



University of Iowa Softball

at NFCA Leadoff Classic
Friday, Feb. 29-March 2

Week Three

February 27, 2008

2008 Schedule (8-2)

Feb. 15-17	at Metrodome Classic (Minneapolis, MN)	
Feb. 15	vs. Western Illinois	W, 2-0
Feb. 16	vs. Northern Iowa	W, 1-0
	vs. Tennessee Tech	W, 1-0
Feb. 17	vs. Arkansas	L, 3-5
	vs. Drake	W, 4-1
Feb. 22-24	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 22	vs. Miami (OH)	W, 3-2
	vs. Buffalo	W, 6-1
Feb. 23	vs. Illinois State	W, 2-0
	at #4 Arizona State	L, 0-1
Feb. 24	vs. Radford	W, 5-4
Feb. 29-Mar. 2	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 29	vs. North Carolina	12:30 p.m.
	vs. Tennessee Tech	3 p.m.
Mar. 1	vs. DePaul	3 p.m.
	vs. Louisiana-Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	vs. Florida State	9 a.m.
Mar. 7-9	at Amy S. Harrison Classic (Riverside, CA)	
Mar. 7	vs. Utah Valley	2 p.m.
Mar. 8	at UC Riverside	1 p.m.
	vs. Buffalo	3 p.m.
Mar. 9	vs. Utah Valley	11 a.m.
Mar. 14-16	at Stetson Spring Classic (DeLand, FL)	
Mar. 14	vs. Elon	1 p.m.
	at Stetson	6 p.m.
Mar. 15	vs. Bowling Green	8:30 a.m.
	vs. Elon	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 16	at Stetson	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 18	vs. Tulsa (at DeLand, FL)	2 p.m.
	at Stetson	4 p.m.
Mar. 19	at Florida	4 p.m.
Mar. 20	at Central Florida	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 22	vs. Northern Illinois	2:30 p.m.
	vs. Western Illinois	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 23	vs. Western Illinois	1 p.m.
	vs. Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Ohio State	5 p.m.
Mar. 29	at Ohio State	11 a.m.
Apr. 1	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 4	at Michigan	3 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Michigan	11 a.m.
Apr. 6	at Penn State	11 a.m.
	at Penn State	1:15 p.m.
Apr. 9	vs. Illinois State	4 p.m.
Apr. 11	vs. Michigan State	6 p.m.
Apr. 12	vs. Michigan State	12 p.m.
Apr. 13	vs. Northwestern	12 p.m.
	vs. Northwestern	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 18	vs. Wisconsin	6 p.m.
Apr. 19	vs. Wisconsin	12 p.m.
Apr. 20	vs. Minnesota	12 p.m.
	vs. Minnesota	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Drake	6 p.m.
Apr. 23	vs. Northern Iowa	6 p.m.
Apr. 25	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 26	at Purdue	11 a.m.
Apr. 27	at Indiana	11 a.m.
	at Indiana	1:15 p.m.
Apr. 29	vs. North Dakota State	3:00 p.m.
	vs. North Dakota State	5:15 p.m.
May 3	at Illinois	6 p.m.
May 4	at Illinois	12 p.m.
May 8-10	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 16-18	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 23-24	NCAA Super-Regionals (TBA)	
May 29-June 4	NCAA Women's College World Series (Oklahoma City, OK)	

PROBABLE IOWA LINEUP

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
20	Chelsey Carmody	2B	L-R	Fr.	10	.412	5	14	4	0	0	2	5
22	Lindsey Digmann	LF	L-R	So.	10	.417	1	10	0	0	0	2	6
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	1B	R-R	Jr.	10	.400	2	12	1	0	0	4	1
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	Jr.	10	.188	2	6	1	0	1	5	0
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Sr.	10	.129	2	4	3	0	0	1	0
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Sr.	9	.190	2	4	2	0	0	3	1
3	Katie Brown	DP	R-R	So.	10	.353	0	6	2	0	0	3	0
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	So.	10	.261	1	6	0	0	0	0	2
6	Rachel West	CF	L-R	Jr.	10	.318		3	7	0	0	0	6

PROBABLE PITCHING ROTATION

No.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	App.	GS	CG	SHO	IP	BB	SO
7	Brittany Weil	Jr.	0.49	5-1	8	5	4	2	42.2	11	50
14	Amanda Zust	So.	0.77	3-1	6	5	2	1	27.1	11	31

This Weekend's Action • The University of Iowa softball team travels to Columbus, GA, to compete in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Leadoff Classic. Below is Iowa's schedule at the Classic. All times listed are central.

