

IOWA FIELD HOCKEY



at UMass & vs. Boston
Amherst, MA



2009 SCHEDULE

(0-2, 0-0)

8/29..... #2 Wake Forest ^ L, 2-3
 8/30..... #4 North Carolina ^ L, 0-5
 9/5..... at #17 Massachusetts 1 pm
 9/7 Boston (N) noon
 9/11..... Virginia Commonwealth 7 pm
 9/13..... Stanford 7 pm
 9/19..... Saint Louis 1 pm
 9/25..... at #19 Michigan*! 2 pm
 10/2..... Indiana* 5 pm
 10/4..... California 2 pm
 10/11... at #18 Ohio State* noon
 10/16... #8 Michigan State* 4 pm
 10/18... #11 Penn State*! 1 pm
 10/23... at Northwestern* 3 pm
 10/25... #13 Louisville 1 pm
 10/30... #12 James Madison (N) 1 pm
 10/31... at #14 American University noon

11/5-8.. Big Ten Tournament (East Lansing)

11/14-15 at NCAA (1st & 2nd Rds.)

11/20-22 at NCAA (Final Four)

All games listed are central time

N=Neutral

^ Big Ten/ACC Challenge

* Big Ten Conference Games

! Televised by Big Ten Network

ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Geena Lesiak	MF	Fr.	Voorhees, NJ/Eastern Regional
4	Becca Spengler	F/MF	So.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
5	Sarah Drake	MF	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer
8	Jessica Barnett	B	Fr.	North Vancouver, CN/Handsworth Secondary
13	Jess Werley	MF/F	Sr.	Allentown, PA/Emmaus
15	Meghan Beamesderfer	B/MF	Sr.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
16	Sarah Pedrick	B/MF	Fr.	New Castle, DE/Archmere Academy
19	Grace Dolfi	MF	Fr.	Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill
20	Hailey Chadbourne	F	Fr.	Pittston, ME/Gardiner Area
21	Tricia Dean	MF	Sr.	Bear, DE/William Penn
22	Sarah Pergine	F	Jr.	Collegeville, PA/Perkiomen Valley
24	Chelsea Miller	B/MF	Jr.	Dallas, TX/Hockaday School
25	Leslie Pyle	B	So.	Lafayette Hill, PA/Plymouth Whitemarsh
28	Kelsey Boyce	GK	Fr.	Califon, NJ/Voorhees
31	Kathleen McGraw	GK	Fr.	Atherton, CA/Saint Francis
32	Tori Garifo	GK	So.	Red Lion, PA/Red Lion

Head Coach: Tracey Griesbaum

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Cellucci

Assistant Coach: Caroline Blaum

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Lauren Pfeiffer

PRESEASON NFHCA RANKINGS

No.	Team	Points
1.	Maryland (24)	573
2.	Wake Forest*	513
3.	Syracuse	464
4.	North Carolina* (2)	440
5.	Connecticut	402
6.	Virginia (2)	387
7.	Princeton (1)	379
8.	Michigan State*	354
9.	IOWA	329
10.	Duke	323
11.	Penn State*	306
12.	James Madison*	247
13.	Louisville*	230
14.	American*	140
14.	Boston College	140
16.	Old Dominion	128
17.	Massachusetts*	126
18.	Ohio State*	122
19.	Michigan*	121
20.	Providence College	57

* - 2009 Opponents

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa field hockey team (0-2) hits the road for the first time in 2009 this weekend. Iowa, the defending three-time Big Ten Tournament champion and 2008 NCAA Final Four participant, travels to Amherst, MA, to face Massachusetts and Boston University.

The Black and Gold, ranked ninth nationally, will play at No. 17 Massachusetts Saturday at 1 p.m. (CDT). The Hawkeyes will then face Boston University Sunday at noon (CDT). Both games will be played at Garber Field.

A LOOK AT UMASS

Massachusetts (1-0) is ranked 17th in the NFHCA preseason rankings. The Minutewomen return six starters and 13 letterwinners from a team that finished 17-5 overall and 6-0 in the Atlantic 10 last season. The team went on to win the Atlantic 10 Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

The Minutewomen opened the 2009 season with a 1-0 win over No. 20 Providence Saturday. They are led by third-year head coach Justine Sowry. She is 32-14 all time at the helm of the program.

