

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

Feb. 16-18
Littlewood Classic
Tempe, AZ

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

4-1 Overall, 0-0 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	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
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	5	.083	6	1	1	0	0	.083	3
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	2	.400	3	2	1	0	0	.400	3
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	Jr.	5	.500	4	7	10	1	1	.929	2
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	5	.300	1	3	1	0	0	.300	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	LF	R-R	So.	5	.333	1	4	3	0	2	.667	0
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	5	.417	2	5	2	0	2	.583	0
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Sr.	5	.308	1	4	2	0	0	.308	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	5	.182	3	2	1	0	0	.182	3
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	5	.273	1	3	1	1	0	.364	1

Pitching Rotation (2006 Statistics)

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	2-0	2	2	1	0	0.55	8	6	12.2
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	2-1	2	1	1	0	2.33	16	5	15.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	3	2.1
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

HAWKEYES HEAD WEST

The University of Iowa softball team travels to Tempe, AZ, this weekend to compete in the Littlewood Classic. Iowa opens the tournament Friday at 12 p.m. against UC Riverside and faces North Carolina at 4:30 p.m. The Hawkeyes face two tough opponents Saturday in Illinois State and No. 2 ranked Arizona State. Iowa and Illinois State face off at 4:30 p.m. while the Hawkeyes battle the Sun Devils at 6:30 p.m. The Hawkeyes wrap up the tournament Sunday at 12 p.m. against Idaho State. All times listed are central.

IOWA CLAIMS STETSON TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hawkeyes started the 2007 season with a bang, claiming the Stetson Tournament championship with a 4-1 record. Iowa defeated Howard (11-0 in five innings), Marist twice (8-0, 5-2) and Stetson in the championship game (4-1). Iowa's only loss came to Stetson (5-3).

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.

LAST YEAR AT THE LITTLEWOOD CLASSIC

Iowa finished the 2006 Littlewood Classic with a 2-3 record. Iowa defeated Illinois State twice (9-3, 10-2), but lost to Arizona State three times (5-4, 10-7 in nine innings, 8-1). Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** finished the Littlewood Classic with a .471 batting average (8-17) along with two home runs. Junior **Emily Nichols** collected six hits and seven RBI.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
T1. IOWA	0-0	4-1
MICHIGAN	0-0	4-1
MINNESOTA	0-0	4-1
4. PENN STATE	0-0	3-1
T5. ILLINOIS	0-0	3-2
WISCONSIN	0-0	3-2
T7. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	2-3
OHIO STATE	0-0	2-3
T9. INDIANA	0-0	0-0
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	0-0
11. PURDUE	0-0	0-5

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

February 16-18

Iowa at Littlewood Classic

Illinois at Louisville Slugger Tournament

Indiana at Crowne Plaza Classic

Michigan at FAU Dunkin' Donuts Classic

Michigan State at Oklahoma Tournament

Minnesota at Alabama Tournament

Northwestern at Louisville Slugger Tournament

Purdue at at Ragin' Cajun Invitational

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

HAWKEYES RECEIVING VOTES

Iowa is one of 15 teams to receive votes in the ESPN.com/USA Softball pre-season poll.

OPPONENTS IN THE RANKINGS

Nine of Iowa's opponents appear in the latest ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 poll.

Arizona State (2nd), Northwestern (8th), California (10th), and Michigan (15th) are all ranked.

Kansas, Louisville, Wisconsin, Illinois State and Penn State are receiving votes.

The USA Today/NFCA Top 25 poll is released on Wednesday's.

ZUST IMPRESSIVE IN DEBUT

Freshman **Amanda Zust** tallied two wins and 16 strikeouts in her first weekend as a Hawkeye. Zust allowed only one hit, which was the first batter of the game, and struck out seven batters.

Zust threw four and two-thirds innings relief against Marist in day two of the tournament to pick up her second win. She struck out two in her second outing against the Red Foxes.

Zust currently leads the team with a total of 16 strikeouts.

