

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

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### 2015-16 SCHEDULE

Date	Event /Location	Result
9/13-14	Gopher Invite (Minneapolis)	
9/25-27	<b>Golfweek Conference Challenge (Burlington, Iowa)</b>	
10/10-11	David Toms Intercollegiate (Baton Rouge, La.)	
10/16-18	U.S. Collegiate Championship (Atlanta)	
10/26-27	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate (Dallas)	
2/6	Black and Gold Challenge (West Palm Beach, Fla.)	
2/12-13	Big Ten Match Play Championship (Palm Coast, Fla.)	
2/20	Arizona Dual (Tempe, Ariz.)	
2/29-3/1	Del Walker Intercollegiate (Los Angeles)	
3/18-20	Schenkel Invitational (Statesboro, Ga.)	
4/2-3	ASU Thunderbird Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.)	
4/16-17	<b>Hawkeye-GRE Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa)</b>	
4/22-24	Big Ten Tournament (Newburgh, Ind.)	
5/16-18	NCAA Regionals (TBD)	

Home events in **BOLD**.

### 2015-2016 QUICK FACTS

#### General Information

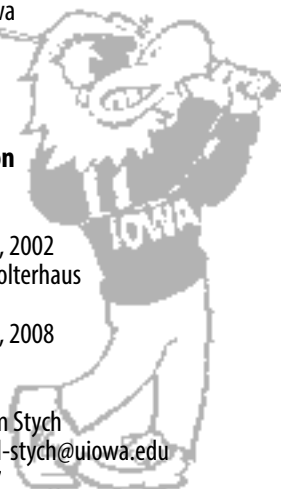
Location: Iowa City, Iowa  
Enrollment: 31,387  
Conference: Big Ten  
Home Course: Finkbine

#### Coaching Information

Head Coach: Tyler Stith  
Year at Iowa: 2nd  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002  
Assistant Coach: Dan Holterhaus  
Year at Iowa: 5th  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2008

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### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team travels to Minneapolis this weekend to compete in the 11th annual Gopher Invite held at Windsong Farm Golf Club. The two-day tournament, hosted by the University of Minnesota, begins on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 a.m. (CT) with a round of 36 holes. The final round consists of 18 holes and will begin at 7:30 a.m. (CT) on Monday. Live stats will be available via Golfstat.com.

### LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

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### THE FIELD

Fifteen teams are set to compete at this weekend's Gopher Invite. In addition to Iowa, three other Big Ten schools, including Michigan, Michigan State, and tournament host Minnesota, join Baylor, California, Charlotte, East Tennessee State, Iowa State, Kent State, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Pepperdine, SMU, and St. John's to make up the field.

### THE COURSE

Windsong Farm Golf Club in Independence, Minnesota, is the site of this weekend's two-day event. The 7,152 yard, par 71, offers a classically designed, superbly maintained golf course in an informal atmosphere for those who love the game of golf.

### THE LINEUP

Senior Nate Yankovich, juniors Raymond Knoll and Carson Schaake, sophomore Sam Meuret, and freshman Matthew Walker are set to compete for the Hawkeyes at the Gopher Invite. Walker will be making his collegiate debut this weekend.

### HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

The University of Iowa men's golf team is ranked 38th out of 302 teams in the Golfstat Relative Rankings, released on June 8. The Hawkeyes are ranked 43rd in the latest Golfweek rankings that were released on June 10. Iowa is the second-highest ranked Big Ten team behind Illinois, who is ranked first in both rankings.

### 3 HAWKEYES ON BIG PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

Seniors Nate Yankovich and sophomores Raymond Knoll and Carson Schaake have been selected to the 2015-16 Big Ten Men's Golfers to Watch List.

Yankovich, a senior, competed in seven tournaments last year, averaging 75.29 strokes per round. The Blacklick, Ohio, native was second on the team with four top-20 finishes last season, including a season-best 10th place finish at the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational.

Knoll, a junior from Naperville, Illinois, earned second team All-Big Ten and Division I PING All-Midwest Regional team honors in 2015. He was Iowa's top finisher in two events last year.

A Division I PING All-Midwest Regional Team selection, Schaake carried a team-best stroke average of 71.17 -- the second-best total in program history. He provided Iowa's top individual finish in 7-of-10 stroke play tournaments, while recording four top-10 finishes and 18 rounds at or below par. The Omaha, Nebraska, native was a first-team All-Big Ten honoree, and was co-champion at last year's Big Ten Tournament.

### HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Iowa's 2015-16 roster features three new faces and they each hail from the state of Iowa -- Aaron DeNucci (Clive), Matthew Walker (Ottumwa), and Aaron Wirt (Des Moines).

### THE STITH MINNESOTA CONNECTION

Before Tyler Stith was named the UI head coach on Aug. 22, 2014, he served as assistant coach at Minnesota for three years (2011-14). He helped the Gophers to a Big Ten Title in 2014 and an appearance at NCAA Regionals.

### 7-STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last seven seasons, joining Illinois as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last seven seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last seven years (2009, 2011, 2012).

### A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

Iowa has won eleven tournaments since 2008 and has had 14 individual medalists since 2009, including Carson Schaake, who was crowned individual co-champion at last year's Big Ten Championships. The Hawkeyes have also had three All-Americans since 2008. Nineteen Iowa players have been named to the all-region team since 2009. Last season, Brian Bullington, Raymond Knoll, and Carson Schaake each earned Division I PING All-Midwest Regional honors.

### QUOTING COACH STITH

"We've had two really good weeks of practice. The guys are very excited and are extremely motivated and anxious to get the season underway. They all worked really hard this summer; we had a lot of quality results from a number of guys. I feel really confident about the guys who are going to Minneapolis to compete this weekend."

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes return to action in two weeks when they host the annual Golfweek Conference Challenge at Spirit Hollow Golf Course in Burlington, Iowa. The three-day tournament begins on Friday, Sept. 25.

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