



University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. No. 22 Purdue • Nov. 25 • 7 p.m.
vs. Illinois (Senior Day) • Nov. 26 • 7 p.m.

Week Fourteen

November 21, 2005

University of Iowa Hawkeyes 14-17 (4-14)

VS.



No. 22 Purdue (22-7, 11-7)
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Iowa City, IA



Illinois (15-14, 6-12)
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This Week • The University of Iowa volleyball team will wrap-up the 2005 season with a pair of Big Ten home games this weekend. The Hawkeyes will battle No. 22 Purdue Friday at 7 p.m., then take on Illinois in the season finale Saturday at 7 p.m.

Senior Day • Saturday's match with Illinois will serve as Senior Day, where the Hawkeyes will honor their departing senior class of **Justeen Patton** and **Lauren Bruckner**.

Patton, who played two years at Barton Community College before coming to Iowa, has seen action in 125 games in her Hawkeye career. As a junior, she led the team with 723 assists. As a senior, Patton has served as a defensive specialist and recorded 13 service aces.

Bruckner played in 232 games during her Hawkeye career, including every game during her sophomore and junior years. This season, Bruckner missed much of the season with a wrist injury, but has returned to be a strong presence in the back row. In the 30 games she has played since returning from injury, she has 10 service aces.

Hawkeyes on the Web • If you can't make it to Carver Hawkeye Arena this weekend, you can still follow all of the action on www.hawkeyesports.com, where live stats will be available. Just click on the "gametracker" link on the schedule page.

Weekly Press Conference • Head Coach **Cindy Fredrick** will not host a press conference Tuesday.

Last Week • The Hawkeyes were swept in a pair of road games last weekend, falling 3-0 to No. 17 Ohio State and No. 2 Penn State.

Freshman **Catherine Smale** led the way with 15 kills against Ohio State. **Melanie Meister** and **Laura Kremer** each had eight kills on the match.

The Buckeyes raced out to a 12-5 lead in game one before

2005 Schedule	
8/26-27	Hawkeye Challenge
8/27	Wis.-Milwaukee W, 3-2 (30-17, 30-18, 19-30, 23-30, 15-5)
8/27	Drake W, 3-0 (30-22, 30-18, 30-20)
9/2-3	at Marquette Challenge
9/2	vs. Marquette L, 1-3 (26-30, 22-30, 30-23, 21-30)
9/3	vs. New Hampshire W, 3-0 (30-24, 30-27, 30-22)
9/3	vs. IUPUI W, 3-2 (30-23, 18-30, 30-25, 21-30, 15-10)
9/9-10	at Texas-Arlington Invitational
9/9	vs. UT-Pan American W, 3-0 (30-16, 30-27, 30-21)
9/9	vs. UT-Arlington W, 3-1 (35-33, 25-30, 30-21, 30-27)
9/10	vs. Ark.-Little Rock L, 2-3 (30-25, 27-30, 32-30, 24-30, 12-15)
9/10	vs. Wake Forest L, 0-3 (27-30, 27-30, 26-30)
Sept. 16-17	at Coastal Carolina Tournament
Sept. 16	vs. Coastal Carolina W, 3-0 (30-23, 30-21, 30-20)
Sept. 17	vs. North Carolina A&T W, 3-0 (30-15, 30-24, 30-24)
Sept. 17	vs. East Tennessee State W, 3-1 (27-30, 30-25, 30-23, 30-24)
Sept. 23	at Northwestern W, 3-0 (30-26, 30-24, 30-28)
Sept. 25	at No. 10 Wisconsin L, 0-3 (28-30, 17-30, 21-30)
Sept. 27	Northern Iowa W, 3-2 (30-28, 26-30, 30-25, 24-30, 20-18)
Sept. 30	Michigan L, 1-3 (21-30, 30-26, 23-30, 27-30)
Oct. 1	Michigan State L, 2-3 (18-30, 26-30, 30-27, 30-24, 12-15)
Oct. 5	at No. 9 Minnesota L, 0-3 (22-30, 17-30, 15-30)
Oct. 8	at Indiana W, 3-1 (20-30, 30-20, 30-20, 30-27)
Oct. 14	at Illinois W, 3-0 (30-27, 30-26, 35-33)
Oct. 15	at No. 21 Purdue L, 0-3 (25-30, 23-30, 23-30)
Oct. 21	Penn State L, 0-3 (15-30, 21-30, 23-30)
Oct. 22	Ohio State L, 1-3 (27-30, 30-21, 30-23, 30-27)
Oct. 26	Minnesota L, 0-3 (24-30, 22-30, 26-30)
Oct. 28	Indiana W, 3-2 (30-28, 30-23, 23-30, 26-30, 15-7)
Nov. 4	at Michigan State L, 2-3 (30-28, 26-30, 22-30, 30-27, 11-15)
Nov. 5	at Michigan L, 1-3 (24-30, 30-19, 17-30, 24-30)
Nov. 11	No. 13 Wisconsin L, 0-3 (20-30, 28-30, 23-30)
Nov. 12	Northwestern L, 0-3 (21-30, 20-30, 23-30)
Nov. 18	at No. 17 Ohio State L, 0-3 (23-30, 25-30, 27-30)
Nov. 19	at No. 2 Penn State L, 0-3 (14-30, 24-30, 16-30)
Nov. 25	Purdue 7 p.m.
Nov. 26	Illinois 7 p.m.

