



IOWA SOFTBALL

4 Women's College World Series appearances
16 NCAA Tournament berths

4 Big Ten regular season championships
2 Big Ten Tournament championships

Week 3

Feb. 20, 2013

2013 SCHEDULE (7-3, 0-0)

HILTON HOUSTON PLAZA CLASSIC (Houston)

Feb. 8	vs. Lipscomb	L, 0-4
Feb. 8	vs. Texas State	W, 5-4
Feb. 9	at Houston	W, 4-1
Feb. 9	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 13-10
Feb. 10	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-11 (5)

LOVELACE INVITATIONAL (Denton, Texas)

Feb. 15	vs. Dayton	W, 3-0
Feb. 15	vs. Oklahoma State	W, 3-1 (8)
Feb. 16	vs. Nebraska-Omaha	W, 2-1
Feb. 16	at North Texas	W, 4-1
Feb. 17	vs. Oklahoma State	L, 3-4

BAMA BASH (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)

Feb. 22	vs. Winthrop	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at #1 Alabama	6 p.m.
Feb. 23	vs. Winthrop	11 a.m.
Feb. 23	at #1 Alabama	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 24	vs. Western Illinois	11 a.m.

EASTON INVITATIONAL (Fullerton, Calif.)

March 1	vs. Oregon State	11 a.m.
March 1	vs. Stanford	1:15 p.m.
March 2	at Cal State Fullerton	3:30 p.m.
March 2	vs. CSU Bakersfield	5:45 p.m.

MIKEN INVITATIONAL (College Park, Md.)

March 9	vs. St. John's	8 a.m.
March 9	at Maryland	10 a.m.
March 10	vs. Radford	8 a.m.
March 10	vs. Ohio State	10 a.m.

LOUISVILLE TOURNAMENT (Louisville, Ky.)

March 17	vs. North Carolina	11:30 a.m.
March 17	vs. Ball State	2 p.m.
March 18	vs. Ball State	10 a.m.
March 18	at Louisville	12:30 p.m.
March 20	at Kentucky	3 p.m.
March 22	* Minnesota	4 p.m.
March 23	* Minnesota	2 p.m.
March 24	* Minnesota	2 p.m.
March 29	* at Wisconsin	6 p.m.
March 30	* at Wisconsin (DH)	1 p.m./3 p.m.
April 3	at Drake	4 p.m.
April 5	* Nebraska	6:30 p.m.
April 6	* Nebraska	5 p.m.
April 7	* Nebraska	1 p.m.
April 12	* at Northwestern	4 p.m.
April 13	* at Northwestern	1 p.m.
April 14	* at Northwestern	12 p.m.
April 17	Missouri (DH)	3 p.m./5 p.m.
April 19	* at Michigan	5 p.m.
April 20	* at Michigan	1 p.m.
April 21	* at Michigan	2 p.m.
April 23	* Illinois (DH)	3 p.m./5 p.m.
April 25	at Northern Iowa	5 p.m.
April 26	* Penn State	6 p.m.
April 27	* Penn State	2 p.m.
April 28	* Penn State	1 p.m.
May 1	% Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
May 3	* at Purdue	3 p.m.
May 4	* at Purdue	12 p.m.
May 5	* at Purdue	12 p.m.
May 9-12	at Big Ten Tournament (Lincoln, Neb.)	TBA
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 24-26	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
May 30-June 5	Women's College World Series	TBA

* Big Ten Conference game % Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series
DH - doubleheader All times Central and subject to change.

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa softball team continues action this weekend at top-ranked Alabama in the Bama Bash. The Hawkeyes open tournament play on Friday against Winthrop at 1:30 p.m. Iowa continues action later that night against No. 1 Alabama (6 p.m.). The Hawkeyes will face the same two teams on Saturday. Iowa and the Eagles will meet at 11 a.m., and the Hawkeyes and Crimson Tide will face off at 1:30 p.m. Iowa concludes action Sunday against Western Illinois. First pitch is set for 11 a.m. All times are Central and all five games will be held at Alabama's Rhoads Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Winthrop
Eagles

2-4
Rhoads Stadium
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Friday, 1:30 p.m. (CT)



#1 Alabama
Crimson Tide

11-0
Rhoads Stadium
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Friday, 6 p.m.



