



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes vs. South Dakota St. (DH, May 3)
at Wisconsin (May 6 & 7)

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

36-18 Overall, 11-6 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
	Florida International	W, 1-0
Feb. 11	North Carolina	W, 3-2 (8)
	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 17	Illinois State	W, 9-3
	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
	# 2 Tennessee	L, 2-11 (5)
Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	L, 1-2
	Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 11	St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
	San Jose State	W, 3-2
Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
	Santa Clara	W, 6-5
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State	W, 6-1
	at Sacramento State	L, 0-6
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
Mar. 18	Nevada	W, 5-0
	# 6 California	L, 0-1
Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 2-5
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
	North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 26	Ball State	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	W, 8-0 (5)
Mar. 31	at Illinois	W, 9-0
Apr. 1	at Illinois	W, 7-4
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 1-3
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 2-12 (5)
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	W, 3-2
Apr. 7	Minnesota	W, 2-0
Apr. 8	Minnesota	W, 3-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 4-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 6-1
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	#12 Michigan	L, 0-3
Apr. 15	#12 Michigan	W, 1-0
Apr. 16	Michigan State	W, 4-1
Apr. 16	Michigan State	L, 4-8
Apr. 18	at Drake	W, 4-2
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	W, 5-4
Apr. 21	at Purdue	W, 8-1
Apr. 22	at Purdue	W, 3-2
Apr. 23	at Indiana	L, 4-12 (6)
Apr. 23	at Indiana	W, 3-2
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	W, 11-0 (5)
Apr. 28	Ohio State	W, 5-2
Apr. 30	Penn State	W, 4-3
Apr. 30	Penn State	W, 0-1
May 3	South Dakota State (DH)	4 p.m.
May 6	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 7	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 12-14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	54	.325	37	54	16	6	12	.506	5
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	54	.304	28	51	24	4	7	.452	9
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	So.	52	.338	26	53	33	5	14	.522	6
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	54	.252	24	36	17	4	8	.420	7
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	54	.269	15	36	26	5	10	.470	2
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	So.	48	.281	10	34	24	3	6	.405	2
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	43	.227	7	15	7	0	6	.318	4
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	49	.223	10	23	16	1	1	.262	2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	50	.129	4	11	1	0	0	.129	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	25-12	31	28	7	1	2.35	234	93	250.1
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	11-6	23	7	5	0	2.74	94	39	104.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	5.73	2	1	3.2

THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (36-18, 11-6) wraps up regular season play this week against South Dakota State and Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes finish the home portion of the schedule Tuesday with a doubleheader against South Dakota State starting at 4 p.m. Iowa travels to Wisconsin to face the Badgers Saturday and Sunday. First pitch will be at noon for both games.

ON THE AIR

Game two of Iowa's doubleheader against South Dakota State will be broadcast live on AM-800 KXIC. Steven Grace will handle play-by-play commentary. Pre-game will begin at roughly 5:45 p.m.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to Pearl Field can access livestats (gametracker) via www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the gametracker link found on the front page or on the softball schedule page.

Gametracker will not be available for Iowa's games at Wisconsin.

WHAT IF...

With two wins and one Ohio State loss this weekend, Iowa will lock up the No. 3 seed in the upcoming Big Ten Tournament. If the Hawkeyes split with Wisconsin, the Buckeyes will have to drop both games at Penn State in order for Iowa to finish third.

Northwestern can claim the regular season title with one win over Illinois. The Big Ten Tournament will be held at the regular season champion's campus.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. NORTHWESTERN	14-3	36-11
2. MICHIGAN	12-4	34-13
3. OHIO STATE	11-5	35-18
4. IOWA	11-6	36-18
5. MICHIGAN STATE	9-9	34-22
6. ILLINOIS	8-9	24-28
7. PENN STATE	8-10	35-14
8. PURDUE	7-10	30-28
9. INDIANA	6-9	26-22
10. WISCONSIN	5-10	21-21
11. MINNESOTA	1-17	14-31

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

May 6

Iowa at Wisconsin

Northwestern at Illinois

Purdue at Indiana

Michigan at Michigan State

Ohio State at Penn State

South Dakota State at Minnesota

May 7

Iowa at Wisconsin

Northwestern at Illinois

Indiana at Purdue

Michigan at Michigan State

Ohio State at Penn State

South Dakota State at Minnesota

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

IOWA SPLITS WITH PENN STATE

Last Sunday at Pearl Field was full of rain delays and walk-off home runs as the Hawkeyes split a pair of games with Penn State. Iowa came away with a 4-3 victory in game one, but Penn State took game two, 1-0.

After game one was delayed nearly two hours because of rain delays, **Stacy May** hit a walk-off, two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning for the 4-3 win. Penn State followed in game two with its own walk-off solo home run off the bat of Jen Acunto in the sixth inning.

