

IOWA HAWKEYES



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2014 Spring Schedule

2/1	Illinois State	W, 7-0
	Western Illinois	W, 7-0
2/11	UMKC	W, 7-0
2/14	Northern Illinois	W, 5-2
2/16	#39 Minnesota	W, 4-3
2/22	at Western Michigan	L, 3-4
2/26	at #65 Drake	L, 0-7
2/28	North Dakota	W, 7-0
	Creighton	W, 7-0
3/7	Bradley	W, 6-1
3/14	at #75 College of Charleston	2 pm
3/15	at The Citadel	1:30 pm
3/18	at Furman	2 pm
3/23	at Wisconsin	12 pm
3/29	at Michigan	11 am
3/30	at Michigan State	11 am
4/4	Purdue	2 pm
4/6	Indiana	12 pm
4/9	Nebraska	4:30 pm
4/11	Illinois	3 pm
4/13	Northwestern	12 pm
4/18	at Ohio State	5 pm
4/20	at Penn State	11 am
4/24-27	at Big Ten Tournament	All Day
	(East Lansing, Mich.)	

Home contests in **bold** All times Central (CT)

2013-14 Roster and Results (Singles/Doubles)

Brian Alden, Sr	5-3/5-4
Jonas Dierckx, Sr	7-3/5-2
Andres Estenssoro, Jr	0-0/0-0
Juan Estenssoro, Sr.....	7-3/6-1
Matt Hagan, Jr.....	5-3/6-1
Nils Hallestrand, Fr	4-0/3-0
Dominic Patrick, So.....	8-1/0-0
Michael Swank, Sr.....	6-3/4-5
Chase Tomlins, Sr	0-0/1-0
Joey White, Sr.....	1-0/8-1

Hawkeye Quick Facts

2014 Record.....	8-2
2014 Big Ten Record	1-0
2014 Big Ten Standing	3rd

THIS WEEK

The No. 57 University of Iowa men's tennis team concludes its non-conference slate as the Hawkeyes travel east for their spring break trip to South Carolina. Iowa will face No. 75 College of Charleston on Friday, March 14, The Citadel on Saturday, March 15, and will conclude the road trip with a match against Furman on Tuesday, March 18. The matches against the College of Charleston and Furman will begin at 2 p.m. (CT), while Iowa's meet against The Citadel will start at 1:30 p.m.

HAWKEYES DOWN BRADLEY

The Iowa men's tennis team improved to 8-2 on the season with a 6-1 victory over Bradley on March 7th. Iowa opened up the match by taking the doubles point for the ninth time this season, recording an 8-1 mark when claiming the doubles point. Seniors Brian Alden and Juan Estenssoro claimed the point with an 8-4 victory at the No. 1 spot, marking the first time the duo had played together.

Iowa cruised to victory in singles behind five straight-sets wins. Senior Jonas Dierckx claimed the first set 6-0 in his No. 1 singles match, before his opponent was forced to retire due to injury. Brian Alden, Juan Estenssoro, Matt Hagan, and Nils Hallestrand all picked up victories as well for the Hawkeyes.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

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SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

College of Charleston enters the meet with a 8-3 record and ranked 75th in the country. The Cougars, led Jay Bruner, are currently riding a five-match winning streak. Brice Allanic and Rodrigo Encinas headline the roster at the No. 1 and 2 singles position while Allanic and Charlie Ghriskey make up the No. 1 doubles team.

The Citadel is 2-16 on the season, and have lost 10 matches in a row. Chuck Kriese is in his first year at the helm of the Bulldog program. Elliott Sperr and Dillon Berkabile headline the singles and team up at the No. 1 doubles spot as well.

Furman, who is 6-6 on the season, has dropped its past two matches to Stanford and Pepperdine on the team's current west coast trip. Kelly Jones, in his third year with the Paladin program, features Adam Steryous and Matt Browne atop his singles lineup.

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Big Ten Standings

Ohio State.....	17-1 (2-0)
Illinois	9-4 (2-0)
IOWA.....	8-2 (1-0)
Michigan.....	7-4 (1-0)
Purdue.....	7-2 (1-1)
Minnesota	6-7 (1-1)
Nebraska.....	8-6 (0-0)
Northwestern	12-7 (1-2)
Penn State	11-2 (0-1)
Wisconsin	8-4 (0-1)
Michigan State.....	5-7 (0-1)
Indiana.....	8-8 (0-2)

(results through March 11)



HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten coaches, is in his 33rd year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 345-381 (.475), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history.

In the past four seasons, Iowa has defeated 21 nationally-ranked teams, including 14 opponents in the nationally recognized Big Ten Conference. Houghton also has guided his athletes to success off the court recently as the 2011 Iowa team earned the ITA All-Academic Team Award.

Houghton has coached 19 All-Big Ten performers and his players have received 93 Academic All-Big Ten accolades. He has coached Big Ten singles champions and ITA Regional singles champions, and several of his players have played professional tennis, including Tyler Cleveland, who reached the top 300 ATP in the world.

An Iowa City native, Houghton was a nationally ranked junior player at City High School. He earned his bachelor's (1971) and master's (1973) degrees from the University of Iowa.

Houghton was born January 9, 1949. Steve and his wife, Leora, have four children: Cari, Jeff, Jon and Scott.

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are ranked 57th in the most recent ITA national rankings, released on March 11. Iowa is one of 11 Big Ten teams ranked in the polls along with Ohio State (1), Illinois (6), Northwestern (26), Penn State (27), Purdue (40), Michigan (41), Minnesota (51), Nebraska (56), Wisconsin (58), and Indiana (59).

IOWA DOUBLES STREAKING

The Hawkeyes have excelled in doubles play this season. In 9-of-10 matches this season, the Hawkeyes have claimed the doubles point. Senior Joey White leads the way with a 8-1 record at the No. 3 spot, having been paired with both junior Matt Hagan and freshman Nils Hallestrand. Seniors Jonas Dierckx and Juan Estenssoro have paired up at the No. 2 doubles spot and have recorded a 5-1 record on the spring. Iowa is 8-1 overall when winning the doubles point.

HAWKEYE STARTING STRONG

The Hawkeyes are off to a hot start in 2014, posting a 8-2 record through their first ten matches. The eight wins tops Iowa's win total from a year ago, when the Hawkeyes finished 7-17. The 8-2 start marks the best start for the program since the spring of 2009 when the team started 8-2.

FRESHMAN SHINES IN DEBUT

Making his college dual debut, freshman Nils Hallestrand delivered, posting two singles and two doubles wins to help the Hawkeyes sweep Illinois State and Western Illinois. He won a pair of doubles matches in the No. 3 spot with teammate Joey White, while also picking up victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spot. This spring, Hallestrand is 4 -0 in singles play and 3-0 in doubles.

NEW ASSISTANT COACH ROSS WILSON

Ross Wilson is in his first year as an assistant coach after serving last season as an assistant coach at San Diego. Wilson was named the 2012 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year and ITA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2011 after he helped guide San Diego to a third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Wilson was a two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion during his playing days at Ohio State.

WILSON'S THOUGHTS ON SPRING BREAK TRIP

"It will be nice to get outside and get used to playing in these conditions. Balls will travel a little slower, there will be some wind, there will be some sun and those are the conditions we will play the last half of the season in. We will get some challenges thrown our way. Charleston is ranked so that is a chance for us to get a ranked win on the road. Furman gets big crowds to their matches so we are excited for the opportunity"