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Eagles

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Rhoads Stadium
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Saturday, 11 a.m.



#1 Alabama
Crimson Tide

11-0
Rhoads Stadium
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



Western Illinois
Leathernecks

2-0
Rhoads Stadium
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Sunday, 11 a.m.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Hawkeye fans can follow the University of Iowa softball team on social media platforms Twitter (@iowasoftball) and Facebook (facebook.com/iowahawkeyessoftball). Game updates will be tweeted during each game.

ON THE WEB

Fans can follow the action at hawkeyesports.com, where live stats (Gametracker) will be available. The live "GT" can be found under the calendar tab on the right-hand side of the hawkeyesports.com home page, or on the softball schedule page. Fans can watch the Iowa-North Texas game via a free stream on North Texas' website (meangreensports.com).

SEASON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Fans interested in attending home games at Pearl Field should visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS to secure season tickets. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$20 for the reserved seating area, \$15 for general public in the general admission area, and \$12 for faculty/staff general admission. All youth, 18 and younger, and UI students are admitted free to all home games. Purchase is required for all reserved seats, regardless of age.

Iowa opens its home slate with a three-game set against Big Ten rival Minnesota, March 22-24. The Hawkeyes will also host three-game series against Nebraska (April 5-7) and Penn State (April 26-28), in addition to a doubleheader against Illinois (April 23). No. 8 Missouri comes to town (April 17) for a doubleheader, and Iowa State travels to Iowa City for the annual Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series game on May 1.

IOWA WINS LOVELACE INVITATIONAL

Iowa (7-3) won the Lovelace Invitational last weekend in Denton, Texas, finishing with a 4-1 mark. The Hawkeyes opened with victories over Dayton (3-0) and Oklahoma State (3-1, eight innings) on Friday. Iowa continued its winnings ways Saturday, downing Nebraska-Omaha (2-1) and host North Texas (4-1), before dropping a 4-3 decision to Oklahoma State on Sunday. The Hawkeyes and Mavericks both finished 4-1, but Iowa captured the title by way of its head-to-head victory over Nebraska-Omaha.

BLANK, MASSEY NAMED TO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Megan Blank and Kayla Massey were named to the 2013 Lovelace Invitational All-Tournament Team. Massey, one of two pitchers named to the squad, was named Tournament MVP, and Blank was a unanimous selection. The duo led Iowa to the tournament title.

Massey did it all for the Hawkeyes during the five-game tournament, at the plate and inside the circle. The junior finished the weekend with a 0.39 ERA in three appearances (two starts). She allowed only eight hits in 18 innings pitched and allowed one earned run, while recording 14 strikeouts. Massey shut down Oklahoma State on Friday, allowing zero earned runs over eight innings, as she led Iowa to the extra innings victory. She struck out three. Saturday, Massey tossed a gem against host North Texas, throwing another complete game, allowing one run on two Mean Green hits. She equaled a career-best with nine strikeouts. Massey also tossed three scoreless, no-hit innings in relief on Sunday. At the plate, Massey registered the highest batting average of the tournament. She hit .500, notching six hits in 12 at-bats. She posted two RBIs, a run scored and her first career home run.

Blank hit .400 with two runs scored, six hits, three RBIs, one home run, and a walk. She recorded two multi-hit games. Blank tallied the game-winning long ball in Iowa's victory against the Cowgirls on Friday.



QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INFORMATION

Location: _____ Iowa City, Iowa
 Founded: _____ 1847
 Enrollment: _____ 31,498
 Nickname: _____ Hawkeyes
 Mascot: _____ Herky the Hawk
 Venue: _____ Pearl Field/1,500
 Conference: _____ Big Ten
 School Colors: _____ Black and Gold
 President: _____ Sally Mason
 Director of Athletics: _____ Gary Barta
 Softball Administrator: _____ Paula Jantz

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: _____ Marla Looper
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Florida State/1995
 Record at Iowa/Years: _____ 61-53/2+
 Overall Record/Years: _____ 61-53/2+
 Big Ten Record/Years: _____ 25-19/2
 Assistant Coach: _____ Adrianna Baggetta
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ South Carolina/2002
 Assistant Coach: _____ Stacy May-Johnson
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Iowa/2007
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: _____ Chelsey Carmody
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Iowa/2011