Due to Penn State's travel plans, it was pre-determined that an inning could not start after 3:30 p.m. Game two was stopped after the sixth because of that decision.

HAWKEYES TAKE OHIO STATE

Iowa took advantage of six Buckeye errors to defeat Ohio State, 5-2 last Friday.

The Hawkeyes used three Buckeye miscues in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead. **Summer Downs** ripped a single that was mishandled by the Ohio State left fielder, which allowed **Emily Nichols** to score from second base.

Iowa took a 2-1 lead in the third when the Ohio State catcher attempted to throw out **Mindy Heidgerken** stealing third, but the throw sailed into left field and Heidgerken scored.

Summer Downs and **Erin Riemersma** recorded RBI singles in the fifth for a 4-1 Hawkeye advantage. Nichols roped an RBI single in the sixth for the final Iowa run.

Game two was scheduled for Saturday, but heavy rains in the area washed out the contest.

SCOUTING SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits are 21-32 overall this season.

Brooke Postma leads the Jackrabbit offense with a .280 batting average. Steph Kuhl leads the team with nine home runs and 33 RBI.

Kim Westendorf and Jenna Marston have pitched the majority of innings for South Dakota State. Westendorf is 12-16 with a 2.39 ERA, while Marston is 8-10 with a 3.79 ERA.

The Jackrabbits are coached by Shane Bouman. Iowa leads the all-time series, 5-0. Iowa defeated South Dakota State, 5-3 in 10 innings on March 25 in the Hawkeye Classic.

SCOUTING WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Badgers are 21-31 overall and 5-10 in conference play.

Samantha Polito has started every game this season and has a .333 batting average. Katie Hnatyk leads the team with nine home runs and 32 RBI.

Eden Brock is 17-12 with a 3.38 ERA inside the circle for the Badgers. She also has a team-best 129 strikeouts.

The Badgers are coached by Chandelle Schulte. Iowa leads the all-time series, 20-4.

WEIL MAKING HER MARK

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Weil** is already making her mark in the Iowa softball record books. Her 234 strikeouts this season ranks seventh for single-season strikeouts and ninth in career strikeouts at Iowa. Weil has thrown 28 complete games this season, which also ranks fourth in school history.

Weil also leads the Big Ten in wins (25), games started (31) and innings pitched (250.1).

WINNING WITH THE LONG BALL

The Hawkeyes are a combined 16-0 when either **Stacy May**, **Kylie Murray** or **Emily Nichols** hits a home run.

Iowa is 6-0 when May goes deep and 5-0 when Murray or Nichols clears the fence.

DOWNES LIKES THE BIG TEN

Sophomore **Summer Downs** leads the team with a .361 (13-36) batting average in Big Ten play. Downs also has one home run, four doubles and nine RBI in conference action.