Iowa's Probable Starters

Pos.	No.	Player	G	KPG	APG	DPG	BPG	SA
OH	1	Laura Kremer	42	1.14	0.26	0.55	0.43	1
OH	2	Catherine Smale	108	3.56	0.31	2.66	0.27	19
S	3	Kiley Fister	108	1.08	10.36	2.38	0.44	26
MB	24	Melanie Meister	106	1.99	0.08	0.66	0.99	8
	or 4	Megan Gatens	104	1.34	0.06	0.27	0.82	0
RS	8	Stacy Vitali	108	3.33	0.33	0.33	0.81	1
	or 12	Jaqueline Hugulet	98	0.29	0.28	1.83	0.05	17
L	5	Emily Hiza	108	0.14	0.38	3.83	0.01	30



2005 Big Ten Standings

TEAM	BIG TEN	OVERALL
Penn State	16-0	25-2
Minnesota	11-5	21-6
Wisconsin	11-5	19-6
Ohio State	11-5	18-7
Purdue	10-6	21-6
Northwestern	7-9	16-10
Michigan	7-9	13-12
Michigan St.	5-11	12-14
IOWA	4-12	14-15
Illinois	4-12	13-14
Indiana	2-14	9-19

2005 Quickfacts

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Iowa on the Web

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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 Tony Wirt of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 12:14-3:45 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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

Iowa mounted a spirited comeback. The Hawkeyes put together a 14-7 run, capped off by a **Megan Gatens** kill, to tie the game at 19-19. Ohio State came out rejuvenated after a timeout and quickly regained the lead, then went on a 7-1 run to end the game.

In game two, both teams went back-and-forth with the lead throughout the first half of the game. Ohio State looked to pull away with a 22-17 lead, but three-straight Hawkeye kills from Gatens, Meister and Kremer cut the lead to 22-20 and forced a Buckeye timeout. The Buckeyes slowly pulled away after that, eventually taking the 30-25 win.

Iowa fell behind early in game three, but Kremer served the Hawkeyes to cut the lead to 16-13. The Black and Gold hung strong the rest of the way, and tied things up at 26-26 on a Smale kill, then 28-28 on a Buckeye attack error. It wasn't meant to be, however, as an Ami Stevens kill ended the game at 30-27.

Against Penn State, the Hawkeyes hung tough early in game one, keeping things close and taking a 7-6 lead on a kill from Smale. That woke the Nittany Lions, who proceeded to rattle off 12-consecutive points and take a commanding 18-7 lead. Penn State cruised the rest of the way to a 30-14 victory, out-hitting the Hawkeyes .719 to .189 in the game.

Iowa re-grouped for game two and kept things close most of the way. A Smale kill along with three Hawkeye blocks gave Iowa an 18-17 lead. The Nittany Lions used a kill and an ace to re-take the lead at 19-18, then slowly pulled away for a 30-24 win. During the game, Penn State lost freshman middle hitter Christa Harmotto to a knee injury. She was Penn State's leading attacker with nine kills and a .667 hitting percentage up to that point.

In game three, Penn State controlled things from the outset, with Iowa's last lead coming at 5-4.

Scouting Purdue • The Purdue Boilermakers are 22-7 with a 11-7 mark in the Big Ten Conference.

Purdue's top attacker is freshman Danita Merlau, who is eighth in the Big Ten with 3.56 kills per game. Sophomore hitter Samantha Mader is second on the team with 2.99 kills per game.

The offense is directed by two-time All-Big Ten Honorable Mention setter Renata Dargan. She is third in the Big Ten with a .365 hitting percentage and 12.70 assists per game.

The Boilermakers are dangerous from the serving line, as they lead the conference in service aces with 161 (1.56 per game).

On defense, freshman Stephanie Lynch is fifth in the conference with 1.36 blocks per game, while sophomore libero Anne Mastandrea is seventh in the Big Ten with 4.87 digs per game.

Purdue leads the all-time series 35-18 and swept the Hawkeyes earlier this season in West Lafayette.

Dave Shondell is in his third season as the head coach of the Boilermakers.

She Looks Familiar • Sophomore **Stacy Vitali** should be able to supply the coaching staff with an in-depth scouting report on one of Purdue's players - her sister Sarah is a senior middle hitter for the Boilermakers.

Scouting Illinois • The Illinois Fighting Illini come into the week with a 15-14 overall record and a 6-12 mark in the Big Ten Conference. Illinois is on a two-game winning streak, defeating Indiana and then-No. 18 Purdue last weekend.

The Fighting Illini offense revolves around senior outside hitter Rachel VanMeter, who leads the Big Ten with a staggering 5.74 kills per game. She also has 28 service aces.

Illinois employs a pair of setters, Lizzie Bazzetta and Stephanie Obermeier. Bazzetta is putting up 8.45 assists per game, while Obermeier has recorded 8.06 per game.

