

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

Feb. 9-11
Stetson Tournament
DeLand, FL

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

O-O Overall, O-O Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	9 a.m.
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	9 a.m.
Feb. 10	at Stetson	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	TBA	TBA
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	12 p.m.
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Arizona State	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	12 p.m.
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	10 a.m.
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	12 p.m.
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	9:30 a.m.
Feb. 25	TBA	TBA
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Atlanta, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	4 p.m.
Mar. 4	TBA	TBA
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. California	2:30 p.m.
	vs. UC Riverside	8 p.m.
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	5 p.m.
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	3 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	5:15 p.m.
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	3 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	12 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	12 p.m.
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	5 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	3 p.m.
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Indiana	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Indiana	2 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	11 a.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	1:15 p.m.
Apr. 3	Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
Apr. 13	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 20	Penn State	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	Penn State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
May 2	at Drake	5 p.m.
May 5	Illinois	12 p.m.
May 6	Illinois	1 p.m.
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 25-26	NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)	
June 1-6	College World Series (Oklahoma City, OK)	

Probable Iowa Lineup (2006 Statistics)

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Sr.	55	.200	12	24	16	1	1	.233	2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	55	.149	4	14	1	0	0	.149	0
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	Jr.	59	.315	26	57	34	5	14	.475	6
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	61	.265	30	44	19	5	9	.446	9
12	Colleen Mcglaughlin	LF	R-R	So.	48	.167	5	12	7	2	3	.292	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	61	.302	28	57	26	4	7	.434	9
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	43	.277	8	18	11	2	1	.415	3
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	55	.286	12	42	28	4	7	.415	2

Pitching Rotation (2006 Statistics)

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	27-16	37	34	7	1	2.34	270	110	296.0
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	0-0	0	0	0	0	5.73	2	1	3.2
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

OPENING WEEKEND

The University of Iowa softball team opens the 2007 season in DeLand, FL at the Stetson Tournament. Iowa faces Howard in the season opener Friday at 9 a.m. and Marist at 11:30 a.m. Iowa and Marist will have a rematch Saturday at 9 a.m. before the Hawkeyes face host-school Stetson at 2 p.m. The consolation game will begin Sunday at 10 a.m. with the championship at noon. All times listed are central.

REACHING ANOTHER CAREER MARK

Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** needs just one more win to reach the 1,100 career-win mark. Additionally, Blevins' next win will also be her 800th win at Iowa.

Blevins, who has 1,099 career wins, is the third winningest coach in Division I history behind Fresno State's Margie Wright (1,206 wins) and Florida State's JoAnne Graf (1,136 wins).

LIKING THE SUNSHINE STATE

For the third year in a row, Iowa will open its season in a Florida tournament. Iowa played in the Stetson Tournament to open the 2005 campaign and the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic in Miami to start the 2006 season.

The Hawkeyes opened their season in Tempe, AZ from 1989-03 and played at Georgia State in 2004.

LAST TIME IN DELAND

Iowa finished the 2005 Stetson Tournament with a 3-1 record, collecting victories over Virginia Tech (8-0, 3-2) and Stetson (3-0). Iowa's lone loss was a 6-2 defeat against Stetson.

TWO HAWKEYES LIKE DELAND

Seniors **Sami Baugh** and **Mindy Heidgerken** both had great opening weekends at the 2005 Stetson Tournament. Baugh finished 4-9 with a home run and two doubles while Heidgerken went 6-13 with one double and one stolen base.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. NORTHWESTERN	16-3	50-15
2. MICHIGAN	14-4	44-15
3. IOWA	12-7	39-22
4. OHIO STATE	11-7	39-23
5. PENN STATE	10-10	39-17
6. INDIANA	8-9	30-25-1
7. MICHIGAN STATE	9-11	34-25
8. ILLINOIS	8-11	24-31
9. PURDUE	7-12	30-30
10. WISCONSIN	6-11	22-22
11. MINNESOTA	1-17	17-33

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

February 9-11 Iowa at Stetson Tournament

Illinois at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic

Michigan at Wilson DeMarini Invitational

Minnesota at Jacksonville Tournament

Northwestern at Kajikawa Classic

Ohio State at Kajikawa Classic

Purdue at Carolina Classic

Wisconsin at Kajikawa Classic

Penn State at Bulldog Round Robin

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

HAWKEYES RECEIVING VOTES

Iowa is one of 14 teams to receive votes in the ESPN.com/USA Softball pre-season poll.

TOUGH SCHEDULE IN '07

Iowa is slated to play nine teams that appear in both the *USA Today*/NFCA Top 25 and the ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 pre-season polls.

Northwestern (4th/4th), Arizona State (5th/5th), California (10th/10th), Michigan (11th/13th) and Louisville (20th/21st) are ranked in both polls.

North Carolina, BYU, Kansas and Illinois State are receiving votes in both polls.

