



University of Iowa

at Metrodome Tourney
Feb. 12-14, Minneapolis, MN

Softball

Week No. 2

Feb. 16, 2010

2010 Schedule (3-2)

<i>Feb. 12-14 at Metrodome Tournament (Minneapolis, MN)</i>		
Feb. 12	vs. Arkansas	L, 2-1
	vs. Western Illinois	W, 2-1
Feb. 13	vs. Drake	W, 3-2
	vs. Iowa State	L, 8-2
Feb. 14	vs. Drake	W, 7-3
<i>Feb. 18-21 at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)</i>		
Feb. 19	vs. Texas State	10:30 a.m.
	vs. Rutgers	1 p.m.
Feb. 20	vs. Illinois State	3:30 p.m.
	at Arizona State	8 p.m.
<i>Feb. 26-28 at JFCA Leadoff Classic (Atlanta, GA)</i>		
Feb. 26	vs. Alabama	3 p.m.
	vs. Maryland	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	vs. Arkansas	12:30 p.m.
	vs. North Carolina State	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	vs. Georgia Tech	9 a.m.
<i>Mar. 5-6 at Matador Classic (Northridge, CA)</i>		
Mar. 5	at Cal State Northridge	3 p.m.
	at Cal State Northridge	5 p.m.
Mar. 6	vs. Saint Mary's	11 a.m.
	vs. Cal State Bakersfield	1 p.m.
<i>Mar. 12-14 at FAU Tournament (Boca Raton, FL)</i>		
Mar. 12	vs. Charleston Southern	3 p.m.
	vs. Virginia Tech	5 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Western Kentucky	8 a.m.
	vs. Jacksonville	12 p.m.
Mar. 14	at Florida Atlantic	2 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. Syracuse	1 p.m.
Mar. 18	at Florida Atlantic (DH)	5 p.m.
Mar. 20	South Dakota (DH)	1 p.m.
Mar. 24	Illinois State	4 p.m.
Mar. 27	at Michigan State	12 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Michigan State	12 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 3	Indiana	2 p.m.
Apr. 4	Indiana	2 p.m.
Apr. 7	Northwestern (DH)	4 p.m.
Apr. 10	Purdue	2 p.m.
Apr. 11	Purdue	2 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Wisconsin (DH)	4 p.m.
Apr. 18	Western Illinois	1 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Penn State	1 p.m.
Apr. 25	at Penn State	12 p.m.
Apr. 28	Northern Iowa	6 p.m.
May 1	Ohio State	2 p.m.
May 2	Ohio State	2 p.m.
May 5	at Illinois (DH)	5 p.m.
May 8	at Minnesota	2 p.m.
May 9	at Minnesota	2 p.m.
May 14	Michigan	6 p.m.
May 15	Michigan	2 p.m.
<i>May 15-17 NCAA Regionals (TBA)</i>		
<i>May 22-23 NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)</i>		
<i>May 28- June 3 NCAA Women's College World Series (Oklahoma City, OK)</i>		

Times listed as central and subject to change.

PROBABLE IOWA LINEUP (based on lineup from most recent game)

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	Sr.	5	.167	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
22	Lindsey Digmann	3B	L-R	Sr.	5	.412	3	7	1	0	0	1	2
20	Chelsey Carmody	2B	L-R	Jr.	5	.400	2	6	1	0	1	2	1
3	Katie Brown	1B	R-R	Sr.	5	.413	2	2	0	0	2	4	0
13	Jenny Schuelke	LF	R-R	Jr.	5	.385	3	5	0	0	1	2	0
7	Stephanie Ochoa	DP	L-L	Jr.	5	.231	1	3	1	0	0	1	0
16	Liz Watkins	C	R-R	So.	5	.308	0	4	0	2	0	3	0
9	Johnnie Dowling	CF	R-R	Fr.	5	.222	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
2	Katie Keim	SS	R-R	So.	5	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

PROBABLE PITCHING ROTATION

No.	Name	Yr.	ERA	W-L	App.	GS	CG	SHO	IP	BB	SO
14	Amanda Zust	Sr.	2.84	1-1	5	3	2	0/0	19.0	7	11
3	Katie Brown	Sr.	6.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	3.0	3	3
19	Chelsea Lyon	Fr.	4.91	2-1	3	2	0	0/0	11.0	0	3

On Deck • The University of Iowa softball team travels to Tempe, AZ this weekend to compete in the Littlewood Classic. Below is Iowa's tournament schedule. All times listed are central.