TEAM INFORMATION

2012 Overall Record _____ 27-26
 2012 Big Ten Record/Finish _____ 16-8/2nd
 Starters Returning/Lost _____ 6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost _____ 2/0
 Letterwinners Ret./Lost _____ 15/4
 Newcomers _____ 8
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Adrianna Baggetta _____ Adri-aw-na BUH-Get-UH
Nikki Gentile _____ Jen-teal
Sammi Gyerman _____ Guy-ur-man
Brianna Luna _____ Bri-aw-na
Whitney Repole _____ Rep-lee
Krystal Shirrell _____ Share-ull
Shayla Starkenburg _____ Shea-luh
Micaela Whitney _____ Mi-kay-luh
Michelle Zoeller _____ Zeller

HEAD COACH MARLA LOOPER



Marla Looper is in her third season as the head coach for the University of Iowa softball program. Looper has posted a 61-53 overall and 25-19 Big Ten Conference record during her time in Iowa City.

During her second season with the Hawkeyes, Looper led the team to a runner-up finish in the Big Ten -- the program's highest finish since winning the league title in 2003. Iowa dropped two of its first three conference series before winning five straight to close out the season. It was the first time the team had won five straight series since the 2004 season.

Iowa entered the final weekend with a conference title within reach, but it couldn't close the gap with Michigan despite taking 2-of-3 games at Minnesota. The Hawkeyes finished with a 27-26 overall and 16-8 conference record in 2012.

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Blank also garnered NFCA second team all-region honors during her freshman campaign. She is the ninth Hawkeye to earn first team All-Big Ten and all-region honors during her freshman season.

The Hawkeyes finished second in the Big Ten in pitching (2.31 ERA) and third in fielding (.967). The squad turned 26 double plays during the course of the season to rank sixth nationally in double plays per game (.49).

Looper guided the Hawkeyes to a 27-24 overall and a 9-11 Big Ten record in her first season in Iowa City. The first year head coach led the UI to a pair of six game winning streaks in her opening campaign and a tournament title at the Stetson Classic.

Iowa opened Big Ten Conference play strong, jumping out to an 8-3 record. Among the victories was a 4-2 triumph at No. 1 Michigan. The win, which pushed the overall mark to 26-16, was Iowa's first over a No. 1 ranked opponent since the 2005 season and the first over a ranked foe since 2008.

Looper's Hawkeyes were on the verge of completing a series sweep in Ann Arbor before the Wolverines rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to claim the victory and halt Iowa's momentum.

A pair of Hawkeyes earned All-Big Ten recognition at the conclusion of the season. Liz Watkins was tabbed as a second team selection, while Katie Keim earned third team accolades.

Looper took over the reigns of the Iowa program after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Texas for 11 seasons (1999-2010). Looper helped lead the Longhorns to three College World Series appearances (2003, 2005 and 2006) and nine NCAA Tournament berths. She also helped guide Texas to back-to-back Big 12 regular season and tournament championships in 2002 and 2003 along with regular season championships in 2006 and 2010.

2013 IOWA SOFTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	B-T	Hometown/High School (Last School)
1	Aspen Rhodes	IF	Fr.	L-R	Van Meter, Iowa (Van Meter)
2	Erin Erickson	OF/1B	Fr.	R-L	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
3	Micaela Whitney	P	Fr.	R-R	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)
4	Megan Blank	IF	So.	L-R	Culver City, Calif. (Marymount)
5	Brianna Luna	OF/IF	Jr.	R-R	Indio, Calif. (La Quinta)
6	Ashley Akers	OF	Sr.	L-R	Tiffin, Iowa (Clear Creek Amana)
7	Sydney Reynolds	OF	So.	R-R	Platte City, Mo. (Platte City)
8	Whitney Repole	OF	Fr.	R-R	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley)
9	Johnnie Dowling	OF	Sr.	L-R	Des Moines, Iowa (West Des Moines Valley)
10	Nikki Gentile	IF/OF	Jr.	R-R	Martinez, Calif. (Alhambra)
12	Sam Valentine	C	Sr.	R-R	Centerville, Iowa (English Valleys)
13	Tor Hawley	IF	So.	R-R	Eldridge, Iowa (North Scott Senior)
14	Michelle Zoeller	IF	Jr.	R-R	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
15	Mallorie Grove	OF	Jr.	R-R	Indianola, Iowa (Creighton)
16	Shayla Starkenburg	P	Fr.	R-R	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
17	Kayla Massey	P	Jr.	R-R	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)
18	Bradi Wall	IF	Sr.	L-R	Swift Current, Sask., Canada (Iowa Western CC)
19	Chelsea Lyon	P	Sr.	R-R	Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow)
21	Sammi Gyerman	OF	Fr.	L-L	San Pedro, Calif. (Palos Verdes)
22	Haley Hansel	OF	Fr.	L-R	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest)
24	Brittane Grove	P/1B	Jr.	L-L	Indianola, Iowa (Creighton)
32	Krystal Shirrell	IF	Fr.	R-R	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg)
35	Steviee Grove	C	Jr.	R-R	Indianola, Iowa (Indiana State)
55	Holly Hoffman	C/IF	RS Fr.	R-R	Osceola, Ind. (Penn)