The Fighting Illini lead the all-time series 38-13. Earlier this season, Iowa swept Illinois



Head Coach Cindy Fredrick



Cindy Fredrick enters her second year at the helm of the Hawkeye program.

In the first year of the Fredrick Era, the Hawkeyes not only improved both their overall and Big Ten Conference record, but became more competitive in every aspect of the game. The coaching staff worked hard to install a new winning attitude in the team, which helped the Hawkeyes to an 8-3 start.

The coaching staff also made great strides in recruiting, pulling in the 30th-ranked class in the nation according to prepvolleyball.com.

Turning struggling volleyball programs into winning programs has been a big part of Fredrick's past, most recently as head coach at Washington State University (Pullman, WA). During her 15 year tenure at Washington State, Fredrick earned more wins than any coach of a women's sport with a 278-192 record and in seven seasons she had 20 or more wins. In 1995, after guiding her squad to a national ranking of fifth, the highest rank of any men's or women's team in school history, she was named Pac-10 and AVCA District VIII Coach of the Year. Fredrick also led the Cougars to ten NCAA tournament appearances, including two Elite Eight finishes and one Sweet 16 berth. In 1992 her squad was the NIVC Champions. In the 2002 NCAA tournament, the Cougars posted a 3-0 victory over Northern Iowa to advance to the Elite Eight.

Fredrick's success also translated into individual accolades for three of her players. Fredrick recruited the only three all-Americans in Cougar volleyball history, setter Keri Killebrew (second team, 1992), setter Stephanie Papke (second team, 1996) and middle hitter Sarah Silvernail (second team, 1995 and first team, 1996). Silvernail was also named 1996 Pac-10 Player of the Year.

Prior to coaching at Washington State, Fredrick coached at Weber State (Ogden, UT). When Fredrick first took over the Wildcat program in 1985, she led her team to a sixth place finish in the Mountain West Conference. By the time she left after the 1988 season, her team had finished first in the Big Sky Conference, earned an NCAA tournament birth and Fredrick was named Big Sky Coach of the Year. She left Weber State with a benchmark 86-60 record in four seasons.

Fredrick's first collegiate coaching experience came as an assistant at the University of Iowa from 1982-84 under Sandy Stewart. The 1983 squad finished with a 22-9 record, which stood as the school's winningest record until 1994. The 1983 and 1984 Hawkeyes also placed third in the Big Ten Conference standings.

Fredrick's volleyball ties to the state of Iowa run deeper than just the University of Iowa. Fredrick began her coaching career as the head coach at Davenport Central High School from 1974-82. In 1981, she led her squad to a 33-0 season record and a state championship. From 1983-85 she was head coach of the USVA Junior Development team in eastern Iowa that won four state Midwest championships. In the summer of 1985, Fredrick was named head coach for the United States Volleyball Association team for the state of Iowa that competed throughout Canada.

(30-27, 30-26, 35-33) in Champaign.

Illinois is coached by Don Hardin, who is in his 10th season at the helm.

Freshman Hitter • Freshman outside hitter **Catherine Smale** leads the team with 412 kills and a 3.61 kills per game average, which is good for seventh in the Big Ten Conference.

Smale's 412 kills is the most ever by a Hawkeye freshman, and more than any player since Sarah Meyermann, who had 578 as a senior in 2001.

Smale Succeeds • Freshman outside hitter **Catherine Smale** raised her game against two top opponents last weekend, registering 27 kills (4.50 per game) in a pair of matches against No. 17 Ohio State and No. 2 Penn State.

For the Love of the Game • The Hawkeyes have played more games (114) than any other team in the conference this season. Illinois is second, having played 109.

Already No. 6 • Freshman setter **Kiley Fister** is already among the all-time leaders at Iowa in assists. She has 1,175 so far this season, good for sixth on the Hawkeyes' all-time list. Jitka Stehnova (2002-03) is in fifth with 2,159.

Janet Moylan (1987-90) is Iowa's all-time leader with 5,471.

This Year • Heading into the last week of the season, the Hawkeyes have already bested many numbers from last season. Iowa has more wins (14), Big Ten wins (4), kills (1,606), assists (1,429), service aces (149) and blocks (238) than last year.

Ironwomen • Four Hawkeyes have played in all 114 games this season - **Stacy Vitali, Catherine Smale, Kiley Fister** and **Emily Hiza**.

Take Me To Your Leader • Junior middle blocker **Melanie Meister** and junior outside hitter **Tiana Costanzo** are the Hawkeye captains this season.

The Assistant Coaches • **Dr. Mashallah (Farokh) Farokhmanesh** and **Chad Hanson** will serve as assistants to Head Coach **Cindy Fredrick** again this season. Farokh, the associate head coach, is the husband of Coach Fredrick.

Welcome Aboard • The Hawkeye coaching staff has a new addition this year with **DeAnn Woodin** joining the team as the programs first Director of Volleyball Operations.

Woodin will work closely with the Hawkeye volleyball staff, helping coordinate and carry out the day-to-day activities in the program.