Friday, Feb. 19

vs. Texas State 10:30 a.m.

vs. Rutgers 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

vs. Illinois State 3:30 p.m.

at Arizona State 8 p.m.

Quick Hitters

Liz Watkins	Belted first two career triples at Metrodome Tournament
Katie Brown	Has two hits this season, both homeruns to right-center
Chelsey Carmody	Earned all-tournament honors at Metrodome Tournament
Lindsey Digmann	Third in the Big Ten in hits (7)
Katie Keim	Started all five games at shortstop
Jenny Schuelke	Hit a game-winning solo homerun vs. Western Illinois
Johnnie Dowling	Walk-off single beat Drake
Taylor Leichsenring	Three runs scored ties for the team lead
Chelsea Lyon	Earned her first career win in first career start vs. W. Illinois
Amanda Zust	Has one win, one loss and one save in five appearances

2009 Big Ten Standings

	CONF.	OVERALL
ILLINOIS	0-0	5-0
OHIO STATE	0-0	4-1
MICHIGAN	0-0	2-1
IOWA	0-0	3-2
PENN STATE	0-0	3-2
MINNESOTA	0-0	3-3
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	2-2
Northwestern	0-0	2-3
Purdue	0-0	1-4
Indiana	0-0	0-2
Wisconsin	0-0	0-6

2010 Numerical Roster

2	Katie Keim	JR
3	Katie Brown	SR
6	Ashley Akers	FR
7	Stephanie Ochoa	JR
8	Jordan Goschie	FR
9	Johnnie Dowling	FR
10	Taylor Leichsenring	SR
12	Sam Valentine	FR
13	Jenny Schuelke	JR
14	Amanda Zust	SR
15	Ashley Vanderloo	FR
16	Liz Watkins	SO
17	Heidi Daumen	SR
19	Chelsea Lyon	FR
20	Chelsey Carmody	JR
22	Lindsey Digmann	SR
23	Sarah Spiering	JR

Pronunciation Guide

Daumen.....	DAH-men
Goschie.....	GO-she
Katie Keim.....	KYME
Taylor Leichsenring.....	LIKE-sin-ring
Jenny Schuelke	SHUL-key
Spiering.....	SPEAR-ing

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Hawkeyes at the Littlewood Classic

Iowa finished 4-1 last season at the Littlewood Classic. The Hawkeyes opened play with a 4-1 win over Idaho State. Iowa followed by collecting a 1-0, eight-inning win over Kent State. The Hawkeyes then posted a 6-2 victory over Illinois State before falling to tournament host and then-No. 3 ranked Arizona State, 5-2. The Hawkeyes wrapped up the tournament with an 8-0, six-inning win over Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Hawkeyes on the Web

Fans that can't make it to Tempe, AZ can follow the action at hawkeyesports.com, where live stats (Gametracker) will be available. The "GT" link can be found under the calendar tab on the right-hand side of the hawkeyesports.com home page, or on the softball schedule page.

Bang for the Buck

Senior Katie Brown has made the most of her two hits this season. Both of Brown's base-knocks have been round trippers, including a game-tying blast leading off the bottom of the seventh in Iowa's comeback win over Drake (Feb. 13). Brown's offensive contributions also include a sac fly and a team-best four RBI.