Head Coach: Marla Looper (Third Season)

Assistant Coach: Adrianna Baggetta (Third Season)

Assistant Coach: Stacy May-Johnson (Third Season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Chelsey Carmody (First Season)

Athletic Trainer: P.J. Smith

Student Manager: Cameron Cole

SOLID START IN HOUSTON

Iowa opened its 2013 campaign in Houston, Texas, Feb. 8-10, at the Hilton Houston Plaza Classic, hosted by the University of Houston. The Hawkeyes finished with a 3-2 mark, earning wins over Texas State (5-4), host Houston (4-1), and No. 11 Louisiana-Lafayette (13-10). Iowa dropped its season opener to Lipscomb (4-0) and the tournament finale to the Cajuns (11-0). The win over the Cajuns marked Iowa's first over a ranked opponent since it defeated No. 23 Oklahoma State last year, 5-3, on March 3. No. 11 Louisiana-Lafayette is the highest-ranked team the Hawkeyes have defeated since winning at No. 1 Michigan on April, 23, 2011.

BLANK NAMED PRIMETIME PERFORMER

Iowa sophomore Megan Blank was named a Primetime Performer by CollegeSoftball360 for her performance in Iowa's opening weekend tournament -- the Hilton Houston Plaza Classic.

Blank, who became the ninth player in school history to garner first team All-Big Ten honors as a freshman, and the ninth to earn all-region recognition as a freshman in 2012, picked up where she left off a year ago, hitting .333 in Iowa's first weekend. She led the Hawkeyes to wins over Texas State, Houston and No. 11 Louisiana-Lafayette.

Blank had the game-winning two-run double in Iowa's come-from-behind win over Texas State on Friday. Saturday, she hit two home runs in leading Iowa to wins over the Cougars and Cajuns. Against No. 11 Louisiana-Lafayette, Blank had a career-best five RBIs.

For the weekend, she batted .333 with five hits, two home runs, a double and eight RBIs. She slugged .800 and matched her home run total from a year ago in one day's work on Saturday.

OPPONENT NOTES

- Alabama is 11-0 on the season; all games have come away from home. The Crimson Tide are the defending national champions, claiming the 2012 title with a 60-8 overall record. Alabama captured the SEC title with a 23-5 mark. Jackie Traina returns to lead Alabama. She was one of four Alabama All-Americans in 2012.
- The Crimson Tide are coached by Patrick Murphy. Murphy is a native of Fayette, Iowa, and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. He is in his 15th year as head coach at Alabama.
- Winthrop is 2-4 to open the 2013 campaign. The Eagles lost to Ohio State to open the season in Athens, Ga., 17-5. Winthrop has earned victories against Elon and Samford, while dropping decisions to Ohio State, Georgia and George Mason.
- Western Illinois stands at 2-0, with victories over Central Arkansas and Belmont.

SERIES NOTES

- Iowa is 1-1 all-time against Alabama. The Crimson Tide captured the last meeting. Alabama won, 5-4, on Feb. 26 in Columbus, Ga., in the NFCA Leadoff Classic. Iowa won the first meeting between the two schools, 4-3, on March 4, 1999.
- The Hawkeyes are 2-0 against Winthrop. Iowa earned a 6-0 win in 1992 and a 9-2 victory in 1994.
- Iowa holds a 25-20 advantage against Western Illinois in the all-time series. The Hawkeyes have won the last 13 meetings in the series, dating back to the 2001 season.

