the school career steals list (250) third on the school career free throw percentage chart (.802) and third on the school career assist list (516).

In February 2007, Jan Jensen, who also played women's basketball at Drake, earned the Double D Award.

### **LISA BLUDER PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

Head Coach Lisa Bluder holds her weekly press conferences at 2 p.m. in the Press Room of Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Players interviews will be conducted in the tunnel or near the arena floor after Bluder's press conference.

Hawkeye fans who have subscribed to "Hawkeye All-Access" can watch Coach Bluder's press conferences live or archived on [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). Listed below are the tentative dates for the press conferences:

**Feb:** Tues, 24

**Mar:** Tues, 3

### **IOWA INFORMATION ON THE WEB**

Statistics and play-by-play accounts of all Iowa Hawkeye games will be available live on the internet. The statistical program allows viewers to read the play-by-play action just moments after it takes place, and to view all individual and team statistics while the game is in progress.

The program can be accessed through [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) and then clicking on the 'GT' link.

### **HI-SPEED INTERNET**

A majority of the press row seats inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena have data ports activated for Hi-Speed Internet access. Media members are encouraged to bring their own ethernet cords for connection. Wireless is not available in the arena.

### **"HAWK TALK WITH LISA BLUDER"**

Catch "Hawk Talk with Lisa Bluder", the radio call-in program Monday night featuring Iowa Hawkeye Women's Head Coach Lisa Bluder, on KXIC-AM 800 in Iowa City, WHO-AM 1040 in Des Moines and WMT-AM 600 in Cedar Rapids from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Fans can call toll-free at (800) 332-5401 or locally at (319) 365-0600. The show originates from Bob's Your Uncle restaurant on the east side of Iowa City.

### **BLOGGING**

Iowa Hawkeye fans will be treated once again to behind-the-scenes information this season as senior Wendy Ausdemore, and sophomore Kelsey Cermak and freshman Hannah Draxten will have their own blogs, which will be posted on [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). The trio will share their thoughts on practices, games, road trips, and everything else surrounding the program. Additionally, fans will be able to watch behind-the-scenes clips of the team with Lindsey Nyenhuis' video blog.

### **PLAYER AND STAFF HEADSHOTS**

Media can download updated color headshots of the Iowa Hawkeye players and coaching staff at:

<http://women.hawkeyebasketball.com>

### **HIGHLIGHTS AND SOUND BITES ON SATELLITE**

Sound bites with coaches and athletes from Iowa's winter sports teams are available each Wednesday through Dec. 17 and then pick up again from Jan. 7 through March 4. The video sound bites are available from 3:30-3:45 p.m. and include all winter sports, including men's and women's basketball and wrestling. The satellite coordinates are Galaxy 3C (C-band), Transponder 4.



### **BIG TEN TOURNAMENT ALL-SESSION TICKETS ON SALE**

Make sure you have the best seats to cheer on the Hawkeyes at the 2009 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament in Indianapolis at Consecro Fieldhouse March 5-8.

Secure the best seats available by contacting the UI Athletic Ticket Office at (800) IA-HAWKS. All-session tickets are on sale for \$65.

The Big Ten Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments will call Indianapolis and Consecro Fieldhouse home through 2012. Indianapolis has staged 13 of the 14 previous women's tournaments. The 2009 tournament features all 11 Big Ten teams in action, competing in 10 games over four days to crown the 2009 champion and earn the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Six different conference representatives have won the tournament championship. Reigning Big Ten Tournament Champion Purdue leads all teams with seven titles, followed by two championships for both Iowa and Penn State and one title each for Indiana, Michigan State and Ohio State.

The 2009 Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament bracket, along with information on tickets, travel, lodging, tournament history and more, can be found at [bigten.org](http://bigten.org) and [indianasportscorp.com](http://indianasportscorp.com).

### **UI TO HOST NCAA TOURNAMENT GAMES IN 2009**

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena will serve as one of 16 first and second round hosts for the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship. Games will take place Sunday, March 22 (6 p.m./8:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (8:30 p.m.).

Adult tickets prices are \$28 for the three tournament games and \$18 for students and senior citizens if they purchase their tickets over the phone or at the UI Ticket Office. The two ticket prices are \$31 and \$21, respectively, if purchased on the Internet.

The UI Department of Athletics first hosted an NCAA Championship site in 1986 when it served as one of four regional final sites. Carver-Hawkeye Arena has hosted NCAA Women's Championship games 11 years (1986-90, 92-94, 96-98). The UI and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have entertained the regional finals four times and first and/or second rounds nine times. The NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1994.

The last time Iowa City hosted a first and second round site was in 1998. Iowa defeated Massachusetts in the first round, but lost to Kansas in the second round. The Hawkeyes boast a 9-4 record in NCAA Championship games at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

### **ON THE HORIZON**

Iowa will play its regular season finale next Sunday at Northwestern. Tip-off is scheduled for 2:05 p.m. at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