NICHOLS OUT TO A FAST START

Junior **Emily Nichols** finished the Stetson Tournament with a .500 batting average (7-14), along with 10 RBI. She tallied one home run, one triple and one double and recorded a .929 slugging percentage.

Nichols had at least one hit and one RBI in every game, including a two-hit, four RBI performance in the season opener against Howard and a three RBI game against Marist.

STAFF STARTS HOT

Iowa's pitching staff allowed only one hit and a total of six baserunners (one hit, one error, four walks) in the first two games of the Stetson Tournament.

BRINGING HOME THE RUNS

Iowa scored a total of 19 runs in its first two games of the season. That is the highest run total in the first two games of a season since 1999, when Iowa defeated Michigan State 3-2 and Illinois State, 16-5.

The most runs scored in the first two games of a season is 29 by the 1997 team.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes are outscoring their opponents 15-2 in the first inning. Iowa is 3-1 when scoring in the first inning.

In addition, Iowa has scored in every inning except the seventh so far this season and has scored at least one run in 14 of 31 innings played.

NO RUNS ALLOWED

Iowa shut out its first two opponents of the season. That marks the first time since the 1998 season that the Hawkeyes have shut out their first two opponents of a season.

The 1998 squad recorded three-straight shutouts over Wisconsin, Arizona State and Illinois State to open the season.

WEIL SUFFERS INJURY

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** suffered an undisclosed injury during practice Thursday, February 1. Weil will be sidelined indefinitely.

Weil was a third team all-Big Ten selection as a freshman in 2005. She led the team with 270 strikeouts and 296 innings pitched.

Weil is expected to make a full recovery from the injury.

DIGMANN HURT AGAINST MARIST

Freshman second baseman **Lindsey Digmann** suffered a strained hamstring in Iowa's game against Marist February 9. She is expected back in the lineup this weekend at the Littlewood Classic.

Digmann was impressive in her first two games, going 2-5 with an RBI, three runs scored and three stolen bases. She also had a great diving catch in shallow right field.

MOVIN' ALL OVER

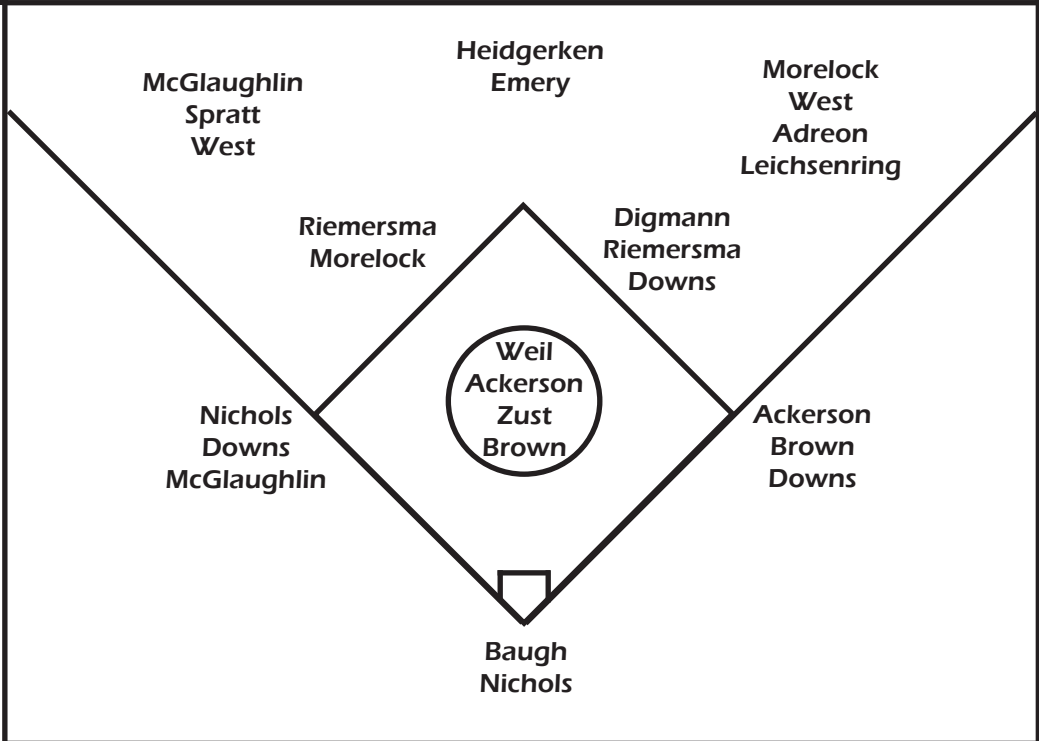
Iowa's infield and outfield had a few different looks at the Stetson Tournament last weekend.