BLANK, MASSEY EARN PRESEASON ALL-B1G HONORS

Junior pitcher Kayla Massey and sophomore infielder Megan Blank were selected to the 2013 Big Ten Preseason All-Conference First Team by College Sports Madness.

Massey, a 2012 first team All-Big Ten selection, earns the nod after posting a 15-11 record with a 2.04 ERA last year, notching seven shutouts and 24 complete games in 26 starts. She had 120 strikeouts over 185.2 innings. A native of Foothill Ranch, Calif., she has compiled 27 wins and a 2.60 ERA in 68 career appearances inside the circle.

Blank became the ninth player in school history in 2012 to garner first team All-Big Ten honors as a freshman and ninth player in program history to earn all-region recognition as a freshman. The Culver City, Calif., native was a NFCA Second Team All-Midwest region selection. She started all 53 games at shortstop and led the team with a .390 batting average with 34 runs and 29 RBIs. Blank turned in a team-best 24 extra base hits with 17 doubles, five triples and two home runs. The 17 doubles are tied for fourth in the Iowa record books, the triples are tied for eighth and the batting average is tied for 10th.

INTRODUCING YOUR 2013 HAWKEYES

The Hawkeyes have eight new faces on the 2013 roster -- eight incoming freshmen. Iowa's roster is full of youth, as 12-of-the-24 players are underclassmen. The Hawkeyes have three sophomores, seven juniors and five seniors (Ashley Akers, Johnnie Dowling, Sam Valentine, Bradi Wall and Chelsea Lyon).

Iowa returns four players that earned All-Big Ten honors a year ago (Dowling, juniors Kayla Massey and Michelle Zoeller, and sophomore Megan Blank).

2013 BIG TEN CONFERENCE STANDINGS (as of 2/19/13)

	Big Ten		Overall	
Nebraska	0-0	.000	9-1	.900
Michigan	0-0	.000	6-2	.800
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	4-1	.800
Iowa	0-0	.000	7-3	.700
Ohio State	0-0	.000	7-3	.700
Indiana	0-0	.000	7-3	.700
Michigan State	0-0	.000	5-4	.556
Purdue	0-0	.000	5-5	.500
Illinois	0-0	.000	5-5	.500
Penn State	0-0	.000	2-3	.400
Minnesota	0-0	.000	3-6	.333
Northwestern	0-0	.000	3-6	.333

ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top-25 (As of Feb. 19)

1.	Oklahoma (12)	492
2.	Alabama (8)	487
3.	Arizona State	456
4.	Tennessee	435
5.	Florida	388
6.	Texas	372
7.	Missouri	368
8.	California	353
9.	Texas A&M	336
10.	LSU	299
11.	Oregon	298
12.	Louisiana-Lafayette	285
13.	UCLA	256
14.	South Florida	213
15.	Michigan	192
16.	Georgia	175
17.	Stanford	175
18.	Louisville	162
19.	Arizona	134
20.	Kentucky	122
21.	Hawaii	105
22.	Washington	102
23.	Florida State	96
24.	Tulsa	47
25.	Baylor	41

Receiving Votes: Virginia Tech (33); Georgia Tech (26); South Alabama (9); San Diego State (3); Hofstra (2); **Nebraska (1)**

USA Today/NFCA Division I Top-25 (As of Feb. 19)

1.	Alabama (20)	763
2.	Oklahoma (12)	754
3.	Arizona State	701
4.	Tennessee	668
5.	Florida	610
6.	Texas	604
7.	Missouri	574
8.	California	557
9.	Oregon	532
10.	Texas A&M	516
11.	LSU	439
12.	Louisiana-Lafayette	433
13.	Georgia	360
14.	Arizona	352
15.	Michigan	335
16.	UCLA	285
17.	South Florida	269
18.	Louisville	263
19.	Hawaii	224
20.	Stanford	193
21.	Kentucky	167
22.	Washington	147
23.	Florida State	93
24.	Tulsa	79
25.	Baylor	74

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* Iowa opponents in bold.



