

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

May 5-6
vs. Illinois
12 p.m./1 p.m.

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

36-20 Overall, 9-7 Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	W, 11-0 (5)
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	W, 5-2
Feb. 10	at Stetson	L, 3-5
Feb. 11	at Stetson	W, 4-1
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	L, 5-10
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	L, 1-5
Feb. 17	at #2 Arizona State	L, 3-4
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	W, 10-4
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	W, 5-2
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	L, 3-7
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	W, 3-2 (8)
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Woodstock, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	L, 5-7
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 2-0
Mar. 4	vs. Troy	W, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 4	vs. #24 Georgia Tech	L, 0-6
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. #23 California	L, 1-4
Mar. 9	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 2-1
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	W, 9-8 (10)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-1 (9)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 4-5
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	W, 4-0
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 9-0 (6)
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	W, 13-6
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-1
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	L, 3-8
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	W, 4-1
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	W, 9-2
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	W, 4-2
Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	at Indiana	W, 9-0 (6)
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 6-1
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 3	Iowa State	W, 2-1
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 0-5
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	Cancelled
Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 2-3 (10)
Apr. 14	Michigan	L, 0-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 6-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 7-2
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	W, 10-0 (5)
Apr. 20	Penn State	W, 1-0
Apr. 21	Penn State	W, 7-0
Apr. 22	Ohio State	W, 7-3
Apr. 22	Ohio State	L, 0-1
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	Cancelled
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	L, 1-5
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	L, 1-2
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	W, 5-4
May 2	Drake	W, 1-0
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)	

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	55	.261	42	43	27	4	8	.382	17
10	Taylor Leichsenring	DP	L-R	Fr.	52	.313	19	35	7	0	0	.330	5
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	56	.408	35	75	48	12	14	.690	6
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Jr.	55	.297	13	47	26	5	11	.462	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	2B	R-R	So.	56	.339	20	56	25	3	14	.491	5
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	45	.279	7	24	19	1	4	.360	0
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	53	.336	34	40	10	2	2	.471	29
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	56	.216	15	25	15	2	1	.276	17
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	56	.211	6	27	18	0	5	.250	3

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	17-7	22	18	9	2	1.50	168	40	159.0
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	10-7	20	8	3	0	2.23	146	88	131.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

FINAL WEEKEND OF REGULAR SEASON ACTION

The University of Iowa softball team (36-20, 9-7) hosts Illinois (29-13, 7-7) Saturday and Sunday in the final weekend of regular season action. Saturday's game is scheduled for a Noon start while Sunday's first pitch is at 1 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 18 and under, along with UI students.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeye-sports.com. Jerry Kiwala or Rob Brooks will handle play-by-play commentary.

The broadcasts are free and can be found in the Hawkeye All-Access section.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Iowa softball fans can follow the Hawkeyes every week with Gametracker at hawkeye-sports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

WEIL PUSHES IOWA PAST DRAKE

Iowa downed Drake, 1-0 Wednesday at Pearl Field. Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** threw her ninth complete-game shutout of the season against the Bulldogs.

Weil tossed a four-hitter and struck out seven batters. Sophomore **Quinn Morelock** drove in freshman **Lindsey Digmann** in the fourth for the game's only run.

HAWKEYES TAKE DOWN WESTERN ILLINOIS

Iowa defeated Western Illinois, 5-1 Sunday at Pearl Field. Iowa scored all five of its runs in the first four innings.

Sophomore **Rachel West** finished a perfect 3-3, while freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**, sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken** each went 2-3.

Sophomore **Brittany Weil** threw five innings for her 16th win of the season. She allowed one run on four hits and struck out three. Freshman **Amanda Zust** threw two innings of relief and struck out two.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. OHIO STATE	12-2	31-15
2. NORTHWESTERN	15-3	41-10
3. MICHIGAN	11-3	40-9
4. IOWA	9-7	36-20
5. ILLINOIS	7-7	29-23
6. PURDUE	8-9	30-31-1
7. MICHIGAN STATE	6-8	30-24
8. PENN STATE	5-7	24-20
9. WISCONSIN	5-11	26-19
10. MINNESOTA	3-8	21-21
11. INDIANA	1-17	21-32

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 6

Illinois at Iowa

Indiana at Purdue

Michigan at Michigan State

Penn State at Ohio State

Wisconsin at Minnesota

Sunday, May 7

Illinois at Iowa

Indiana at Purdue

Michigan at Michigan State

Penn State at Ohio State

Wisconsin at Minnesota

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

SCOUTING ILLINOIS

The Illinois Fighting Illini are 29-23 overall and 7-7 in Big Ten play. The Fighting Illini host Bradley Thursday before traveling to Iowa City.