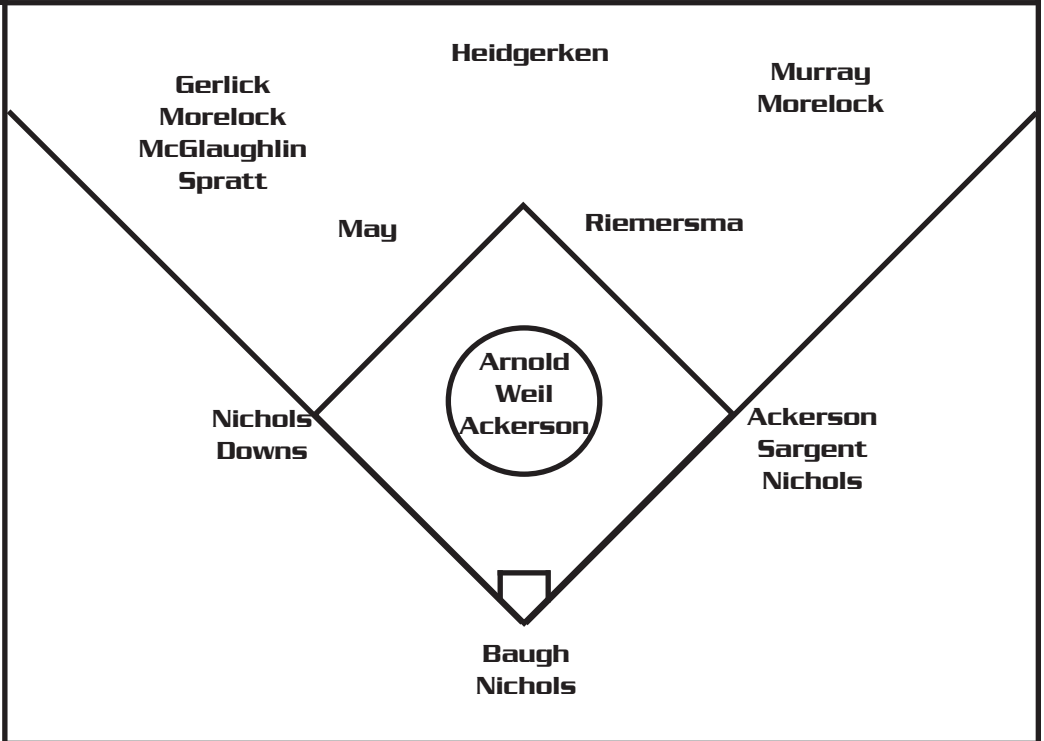
Iowa Hawkeye
Softball

- 1 **EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2 **SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3 **ALI ARNOLD**
- 4 **QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5 **JENNA SPRATT**
- 6 **RACHEL WEST**
- 7 **BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8 **ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9 **LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10 **STACY MAY**
- 11 **MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12 **COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13 **SAMI BAUGH**
- 14 **BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15 **CALLIE ADREON**
- 17 **KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22 **EMILY GERLICK**
- 24 **STEPHANIE ACKERSON**

HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



NICHOLS FEELS RIGHT AT HOME

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** must like the surroundings at Pearl Field. She is batting .386 (22-57) with two home runs, seven doubles and 15 of her 33 RBI in home games. Nichols also has recorded a .614 slugging percentage at Pearl Field.

PLENTY OF RBIs

Iowa might want sophomore **Emily Nichols** at the plate with runners in scoring position. She leads the team with 33 RBI and is batting .412 (21-51) with runners in scoring position.

CLOSING IN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** blasted her fifth home run of the season against Illinois on April 1. Nichols, who has 21 career home runs, only needs nine more home runs to break the Iowa career home run mark of 29, set by Alicia Gerlach (1999-02).

Senior **Stacy May** has 50 career doubles, which is only two doubles shy of the career record of 52, held by Kari Knopf (1994-97).

CALL HER CLUTCH

Junior **Mindy Heidgerken** must like being in the box in clutch situations. She is batting .500 with a runner on third and less than two outs and .600 with bases loaded.

WEST ON THE BASEPATHS

Freshman **Rachel West** leads the team with 14 stolen bases on 21 attempts. West has appeared in 45 games as a pinch-runner for the Hawkeyes.

OVER 50 FREE

Men and women ages 50 and older will receive free admission to all softball and baseball game (non post-season events) played at Pearl Field and Banks Field during the month of May. This is part of an agreement with the Johnson County Chapter of AARP.

Individuals simply need to show proof of their age (AARP card or driver's license) upon arrival at the ticket gate.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	12-5
2-RUN GAMES	4-1
3+-RUN GAMES	20-12
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD	16-3
ON THE ROAD	9-9
AT NEUTRAL SITE	11-6
DAY GAMES.....	26-16
NIGHT GAMES.....	10-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	29-4
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	7-14
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	28-4
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	8-14
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	2-10
ARNOLD STARTS.....	14-8
WEIL STARTS.....	22-10
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	18-3
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	9-12
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	27-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	3-15
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	6-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	28-5
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	5-9
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	3-4
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	10-4
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	16-4
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	10-10
FLYING TO GAME.....	11-11
BUSING TO GAME.....	11-4
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	7-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	22-6
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	5-5
IN IOWA	17-3
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	5-3
IN CALIFORNIA.....	5-5
IN ILLINOIS.....	3-1
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	9-9
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	2-0
ON WEDNESDAY	5-1
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-4
ON SATURDAY	12-4

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	7
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	LOST 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (TWICE, LAST VS. ARIZONA STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES	5 (AT ILLINOIS)
MOST TRIPLES.....	2 (AT PURDUE)
MOST HOME RUNS....	3 (THREE TIMES, LAST VS. UNI)
MOST STOLEN BASES..	4 (TWICE, LAST AT SAC. STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ...	3 (VS. UIC/SAC. STATE)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED ...	12 (BY N'WESTERN/INDIANA)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

HOME RUNS	6 (MAY)
RBI.....	33 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	84 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.522 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	20 (MURRAY & NICHOLS)
HIT BY PITCH.....	7 (MAY)
STRIKEOUTS.....	39 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.417 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	4 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	13 (HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASES	14 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	21 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.338 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	54 (FOUR TIED)
GAMES STARTED	54 (FOUR TIED)
AT BATS.....	168 (HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	37 (MAY)
HITS	54 (MAY)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	3 (HEIDGERKEN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.35 (WEIL)
WINS.....	25 (WEIL)
LOSSES	6 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT.694 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	45 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	31 (WEIL)
COMPLETE GAMES	28 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	7 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	250.1 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	234 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE176 (ACKERSON)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 795-356-3 (.690)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,095-504-5 (.684). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	36-18	.667
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				