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IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-Run Games	2-1
2-Run Games	1-0
3-Run Games	4-0
4+-Run Games	0-2
Extra Innings	1-0
At Pearl Field	0-0
On the Road	2-0
At Neutral Site	5-3
Day Games	6-3
Night Games	1-0
Iowa Scores First	6-0
Opponent Scores First	1-3
Scoring 2 Runs Or Less	1-2
Scoring 3+ Runs	6-1
Giving Up 2 Runs Or Less	5-0
Giving up 3+ Runs	2-3
Leading After Four Innings	5-0
Leading After Five Innings	4-0
Leading After Six Innings	5-0
Ranked Opponents	1-1
Lyon Starts	4-1
Massey Starts	3-2
Iowa Hits a Home Run	5-0
Iowa Hits No Home Runs	2-3
Opponent Hits a Home Run	2-2
Opponent Hits No Home Runs	5-1
Iowa Outhits Opponent	6-0
Opponent Outhits Iowa	1-3
Equal Number of Hits	0-0
Iowa Pitchers Record More K's	4-0
Opp. Pitchers Record More K's	1-3
Equal Number of Strikeouts	2-0
Wearing Black Uniforms	4-0
Wearing White Uniforms	0-2
Wearing Gray Uniforms	3-1
Wearing Pink Uniforms	0-0
Flying To Game	7-3
Busing To Game	0-0
On Big Ten Network	0-0
In Central Time Zone	7-3
In Eastern Tim Zone	0-0
In Mountain Time Zone	0-0
In Pacific Time Zone	0-0
On Sunday	0-2
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	3-1
On Saturday	4-0

A LOOK BACK AT 2012

Head coach Marla Looper led the Hawkeyes to a runner-up finish in the Big Ten in 2012 -- the program's highest finish since winning the league title in 2003.

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IOWA'S 1-2 PUNCH

The Hawkeyes return two pitchers -- senior Chelsea Lyon and junior Kayla Massey -- that hurled 354.2 innings pitched out of 355.0 total innings for the team in 2012.

Lyon made 93 career appearances inside the circle entering her final season, with 68 starts. She has tossed 40 complete games and holds a career 2.97 ERA in 440.1 innings pitched. In 2012, Lyon ranked eighth in the Big Ten in ERA (2.61) and opposing batting average (.238), and 11th in innings (169.0) and strikeouts (114).

Massey was named first team All-Big Ten in 2012, posting a 15-11 record with a 2.04 ERA. Massey notched seven shutouts and 24 complete games in 26 starts. She tallied 120 strikeouts over 185.2 innings and limited opposing hitters to a .222 batting average. Massey went 9-3 with a 1.95 ERA in Big Ten play. During her first three seasons, she made 50 career starts as a Hawkeye in 68 appearances, registering 40 complete games and 27 victories.

The Hawkeyes finished second in the Big Ten in pitching (2.31 ERA) in 2012.

PITCHING HELP

Head coach Marla Looper has two more pitchers at her disposal in 2013. Freshmen Shayla Starkenburg and Micaela Whitney will give the Hawkeyes pitching options.

Starkenburg, who hails from Ankeny, Iowa, was elected as the 2012 5A Pitcher of the Year and first team all-state honoree as a senior, after posting a 31-0 record with a 0.58 ERA. She had 222 strikeouts in 191.2 innings, allowing 20 runs (16 earned) and 99 hits, guiding Ankeny High School to a 39-6 overall record en route to the state title.

Whitney was a Nebraska Coaches Association All Star first team and Nebraska All-State Class A selection as a senior. She went 20-9 with a 1.42 ERA over 182.2 innings pitched, while posting 217 strikeouts and allowing 69 runs.

The rookie duo joins Lyon, Massey, and junior Brittane Grove on the pitching staff.

LET'S TURN TWO

The Hawkeyes were third in fielding (.967) in the Big Ten a year ago. The squad turned 26 double plays during the course of the season to rank sixth nationally in double plays per game (.49).

PLAYING WITH THE BEST OF 'EM

The Hawkeyes will face a difficult schedule in 2013. Iowa will play 13 opponents that advanced to the NCAA Tournament a season ago, including defending national champion Alabama. The Hawkeyes will play eight teams that are ranked or receiving votes in the USA Today/Division I Top 25 Poll -- Alabama (No. 1), Missouri (No. 7), Louisiana-Lafayette (No. 12), Michigan (No. 15), Louisville (No. 18), Stanford (No. 20), Kentucky (No. 21), North Carolina (RV), Ohio State (RV) and Oregon State (RV). Iowa went 1-1 against the Ragin' Cajuns during the opening weekend.