The Hawkeyes also have to play three ranked teams at their home facilities, including two that advanced to the College World Series in 2006. Iowa faces Arizona State, a CWS team at the Littlewood Classic February 17. Iowa faces Louisville at the Red and Black Tournament February 25 and Northwestern, the national runner-up, in Evanston April 27 and 28.

SHUFFLING THE INFIELD

The Hawkeye infield will have a new look at some positions in 2007.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** will make the move from second base to shortstop while freshman **Lindsey Digmann** will get the nod at second base.

The corners of the Iowa infield will keep the same look it had for most of 2006. Junior **Emily Nichols** will start the season at third base after moving to the position in March of last season. Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** will start at first base where she is a proven gold-glove. Ackerson played in 55 games in 2006 and recorded a team-best .997 fielding percentage. Junior **Summer Downs** could also see time at first or third.

NEW LOOK OUTFIELD

Iowa's outfield will have some familiar faces along with some new starters.

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** will anchor the Hawkeyes in center field. Heidgerken was a third team all-Big Ten selection in 2006.

Three Hawkeyes will fight for time in left field. Sophomore **Colleen McLaughlin**, senior **Jenna Spratt** and sophomore **Rachel West** could all see time in left.

Sophomore **Quinn Morelock** will most likely start in right field. Additional outfielders competing for the position include sophomores **Lindsey Emery** and **Callie Adreon** along with freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**.

WEIL MAKING HER MARK

Sophomore **Brittany Weil** burst on the scene as a freshman and already has her name in the Hawkeye record books. Weil ranks second in school history for complete games in a season (34), innings pitched in a season (296) and single-season strikeouts (270).

Weil is also eighth in career strikeouts with 270 and 10th in career complete games with 34, only six behind former Hawkeye Ann Coughenour for ninth place.

POWER IS BACK

Iowa returns four of its top six hitters from last year's squad. Junior **Emily Nichols** batted .315 and was second on the team with five home runs and a .475 slugging percentage. Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** had a .302 batting average and was tied for the team lead with three triples. Junior **Summer Downs** batted .286 with four home runs and sophomore **Quinn Morelock** finished with a .277 average.

RETURNING RBI'S

Five of Iowa's top seven run producers return from last year's squad. Junior **Emily Nichols** led the team with 34 RBI while junior **Summer Downs** was second with 28 RBI. Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** knocked in 26 runs, sophomore **Erin Riemersma** tallied 19 RBI and senior **Sami Baugh** collected 16 RBI.

DOWN'S HOT IN BIG TEN PLAY

The Hawkeyes are glad to have junior **Summer Downs** in the designated player spot, especially when Big Ten season rolls around. The San Diego native was a first team all-Big Ten pick in 2006 and batted .333 in conference play.

IRON HAWKEYES

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** and sophomore **Erin Riemersma** started all 61 games for Iowa last season. Heidgerken started every game in centerfield while Riemersma started all 61 games at second base.

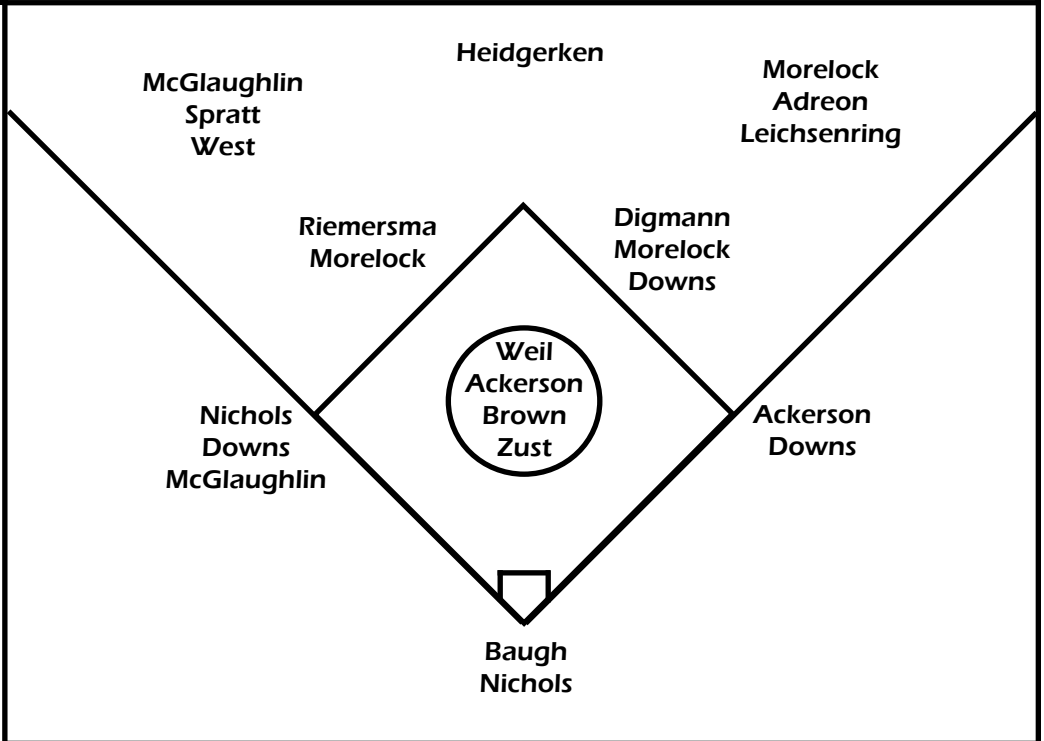
WEST HEALTHY AND READY

Sophomore **Rachel West** is healthy and ready to make more of an impact in 2007. West suffered a shoulder injury that required surgery before the 2006 season and also suffered a hand injury during the season.