Lindsey at the Bat

Junior Lindsey Digmann has hit safely in four of Iowa's five games this season. The Marion, IA native leads the Hawkeyes with seven hits, the third highest total in the Big Ten. She hit .412 with three runs scored and a pair of stolen bases at last weekend's Metrodome Tournament.

A little bit of this, A little bit of that

Pitcher Amanda Zust appeared in all five games of the Metrodome Tournament last weekend. The senior earned a win against Drake (2/14), suffered a loss against Arkansas (2/12) and picked up a save against Western Illinois (2/12).

Zust allowed three runs in the opening frame vs. Drake before settling down and pitching six scoreless frames as Iowa rallied for a 7-3 win. She relieved freshman Chelsea Lyon with two on in the seventh inning vs. Western Illinois before striking out the final two batters to preserve the Hawkeyes' 2-1 victory.

Triple Threat

Sophomore Liz Watkins played in 56 games last season without recording a single three-base hit. Apparently eager to avoid repeating such a feat, the Taylor Ridge, IL native banged out two triples in last weekend's Metrodome Tournament and now currently leads the Big Ten in three-baggers.

Head Coach Gayle Blevins



Gayle Blevins is in her 23rd 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. She was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005.

In her 23 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to four College World Series berths, 16 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 923-419-3 (.687)

Blevins is the second-winningest coach in Division I softball with a career record of 1223-567-5 (.683). She 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).

Rookie Start, Veteran Effort

After dropping the season-opener for the first time in five seasons, freshman Chelsea Lyon pitched Iowa to its first 'W' of 2010 with a veteran performance.

In her collegiate debut, Lyon allowed just five hits in six-plus innings while collecting the win in the Hawkeyes' 2-1 victory over Western Illinois.

Opponents in the Polls

Seven Iowa opponents are ranked in both the *USA Today*/NFCA Top 25 and ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25 preseason polls.

Alabama (2/2), Michigan (4/3), Arizona State (5/7), UCLA (7/4), Ohio State (14/14), Georgia Tech (10/9) and Northwestern (21/21) are all ranked.

Three-for-Four

The Hawkeyes return three of their top four hitters from a 2009. Senior Katie Brown, junior Chelsey Carmody and sophomore Liz Watkins hit .337 collectively in 168 combined games.

Road Warriors

Iowa is scheduled to play its first 26 games away from Iowa City. The Hawkeyes open the home portion of their schedule with a doubleheader against South Dakota Mar. 20 at Pearl Field.

The Hawkeyes ran up an impressive 31-13 record outside of Iowa City last season, including a 13-9 mark in true road contests and an 18-4 record in neutral site games.

Shuffling the Deck

The Hawkeyes are moving around the diamond in 2010. Lindsey Digmann has moved from left field to third base. Katie Keim has rotated around the diamond, moving from third base to shortstop, while Katie Brown saw action on the mound and at first base during the Hawkeyes' opening weekend.

Now Batting for Iowa

The Hawkeyes welcome eight newcomers to the 2010 roster. Juniors Stephanie Ochoa and Sarah Spiering hit campus after two celebrated careers at the Junior College level.

The Hawkeyes have six freshmen on this year's roster, including Iowa natives Ashley Akers, Johnnie Dowling, Sam Valentine and Ashley Vanderloo. Oklahoma native Chelsea Lyon and Oregon native Jordan Goschie round out the freshmen class.

Metrodome All-Tournament Honors

Juniors Chelsey Carmody and Jenny Schuelke were named to the all-tournament team at last weekend's Metrodome Tournament. Carmody batted .400 with a homerun and a pair of RBI while Schuelke hit .385 and belted the game-winning homerun in Iowa's 2-1 victory over Western Illinois.

Returning Award Winners

Sophomore Liz Watkins was given three awards at the 2009 softball banquet; Most Improved, Coaches and Peg Augspurger Hawkeye Heart award.

Sophomore Katie Keim shared the Most Improved award with Watkins. Seniors Katie Brown and Amanda Zust shared the team's Golden Glove award.