Illinois brings a powerful offense to Pearl Field. The Fighting Illini lead the nation in team home runs with 82 long balls in 52 games played. They also lead the nation in home runs per game with 1.58.

Both Angelena Mexicano and Shanna Diller have 16 home runs to lead the Illini offense. Lana Armstrong is batting .372 with 14 home runs and Makenzie Smith has 10 home runs.

Vicky Brown is 16-9 with a 3.59 earned run average and has a team best 97 strikeouts. Ashley Wright is 10-11 with a 3.77 earned run average.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 9-6.

CLEANING UP THE BIG TEN STANDINGS

Iowa can wrap up the No. 4 seed in next week's Big Ten Tournament with one win over Illinois this weekend. If Iowa were to lose both games against Illinois, they could finish anywhere from fifth to seventh, depending on other results across the Big Ten.

Ohio State can claim the regular season title with two wins over Penn State. Northwestern finished conference play last weekend and could take the regular season championship if Ohio State loses one game to the Nittany Lions.

SUMMER-TIME IN EVANSTON

Junior **Summer Downs** batted .600 (3-5) in the two-game series at Northwestern. She also had two putouts, five assists and did not commit an error in 13 innings played at third base.

LEADERS IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Four Hawkeyes are batting above .300 in Big Ten play.

Junior **Summer Downs** is batting .383 (18-47) and leads the team with five doubles. She also has three home runs and 13 RBI.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** is batting .360 (18-50) and has a team-best 14 runs scored. Riemersma has three home runs, seven doubles and seven RBI.

Junior **Emily Nichols** has a .327 (17-52) batting average and has belted a team-high four home runs and 16 RBI.

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** is batting .319 (15-47) with three doubles.

HAWKEYES IN BIG TEN STATS

Here is a list of where different Hawkeyes rank in the top five of different categories.

All Games

Player	Category	Rank
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (29)	2nd
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.57)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (126)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Batting Avg. (.407)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Hits (74)	3rd
Rachel West	Triples (4)	T3rd
Brittany Weil	Saves (2)	4th
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (17)	T4th
Mindy Heidgerken	Stolen Bases (17)	T4th
Emily Nichols	RBI (48)	5th
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (45)	5th

Big Ten Games

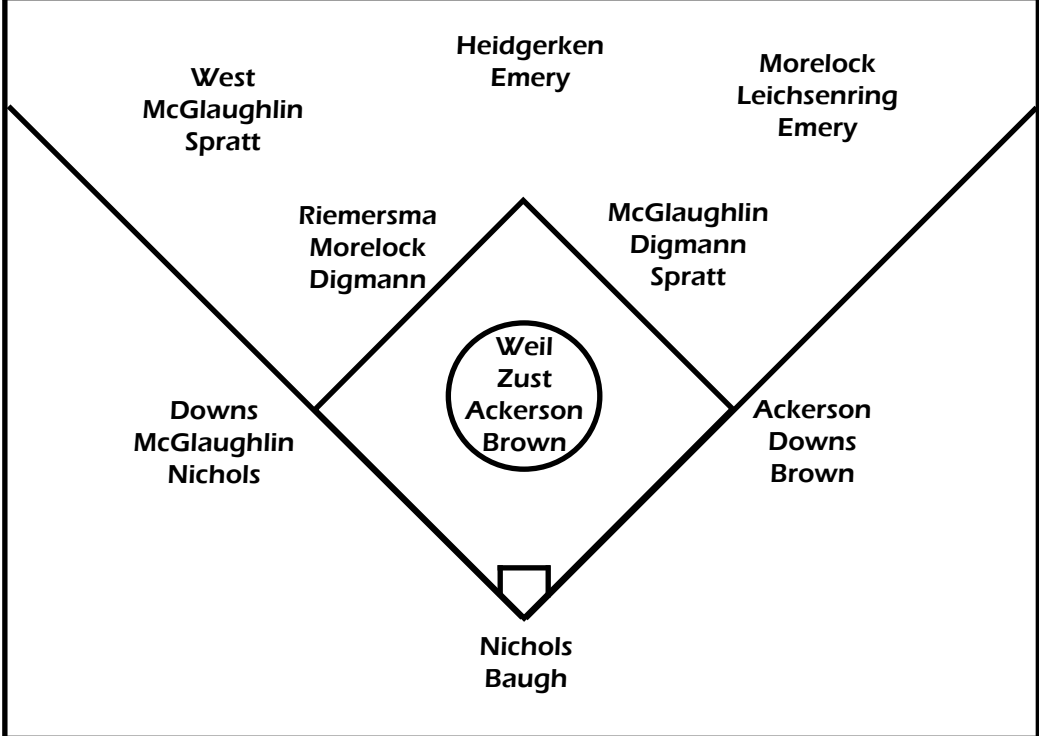
Player	Category	Rank
Amanda Zust	ERA (0.75)	1st
Brittany Weil	Innings Pitched (93.1)	1st
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (25)	1st
Brittany Weil	Starts (13)	1st
Brittany Weil	Appearances (16)	1st
Brittany Weil	Wins (8)	T2nd
Brittany Weil	Strikeouts (78)	3rd
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (8)	T1st
Mindy Heidgerken	Stolen Bases (8)	T1st
Summer Downs	Doubles (5)	2nd
Erin Riemersma	Runs Scored (14)	T2nd
Taylor Leichsenring	Triples (1)	T2nd
Erin Riemersma	Doubles (4)	T3rd
Emily Nichols	RBI (16)	T4th
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (4)	T4th
Brittany Weil	Saves (1)	T4th
Summer Downs	RBI (13)	5th
Summer Downs	Total Bases (29)	T5th
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (29)	T5th
Erin Riemersma	Walks (9)	T5th
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.50)	5th

