

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

December 2, 2015

### 2015-16 SCHEDULE

<b>12/5</b>	<b>Black &amp; Gold Intrasquad #</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
1/2	at Cancun	All Day
<b>1/9</b>	<b>vs. Northern Illinois</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
1/15	at Michigan State *	6 p.m.
<b>1/18</b>	<b>vs. Denver</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>1/23</b>	<b>vs. Ohio State *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
1/31	at Maryland *	1 p.m.
<b>2/6</b>	<b>vs. Nebraska *</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
2/13	at Illinois *	4 p.m.
<b>2/20</b>	<b>vs. Towson</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
2/27	at Denver	7 p.m.
3/4	at Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
3/12	Big Five Meet *	12 p.m.
3/19	Big Ten Championships *	TBA
<b>4/2</b>	<b>NCAA Regional</b>	<b>TBA</b>
4/15-17	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change -- Home events in **BOLD**

# - Exhibition Event \* - Conference Event

### 2015-16 ROSTER

Savannah Borman	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Opua Calucag	Sr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Misty-Jade Carlson	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
Nicole Chow	Fr.	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Mollie Drenth	Jr.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	Jr.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Sr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hogan	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
Maryah Huntley	Sr.	Van Meter, Iowa
Caroline McCrady	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	Jr.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	Jr.	Caseyville, Ill.
Maria Ortiz	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
Rose Piorkowski	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Jori Robertson	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	So.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Lexy Wadsworth	Fr.	Kalona, Iowa
Tessa Walsh	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	So.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	So.	Darien, Ill.

### THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team will host the annual Black and Gold Intrasquad on Saturday at 11 a.m. (CT) inside the UI Field House. Admission is free with a canned good.

### THE TEAMS:

The GymHawks have been split in two, the black team and the gold team. The black team consists of senior Opua Calucag, juniors Lexi Mura, Ashleigh Edlin, Mollie Drenth, sophomores Lanie Snyder, Ashley Fischer, Jori Robertson and freshmen Sydney Hogan, Rose Piorkowski, Misty-Jade Carlson and Lexy Wadsworth.

The gold team consists of seniors Johanny Sotillo, Alie Glover, juniors Angel Metcalf, Caroline McCrady, Savannah Borman, sophomores Megan Ruzicka, Melissa Zurawski, Nikki Youd and freshmen Nicole Chow, Maria Ortiz and Tessa Walsh.

### HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcome eight newcomers -- junior transfer Savannah Borman and freshmen Misty-Jade Carlson, Nicole Chow, Sydney Hogan, Maria Ortiz, Rose Piorkowski, Lexy Wadsworth and Tessa Walsh -- to the 2016 squad.

### LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team capped its season in NCAA Regional action at Auburn Arena in Auburn, Alabama, on April 4. It marked the program's seventh postseason berth in the last eight years.

Three GymHawks -- Sydney Hoerr, Johanny Sotillo, and Caitlin Tanzer-- ended their collegiate careers leading Iowa to a fifth place regional finish and a score of 194.475. Five GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events. Mollie Drenth posted a score of 9.825 on bars, good enough to secure a ninth place finish. Angel Metcalf and Sotillo both posted a 9.800 to tie for 12th.

Alie Glover led the GymHawks on beam, posting a season high score of 9.875 and placing ninth overall. Hoerr and Sotillo both tallied a 9.850 to tie for 12th. Glover also paced the GymHawks on floor, placing 10th with a score of 9.800. Metcalf represented Iowa in the all-around, posting a 39.175 to finish fifth. Drenth finished eighth (39.050), while Hoerr took 13th (38.250) on the event.

### HOLDING STEADY IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa was ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks during the 2015 season. The GymHawks ended the season ranked No. 23 nationally, marking the program's first Top 25 ranking since 2012. There are 80 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks closed the season ranked 16th as a team on the uneven bars (49.175 average score) and 21st on beam (49.010).

### FIVE GYMHAWKS NAMED TO ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM:

Five GymHawks received individual conference awards following the Big Ten Championship. Mollie Drenth, Alie Glover, Sydney Hoerr, and Angel Metcalf were all named to the All-Championship Team, while Opua Calucag collected the Sportsmanship Award. Iowa has only had one other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

### IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host a 2016 NCAA Regional (April 2, 2016) in women's gymnastics. Iowa last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009.

### SEASON TICKETS:

Fans that are interested in attending home meets at Carver-Hawkeye Arena should visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$24 for adults; the price will jump to \$27 after Dec. 31. The season ticket package includes premium seating options and a sweatshirt. Fans purchasing season tickets will gain admission to five home competitions inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, including two against Big Ten opponents (Ohio State, Nebraska) and a home finale against Towson. All youth, 18 and younger, and UI students are admitted free to all home matches.



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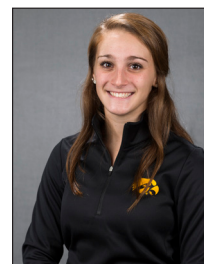
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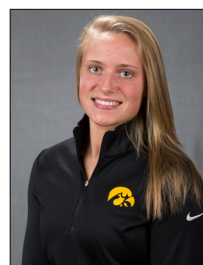
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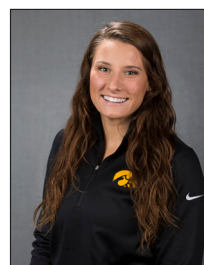
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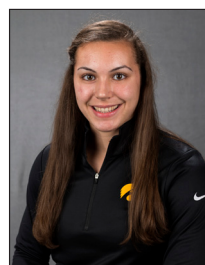
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Larissa Libby  
Head Coach  
12th Season



Caleb Phillips  
Assistant Coach  
9th Season



Jennifer Green  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season