Friday, Feb. 29

vs. No. 23 North Carolina (12:30 p.m.)

vs. Tennessee Tech (3 p.m.)

Saturday, March 1

vs. No. 19 DePaul (3 p.m.)

vs. No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette (5:30 p.m.)

Sunday, March 2

vs. Florida State (9 a.m.)

Tough Tournament This Weekend • Iowa is scheduled to face three teams that are ranked in both the *USA Today*/NFCA Top 25 and the ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 polls. Those teams include Louisiana-Lafayette (16th/15th), DePaul (19th/19th) and North Carolina (23rd/23rd).

Hawkeyes on the Web • Fans can follow the action at hawkeyesports.com, where live stats (Gametracker) will be available. The link can be found along the right side of the softball schedule page.

2008 Big Ten Standings

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. Michigan	0-0	11-2
2. Purdue	0-0	9-2
3. IOWA	0-0	8-2
4. Northwestern	0-0	7-2
5. Ohio State	0-0	11-4
6. Minnesota	0-0	11-5
7. Illinois	0-0	8-4
8. Penn State	0-0	3-3
9. Michigan State	0-0	4-5
10. Wisconsin	0-0	6-8
11. Indiana	0-0	1-4

2008 Iowa Roster

1	Emily Nichols
2	Summer Downs
3	Katie Brown
4	Quinn Morelock
6	Rachel West
7	Brittany Weil
8	Erin Riemersma
9	Lindsey Emery
10	Taylor Leichsenring
11	Mindy Heidgerken
12	Colleen McGlaughlin
13	Jenny Schuelke
14	Amanda Zust
15	Callie Adreon
17	Heidi Daumen
20	Chelsey Carmody
21	Lindsey Major
22	Lindsey Digmann
24	Stephanie Ackerson

Pronunciation Guide

Callie AID-ree-on
Taylor LIKE-sin-ring
Colleen mick-GLAW-kin
Jenny SHUL-key
Erin ree-MUHR-sma
Brittany WHILE

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Last Week's Action • For the second week in a row, the Hawkeyes finished the weekend with a 4-1 record. Iowa's only loss at the Littlewood Classic came to fourth-ranked host Arizona State, 1-0. Iowa defeated Miami, OH (3-2), Buffalo (6-1) and Radford (5-4).

Tough Loss Against Sun Devils • Iowa lost a heartbreaking game against fourth-ranked Arizona State in the bottom of the seventh inning. ASU's Mindy Cowles hit a first-pitch, walk-off home run for the win.

Junior **Brittany Weil** tossed a gem despite her first loss of the season. She held the top offense in the Pac-10 to only four hits, three of which were singles, and struck out seven batters while walking only three. After giving up a single to the first batter of the game, Weil retired 16 of the next 17 batters, including seven in a row between the first and third innings. She threw 90 pitches, 60 of which were strikes.

Deja Vu vs. ASU • The Hawkeyes fell to Arizona State by a run in the final inning for the second time in as many years last weekend.

Last season at the Littlewood Classic, Iowa scored two runs in the top of the seventh to tie the game at 3-3, but ASU all-American Kaitlin Cochran hit a bases loaded, RBI single in the bottom of the frame to escape with a one-run victory.

Big Comeback Against Radford • The Hawkeyes scored five unanswered runs to complete a 5-4, comeback win over Radford in the final day of play at the Littlewood Classic.

Radford jumped out to an early 4-0 lead after the first two innings, but Iowa scored two runs in both the second and third innings along with another in the fourth to seal the win.