WALL BRINGS HOME THE HARDWARE

Senior Bradi Wall, a member of the Canadian Women's National Baseball Team, was selected as recipient of the team's 2012 Jimmy Rattlesnake Award in November. The award is presented annually to the player who shows great performance and sportsmanship. Wall did not play prep softball, as it was not sponsored in her hometown. She played on the boys' baseball team.

2/3 OF OUTFIELD IN TACT

The Hawkeyes return two of their three outfield starters in seniors Ashley Akers and Johnnie Dowling. Akers played in 52-of-53 games with 52 starts, all coming in left field in 2012. Dowling started all 53 games in center field a year ago, making her one of three Hawkeyes to start every game. The duo has started all 10 games in 2013.

ROAD WARRIORS

The Hawkeyes will play their first 28 games away from Iowa City before making their Pearl Field debut March 22 against Big Ten rival Minnesota. Iowa will rack up the frequent flier miles, as it will log nearly 12,000 miles (11,811) with trips to Houston, Texas; Denton, Texas; Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Fullerton, Calif.; College Park, Md.; Louisville, Ky.; and Lexington, Ky. Iowa is 2-0 in true road games and 5-3 at neutral sites.

DOWLING MAKES THE MOVE

At the plate, junior Johnnie Dowling made the transition from a right-handed hitter to a left-handed slapper following the 2011 season to utilize her speed. The Des Moines, Iowa, native hit .216 with five home runs as a sophomore.

Dowling hit a career-best .308 last season from the left side of the plate on her way to third team All-Big Ten honors. She also had career highs in runs (35), hits (53) and walks (9). Dowling had 15 multi-hit games and led the team with a .381 average during conference play.





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MAY-JOHNSON SHINES FOR TEAM USA

UI assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson was selected as the 2011 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year. She earned the honor after helping Team USA to gold medals at the World Cup of Softball VII and the Pan American Games. May-Johnson batted a team-best .418 with team highs in home runs (six), runs (26) and RBI (36).

In 2012, May-Johnson helped the USA Softball Team to the gold medal at the 2012 World Cup of Softball presented by Lumber Liquidators. May-Johnson started 5-of-6 games for Team USA, posting a .357 (5-of-14) batting average with three runs, two RBIs and two walks. Her best game came in a 9-0 victory over Canada, where she went 2-for-2 with a run scored. The Americans posted a perfect 6-0 record during the competition, and they outscored their opponents, 41-3, in the five day event.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Grove triplets -- Brittane, Mallore and Stevie -- have been reunited as teammates on the Iowa softball team. Brittane and Mallore played their freshman seasons at Creighton University, while Stevie was a catcher at Indiana State.

CARMODY BACK WITH THE HAWKS

Former Hawkeye Chelsey Carmody is back with the Iowa softball program, serving as volunteer assistant coach. Carmody started 208 career games in the Iowa infield. A career .335 hitter, she was a team co-captain and was the recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award as a senior. She batted .320 or higher during each of her four seasons in the Black and Gold, totaling 234 career hits, 11 home runs, 87 RBI and 42 stolen bases. Carmody played for UI head coach Marla Loooper in 2011 as a senior.

HAWKEYE TRADITION

Iowa has made four Women's College World Series appearances (1995, 1996, 1997, 2001) and played in 16 NCAA Tournaments in school history. The 16 appearances are the second most in Big Ten history, and the four WCWS appearances equal the second most in conference history.

The Hawkeyes have won four Big Ten Conference regular season championships (1989, 1997, 2000, 2003) and two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003).