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THIS WEEK IN BIG TEN

Friday	Temple vs Michigan Ohio State at Syracuse Lock Haven at Penn State Indiana at Ohio
Saturday	IOWA at UMass Michigan St. vs American Northwestern at Yale Ohio State vs. Princeton
Sunday	IOWA vs Boston UConn at Penn State Indiana at Louisville Michigan at Maryland Michigan State at Ohio

SPORTS INFORMATION

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IOWA ON THE WEB

The media and public can find a valuable and timely source of information about Iowa athletics on the world wide web. The address for the Iowa site is:



MEDIA INFORMATION

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE - All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. However, media must inform Patrick Sojka of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at Grant Field.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Patrick of the sports information office. Please contact Patrick (319-335-9411) so that he may set a time which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

A LOOK AT BOSTON

Boston University is receiving votes in the NFHCA preseason rankings. They are 0-2 on the season. The Terriers lost at Big Ten foe Northwestern Friday, 2-1 in overtime, in the Wildcat Classic. The Scarlet and White then fell to top-ranked and defending national champion Maryland Sunday, 2-0, in the Wildcat Classic.

The Terriers return four starters and 10 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 10-10 overall and 4-1 in America East conference play. Boston is coached by Sally Starr. In 28 seasons at the helm of the program, she is 339-211-19.

THE LAST TIME

The Hawkeyes have not faced Massachusetts since 1996. Iowa defeated the Minutewomen 2-1 in the Hawkeye Invitational. The Black and Gold faced Boston last season in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes won 5-1.

Iowa is 7-1-1 all-time against Massachusetts. They are 0-0-1 when playing at UMass. The Hawkeyes are 7-1 all-time against Boston and 1-1 when playing on a neutral site.

FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

Seven freshmen saw action last weekend for the Hawkeyes. Geena Lesiak, Sarah Drake, Jess Barnett, Grace Dolfi, Hailey Chadbourne, Sarah Pedrick and Kathleen McGraw all saw game action.

Lesiak recorded her first career goal Saturday against Wake Forest. Additionally, McGraw saw her first career game action in goal Sunday against North Carolina, playing the second half.

IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are ranked ninth in the preseason NFHCA rankings.

Iowa will play ten of the NFHCA top 20 this season. In addition, the Hawkeyes will play five of the teams receiving votes in the latest poll.

The Big Ten Conference currently has five teams ranked in the top 20. Michigan State sits at eighth in the latest rankings. Joining the Spartans are the Hawkeyes (No. 9), Penn State (No. 11), Ohio State (No. 18) and Michigan (No. 19). All Big Ten teams are at least receiving votes as both Northwestern and Indiana received votes.

The Hawkeyes have been ranked in the top 20 of the NFHCA Division I Coaches Poll for 21 straight weeks dating back to 2006. The Hawkeyes have yet to fall out of the top 10 of the poll since the start of 2007.

2008 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Iowa had quite the season in 2008, finishing 18-5 overall and 4-2 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes won their third-straight Big Ten Tournament Championship, reached their 20th NCAA Tournament in program history and advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the 11th time in program history.

The Black and Gold defeated nine nationally-ranked opponents during the season and Head Coach Tracey Griesbaum was named NFHCA West Region Coach of the Year.

Five Hawkeyes were named all-Big Ten. Lauren Pfeiffer, Roz Ellis and Caroline Blaum were all named to the first team. Meghan Beamesderfer and Lissa Munley were named to the second team.

Pfeiffer and Tricia Dean were each named to the Big Ten Tournament Team, as Pfeiffer took MVP honors.

Six Hawkeyes were named West Region all-Americans. First team honorees included Blaum, Ellis, Munley, Pfeiffer and Beamesderfer. Katie Naughton was named to the second team.

Pfeiffer and Ellis were named to the NCAA Tournament all-tournament team for their efforts in Iowa's run to the Final Four.

Additionally, three Hawkeyes garnered national all-American honors. Blaum, now an assistant coach on the Iowa staff, and Pfeiffer, now a volunteer coach at Iowa, were named to the first team. Ellis was named to the second team. Pfeiffer also won the Big Ten Medal of Honor and was named a finalist for the Honda Award.

HAWKEYES ON THE BIG TEN NETWORK

The Iowa field hockey team appeared on the Big Ten Network more than any other conference school last season - six times.

Iowa's games at Michigan and against Penn State will both be televised by the Big Ten Network this season. Both games will be shown on a tape-delayed basis in Big Ten Network (HD).

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