Hawkeyes in the Polls • Iowa is one of 17 teams to receive votes in the latest *USA Today*/NFCA poll.

Opponents in the Polls • Eight Iowa opponents are ranked in both the *USA Today*/NFCA Top 25 and ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 polls. Arizona State (3rd/2nd), Florida (5th/7th), Northwestern (6th/5th), Michigan (12th/11th), Louisiana-Lafayette (16th/15th), DePaul (19th/19th), Ohio State (20th/21st) and North Carolina (23rd/23rd) are all ranked.

In addition, Arkansas is receiving votes in both polls, Iowa State is receiving votes in the *USA Today*/NFCA poll and Purdue is receiving votes in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll.

Haven't We Met? • The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face Tennessee Tech this weekend, who they defeated, 1-0 in eight innings earlier this season in the Metrodome Classic.

Junior **Brittany Weil** threw all eight innings and allowed only one hit and struck out nine. Junior **Colleen McGlaughlin** had the game winning single in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Head Coach Gayle Blevins



Gayle Blevins is in her 21st season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's premier coaches.

In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005.

In her 20 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to four College World Series berths, 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 844-383-3 (.687).

Her career record in 27 years of coaching is 1,144-531-5 (.682). 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).

First Time For Everything • The Hawkeye pitching staff allowed its first earned runs of the season at the Littlewood Classic.

Sophomore **Amanda Zust** had tossed an impressive 27 innings without giving up an earned run before Iowa's game vs. Radford. Junior **Brittany Weil** had thrown 25.1 innings before giving up an earned run against Miami, OH.

Best in the Big Ten • Iowa's staff leads the Big Ten in earned run average with a team mark of 0.60. Junior **Brittany Weil** leads the way with a 0.49 ERA and sophomore **Amanda Zust** has a 0.77 ERA.

Brown in Tempe • Sophomore **Katie Brown** batted .600 (6-10) with two doubles and three RBI last weekend at the Littlewood Classic. Brown energized Iowa's comeback against Radford, going 3-3 with three RBI.

Speed in the Desert • Iowa went 17-19 in the stolen base department last weekend. Junior **Rachel West** and freshman **Chelsey Carmody** each stole four bases in four attempts while sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** swiped three bases in four attempts.

Nichols Named to Watch List • Senior catcher **Emily Nichols** has been named to the 2008 USA Softball Player of the Year Watch List. The Portland, OR, native is one of 50 players to be selected. Nichols is the first Hawkeye player named to the USA Softball Player of the Year Watch List.

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) sponsors the award, which is considered one of the most prestigious honors in collegiate softball. This is the seventh year the ASA has given the award.

NFCA Leadoff Classic Tidbits

- Two of the most successful coaches in NCAA Division I softball history will face each other when Iowa takes on Florida State. Seminole Head Coach JoAnne Graf currently has the second-most wins in NCAA Division I softball history, with a record of 1,188-403-3. Iowa Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** ranks third on the list, with a 1,144-531-5 record. They are two of only seven coaches in Division I softball to record over 1,000 career wins.

- The 2008 NFCA Leadoff Classic will feature two teams that qualified for the College World Series last season, including DePaul, who will face Iowa Saturday. Tennessee will also participate in this year's Classic.

- In 1996, the College World Series was held at the Stadium Field at the South Commons Complex in Columbus, GA, the site of the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Iowa won its regional that season and made its second-straight College World Series appearance. The Hawkeyes lost their opening round game to eventual national champion Arizona before defeating Michigan and California. Iowa was eliminated from the College World Series after its second loss to Arizona.

- The Hawkeyes are slated to face two of the same opponents they were scheduled to play in the 2006 NFCA Leadoff Classic, which was the last time they competed in the tournament. The Hawkeyes were defeated by Louisiana-Lafayette, 6-0, and were scheduled to face Florida State, but the game was rained out.

- Iowa is 1-4 vs. North Carolina, 2-1 vs. Tennessee Tech, 8-1 vs. DePaul, 0-2 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, and 3-2 vs. Florida State.

- Florida State junior Melissa May and Iowa senior **Summer Downs** were high school teammates at Rancho Bernardo High School in San Diego, CA.