West's role was reduced to pinch-running last season, where she led the team with 15 stolen bases.

Iowa Hawkeye
Softball

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 KATIE BROWN
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 6 RACHEL WEST
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY
- 10 TAYLOR LEICHSENING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



HAWKEYES ADD FIVE FRESHMEN

Iowa welcomes a class of five freshmen to the 2007 squad. **Katie Brown**, **Lindsey Digmann**, **Taylor Leichsenring**, and **Amanda Zust** hail from Iowa while walk-on **Heidi Daumen** is from Illinois.

Brown and Zust will see time in the circle while Digmann will play second base. Leichsenring is an outfielder and Daumen is a utility player who can catch or play first base.

FRESHMEN WIN RAINBOW CLASSIC

Four of Iowa's freshmen were members of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii over the summer. Those freshmen include **Katie Brown** (Spirit Lake), **Lindsey Digmann** (Marion), **Taylor Leichsenring** (Amana) and **Amanda Zust** (Des Moines).

MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

Iowa will host the third annual "Meet the Team" night Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. on the second level of the Paul W. Brechler Press Box inside Kinnick Stadium. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served followed by a short program hosted by Coach Blevins.

IOWA ADDS TWO NEW COACHES

Jen Fried and **Stacy May** are new members of the Iowa coaching staff. Fried is a volunteer assistant and May is a student assistant.

Fried joins the staff from Swarthmore College in Media, PA, where she was an assistant coach from 2005-06. Her duties included designing and implementing daily practices for outfielders along with batting instruction.

Fried played both softball and soccer at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named the Centennial Conference Softball Player of the Year in 2004 and was an all-conference selection from 2001-04.

May was a four-year letterwinner at both third base and shortstop for Iowa from 2003-06. She was named both Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first team all-Big Ten in 2003. May was also a three-time NFCA all-Mideast Region pick and was a two-time *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America District 7 selection.

May was drafted by the Chicago Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League as the fourth pick in the second round in the 2006 draft. She earned the 2006 Nokona Rookie of the Year award and was also named to the all-NPF team.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	0-0
2-RUN GAMES	0-0
3+-RUN GAMES	0-0
EXTRA INNINGS.....	0-0
AT PEARL FIELD	0-0
ON THE ROAD	0-0
AT NEUTRAL SITE.....	0-0
DAY GAMES.....	0-0
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-0
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	0-0
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-0
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	0-0
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	0-0
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-0
ARNOLD STARTS.....	0-0
WEIL STARTS.....	0-0
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	0-0
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	0-0
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	0-0
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	0-0
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	0-0
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S.....	0-0
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S.....	0-0
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	0-0
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	0-0
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	0-0
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	0-0
FLYING TO GAME.....	0-0
BUSING TO GAME.....	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	0-0
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	0-0
IN IOWA	0-0
IN FLORIDA	0-0
IN ARIZONA	0-0
IN KENTUCKY.....	0-0
IN GEORGIA	0-0
IN CALIFORNIA.....	0-0
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	0-0
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	0-0
ON SATURDAY	0-0

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	--
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	--
CURRENT STREAK	--
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	--
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	--
MOST AT-BATS.....	--
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	--
MOST HITS.....	--
MOST RBI	--
MOST DOUBLES	--
MOST TRIPLES.....	--
MOST HOME RUNS.....	--
MOST STOLEN BASES	--
MOST STRIKEOUTS	--
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	--
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	--
MOST HITS ALLOWED	--
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	--

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	--
GAMES PLAYED	--
GAMES STARTED	--
AT BATS.....	--
RUNS	--
HITS	--
DOUBLES	--
TRIPLES	--

HOME RUNS	--
RBI.....	--
TOTAL BASES	--
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	--
WALKS	--
HIT BY PITCH.....	--
STRIKEOUTS.....	--
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE	--
SACRIFICE FLIES	--
SACRIFICE HITS.....	--
STOLEN BASES	--
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	--

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	--
WINS.....	--
LOSSES	--
WINNING PCT.	--
APPEARANCES.....	--
GAMES STARTED	--
COMPLETE GAMES	--
SHUTOUTS	--
SAVES.....	--
INNINGS PITCHED.....	--
STRIKEOUTS.....	--
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE	--

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 20th 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 and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005. In her 19 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 799-360-3 (.689).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,099-508-5 (.683). 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	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	0-0	.000