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IOWA VOLLEYBALL
GOPHERS DEFEAT HAWKEYES IN THREE GAMES

MINNEAPOLIS, MN –Iowa (10-21, 2-17) had a tough task in front of them tonight in volleyball action as they faced fifth-ranked team Minnesota (27-4, 16-3). The Gophers were too much for an Iowa team that struggled on offense and Minnesota swept the Hawks in three games (30-20, 30-10, 30-24).

Laura Simpson, Stacy Vitali and **Carolyn Giese** each had three kills for Iowa. The Hawkeyes only had 26 kills in the match to Minnesota's 62. **Justeen Patton** connected for 22 assists and also had one ace serve. **Tiana Costanzo** and **Lauren Bruckner** also each had one service ace.

As a team, Iowa had a .041 hitting percentage in the match. The Hawkeyes had a negative percentage in the first two games, - .023 and - .079, and had only four kills in the entire second game. In the third game, the Hawkeyes finally had a little success with 13 kills and a .220 attacking efficiency rate.

Defense was the strongest area for Iowa against Minnesota. **Pam Kavadas** and **Jacqueline Huguelet** had 14 and 12 digs, respectively. **Simpson** was also part of four blocks. The Hawkeyes had 5.5 blocks compared to 8 by the Gophers.

Three Gopher players had double-digit kills against the Hawks. Erin Martin led with 15. Amanda Hokenson and Jessica Byrnes had 11 and ten kills, respectively. Hokenson had a .688 hitting percentage. Minnesota hit .326 as a team.

Coach **Cindy Fredrick** will complete her first season at the helm of Iowa volleyball this Saturday against Illinois. The match will begin at 7 p.m. Those interested in following the match live can click on the *Gametracker* link on the volleyball results page at www.hawkeyesports.com.

RESULTS

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
IOWA	20	10	24
Minnesota	30	30	30