HEIDGERKEN HEATING UP

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** combined for one home run, three hits and three RBI in game two against Northwestern and last Sunday's game against Western Illinois.

In game two against Northwestern, Heidgerken went 1-3 and scored the only Hawkeye run of the game. She went 2-3 with a three-run home run and an RBI single to help Iowa defeat Western Illinois.

- 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 LEICHSENRING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON



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STACY MAY



MCGLAUGHLIN LIKES PEARL

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** must like batting in the friendly confines of Pearl Field. McGlaughlin leads the team with a .452 (19-42) average in 16 home games this season. She also has seven doubles and five RBI.

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 107 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 29 stolen bases, followed by sophomore **Erin Riemersma** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken**, each with 17.

WEIL NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for her efforts during Iowa's five-game road trip March 28-April 1. This was the first time Weil earned the award. Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior **Emily Nichols'** school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped at the Capital Classic March 16. Nichols failed to collect a hit against Mercer, ending her streak at 28 games.

NICHOLS BREAKS HOME RUN MARK

Junior **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's career home run record with a two-run home run against Indiana on March 31. Nichols' home run cleared the center field fence and gave Iowa a 9-0, six-inning win over the Hoosiers.

Nichols passed former Hawkeye Alicia Gerlach, who hit 29 career home runs from 1999-02. Nichols currently has 32 career home runs.

ACKERSON NO-HITS HOWARD IN SEASON OPENER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** took full advantage of her first career start in the circle, tossing a five-inning no-hitter in Iowa's season opener against Howard. The Clive, IA, native allowed only four Howard baserunners and struck out five.

Prior to the start against Howard, Ackerson had only thrown 11 innings in relief.

WEATHER LINE

Fans of Iowa softball can now call to check if a home game is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather. The number to call is (319) 335-9450.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	8-6
2-RUN GAMES	5-4
3+-RUN GAMES	23-10
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-2
AT PEARL FIELD	13-3
ON THE ROAD	7-6
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	34-19
NIGHT GAMES.....	2-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	27-7
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	9-12
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	7-12
SCORING 3+ RUNS	29-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	30-4
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	6-16
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-7
WEIL STARTS.....	14-8
ZUST STARTS.....	14-7
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	16-6
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	6-12
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	32-4
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	2-15
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	30-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	6-12
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	11-7
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	10-9
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	15-4
FLYING TO GAME.....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME.....	7-5
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	14-7
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	13-3
IN FLORIDA	7-2
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA.....	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-2
IN INDIANA	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-2
ON SUNDAY	12-4
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	3-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	9-6
ON SATURDAY	10-8

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 2
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT...6 (VS. GA TECH, CAL POLY)	
MOST AT-BATS.....	41 (VS. SAN JOSE STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST HITS.....	19 (VS. MERCER)
MOST RBI	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (TWICE, LAST VS. TROY)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (SEVEN TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2 (SEVEN TIMES)
MOST STOLEN BASES	7 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	15 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (VS. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (VS. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (VS. MICHIGAN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	408 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	56 (4 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	56 (4 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	184 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	42 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS	75 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS & MCGLAUGHLIN)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	12 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	48 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	127 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.690 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	24 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	31 (WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.456 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	11 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES	29 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	32 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.50 (WEIL)
WINS.....	17 (WEIL)
LOSSES	5 (ACKERSON)
APPEARANCES.....	29 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	22 (WEIL)
COMPLETE GAMES	18 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	9 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	2 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	159 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	168 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE212 (ACKERSON)

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 835-380-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,135-528-5 (.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).



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	36-20	.643
TOTALS						1,135-528-5	.682