Erin Riemersma started three games at shortstop and two at second base. **Quinn Morelock** started three games in right field and two at shortstop. **Summer Downs** played one game at first base, one game at second base and three games as the designated player. **Rachel West** started one game as the designated player and two games in right field.

Sami Baugh (catcher), **Emily Nichols** (3B), **Colleen McGlaughlin** (LF) and **Mindy Heidergerken** (CF) were the only Hawkeyes to start every game at the same position.

**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 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



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



BLEVINS REACHES MILESTONES

Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** reached the 1,100 win mark with an 11-0, five-inning win over Howard. The win was also Blevins' 800th win at Iowa.

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).

HEADSHOTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players can visit pics.hawkeyesports.com.

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	0-1
3+-RUN GAMES	4-0
EXTRA INNINGS.....	0-0
AT PEARL FIELD	0-0
ON THE ROAD	1-1
AT NEUTRAL SITE	3-0
DAY GAMES.....	4-1
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-0
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	3-1
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	1-0
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	4-0
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	0-1
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-0
WEIL STARTS.....	0-0
ACKERSON STARTS.....	2-0
ZUST STARTS.....	2-0
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	1-0
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	0-1
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	4-0
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	0-1
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	0-0
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S.....	2-1
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S.....	2-0
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	0-0
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	2-0
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	1-0
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	1-1
FLYING TO GAME.....	4-1
BUSING TO GAME.....	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-1
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	0-0
IN IOWA	0-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
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	1-0
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	2-0
ON SATURDAY	1-1

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	1
CURRENT STREAK	WON 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	2 (VS. STETSON)
MOST AT-BATS.....	28 (VS. HOWARD)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	11 (VS. HOWARD)
MOST HITS.....	12 (VS. HOWARD)
MOST RBI	11 (VS. HOWARD)
MOST DOUBLES	3 (VS. MARIST)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (TWICE, LAST AT STETSON)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	1 (VS. MARIST)
MOST STOLEN BASES	5 (VS. HOWARD)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	7 (AT STETSON)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	2 (VS. MARIST)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	5 (AT STETSON)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	27 (VS. MARIST)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	3 (FOUR TIMES, LAST AT STETSON)

HOME RUNS	1 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	10 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	13 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.929 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	3 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	1 (THREE PLAYERS)
STRIKEOUTS.....	4 (WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.571 (DIGMANN)
SACRIFICE FLIES	1 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	2 (THREE PLAYERS)
STOLEN BASES	3 (THREE PLAYERS)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	3 (THREE PLAYERS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	500 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	5 (11 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	5 (8 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	14 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	6 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS	7 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	2 (MORELOCK & MCGLAUGHLIN)
TRIPLES	1 (NICHOLS & MCGLAUGHLIN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	0.00 (BROWN)
WINS.....	2 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
LOSSES	1 (ZUST)
APPEARANCES.....	3 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	2 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	2 (ACKERSON)
SHUTOUTS	1 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
SAVES.....	--
INNINGS PITCHED.....	15 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	16 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE081 (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 803-361-3 (.689).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,103-509-5 (.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	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	4-1	.800
TOTALS						1,103-509-5	.684