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**IOWA VOLLEYBALL**
**Hawkeye's lose to Michigan in three games**

**ANN ARBOR, MI** – The Iowa volleyball team is back to square one after facing Michigan to start the conference season on September 24. The Hawkeyes, looking to halt their 14-game losing streak, weren't able to avenge their early season loss and fell again in three games to the Wolverines (30-22, 30-19, 30-22).

Game one was tightly contested with several ties in the first few minutes of play. A well-placed tip by **Laura Simpson** tied the game up at eight apiece, but after Michigan rattled off five straight points to lead 13-8, Iowa Coach **Cindy Fredrick** was forced to call a timeout. Later, the Hawkeyes took advantage of a blocking error to pull within three points, 14-11, but the Wolverines responded with a kill to earn a sideout. **Carolyn Giese** halted another Michigan run with a quick tip to make the score 17-12, but again the home team replied with a kill. Down 26-18, the Hawkeyes rallied back to 27-22, but it was too late to stop the Wolverines, who went on to win 30-22.

**Jacqueline Huguelet** and **Carolyn Giese** each had four kills in game one. **Huguelet** hit at a .333 clip and had six digs to lead Iowa. The Hawkeyes hit just .102 compared to a .320 attacking percentage by Michigan. Iowa didn't have any blocks to Michigan's three stuffs.

Trailing 7-4 in game two, **Tiana Costanzo** came up with a kill on the outside to earn a point for the Hawks. A service error, followed by a receiving mistake on the Wolverines tied the score, 8-8. **Justeen Patton** found **Giese** for a kill to make the score just 14-11 in Michigan's favor, but on the ensuing rally the Hawks were called for a net violation. **Laura Simpson** went behind the line to serve at the 24-17 mark, and then served an ace to make it 24-15. Later, the Wolverines went up 29-19 on an attacking error by **Stacy Vitali** and closed out the game 30-19 on a kill by Erin Cobbler.

**Giese** and **Costanzo** had three and four kills, respectively, for Iowa. However, the Hawkeyes continued to struggle in attacking efficiency. They only had a .082 hitting percentage in the game two loss; Michigan hit at a .400 clip.

Michigan controlled all aspects of the third game. Alicia Boswell's service ace put Michigan up 19-13. Later, Iowa's **Simpson** and **Patton** hooked up for a kill to make it 23-16, but Michigan was just too much for Iowa to handle as they went on to win 30-22

**Jacqueline Huguelet** led Iowa with 11 kills, and **Tiana Costanzo** and **Carolyn Giese** each chipped in eight. **Justeen Patton** had 25 assists and ten digs. **Pam Kavadas** dug up 14 attempts on the night.

Iowa hit only .021 in the third game for a total attacking percentage of .061. The Hawkeyes had just two blocks compared to Michigan's 11.

"Tonight I thought we did some good things, but the problem is that we are just so up and down. We play with teams for a while and then we have a breakdown," said **Fredrick**. "We are doing the best that we can with what we have and the kids are playing their hardest."

Iowa will host Indiana this Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. On Sunday, the Hawkeyes Iowa will host Purdue at 2 p.m. The match against the Boilermakers will honor the four seniors on the team.

**RESULTS**

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>
Michigan	30	30	30