- Tennessee Tech Head Coach Tory Acheson is a native of Dubuque, IA.

Iowa's Record When...

1-Run Games	4-1
2-Run Games	2-1
3+-Run Games	2-0
Extra Innings	1-0
At Pearl Field	0-0
On the Road	0-1
At Neutral Site	8-1
Day Games	5-2
Night Games	3-0
Iowa Scores First	6-0
Opponent Scores First	2-2
Scoring 2 Runs Or Less	4-1
Scoring 3+ Runs	4-1
Giving Up 2 Runs Or Less	7-1
Giving up 3+ Runs	1-1
Vs. Ranked Opponents	0-1
Weil Starts	4-1
Zust Starts	4-1
Brown Starts	0-0
Iowa Hits a Home Run	2-0
Opponent Hits a Home Run	0-1
Iowa Outhits Opponent	8-0
Opponent Outhits Iowa	0-1
Equal Number of Hits	0-1
Iowa Pitchers Record More K's	8-0
Opp. Pitchers Record More K's	0-1
Equal Number of Strikeouts	0-1
Wearing Black Uniforms	3-0
Wearing White Uniforms	3-1
Wearing Grey Uniforms	2-1
Flying To Game	4-1
Busing To Game	4-1
In Central Time Zone	4-1
In Mountain Time Zone	4-1
In Eastern Time Zone	0-0
In Pacific Time Zone	0-0
In Iowa	0-0
In Minnesota	4-1
In Arizona	4-1
In Georgia	0-0
In California	0-0
In Florida	0-0
In Ohio	0-0
In Michigan	0-0
In Pennsylvania	0-0
In Indiana	0-0
In Illinois	0-0
On Sunday	2-1
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	3-0
On Saturday	3-1

Iowa Softball By the Numbers

Longest Winning Streak	4
Longest Losing Streak	1
Current Streak	Won 1
Largest Margin of Victory	5 (vs. Buffalo)
Largest Margin of Defeat	2 (vs. Arkansas)
Most At-Bats	29 (twice, last vs. Radford)
Most Runs Scored	6 (vs. Buffalo)
Most Hits	12 (vs. Radford)
Most RBI	4 (three times, last vs. Radford)
Most Doubles	3 (vs. Buffalo)
Most Triples	--
Most Home Runs	1 (twice, last vs. Miami, OH)
Most Stolen Bases	7 (twice, last vs. Radford)
Most Strikeouts	12 (vs. Arizona State)
Most Errors Committed	3 (vs. Radford)
Most Runs Allowed	5 (vs. Arkansas)
Most Hits Allowed	7 (vs. Arkansas)
Most Walks Allowed	4 (vs. Radford)

Home Runs	1 (Schuelke & Riemersma)
RBI	5 (Riemersma)
Total Bases	18 (Carmody)
Slugging Pct. (Min. 5 AB's)	.625 (Schuelke)
Walks	4 (Downs)
Hit by Pitch	--
Strikeouts	9 (Nichols)
On-Base Percentage	.441 (McGlaughlin)
Sacrifice Flies	1 (Carmody & McGlaughlin)
Sacrifice Hits	7 (Digmann)
Stolen Bases	6 (Digmann & West)
Stolen Base Attempts	7 (Digmann)

Iowa's Individual Team Batting Leaders

Batting Avg. (Min. 5 AB's)	.417 (Digmann)
Games Played	10 (Seven Players)
Games Started	10 (Six Players)
At Bats	34 (Carmody)
Runs	5 (Carmody)
Hits	14 (Carmody)
Doubles	4 (Carmody)
Triples	--

Iowa's Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	0.49 (Weil)
Wins	5 (Weil)
Appearances	8 (Weil)
Games Started	5 (Weil & Zust)
Complete Games	4 (Weil)
Shutouts	2 (Weil)
Saves	1 (Weil & Zust)
Innings Pitched	42.2 (Weil)
Strikeouts	50 (Weil)
Opponent Batting Average	.110 (Weil)

Hawkeye Defensive Depth Chart

