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IOWA SOFTBALL
HAWKEYES WIN TWO IN FLORIDA

DELAND, FL – The University of Iowa softball team ended its first weekend of play on a high note, defeating Virginia Tech, 3-2 and Stetson, 3-0. The Hawkeyes knocked out 13 hits on the day.

Iowa came out swinging in game one, scoring all three runs in the first inning. **Kylie Murray** scored off a **Natalie Johnson** single for the first run of the inning. **Stacy May** then doubled to left field and **Mindy Heidgerken** knocked in Johnson on a bunt. May scored on a fielding error by the Hokie shortstop to make the score 3-0.

Mindy Heidgerken had another solid day at the plate, going 2-3 with an RBI. **Ali Arnold** earned her first win of the season for the Hawkeyes. The junior threw four innings and struck out two. **Lisa Birocci** pitched three innings of relief and gave up one hit and struck out one.

The Hawkeyes scored a run in the second, third and fourth innings against Stetson. Two Hawkeyes collected multiple hits. **Natalie Johnson** went 2-4 while freshman **Emily Nichols** was 2-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Birocci collected her second win of the season, giving up one hit over four innings of work. The senior struck out two and walked none. **Steph Ackerson** pitched three innings of relief and gave up three hits while striking out three.

Iowa will travel to Louisville, KY on February 18-20 to compete in the Littlewood Classic. The Hawkeyes will compete against Long Island, Arizona State and Illinois State.