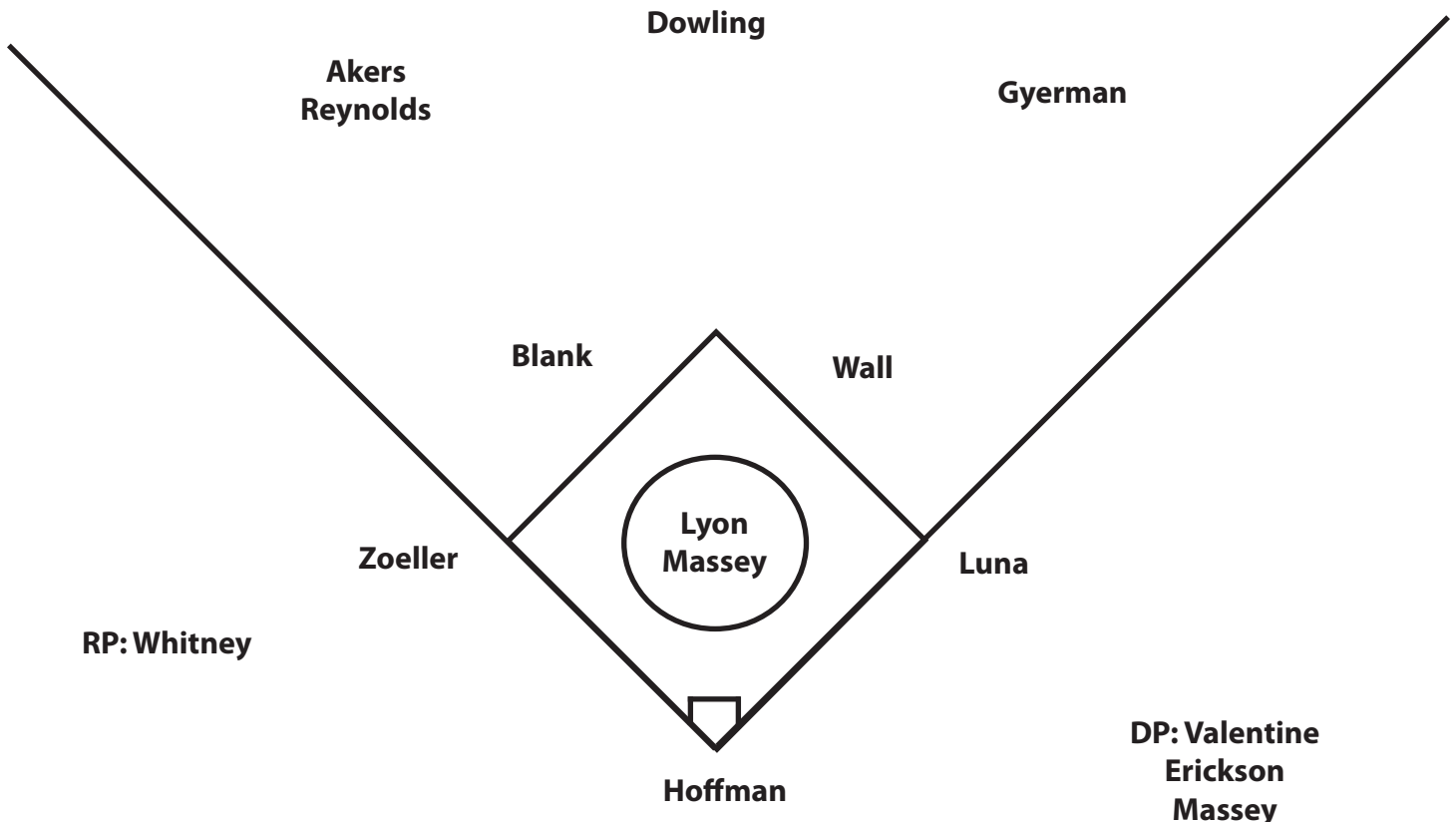
BIG TOURNEY IS BACK

The Big Ten Tournament is back this season for the first time since 2008. Following the conclusion of the regular season, Iowa will travel to Lincoln, Neb., May 9-12. The Hawkeyes have claimed two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003) and have won 21 games in the event all-time, marking the second most of any team. The conference tournament was discontinued from 2009-12.

ON THE HORIZON

Iowa continues action March 1-2 in Fullerton, Calif., at the Easton Invitational. The Hawkeyes face Oregon State (11 a.m. CT) and No. 20 Stanford (1:15 p.m.) on the opening day. Iowa battles host Cal State Fullerton on March 2 at 3:30 p.m. and CSU Bakersfield at 5:45 p.m. to conclude play.

HAWKEYE DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART





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2013 Iowa Softball Overall Statistics for Iowa (as of Feb 17, 2013) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 7-3 Home: 0-0 Away: 2-0 Neutral: 5-3 : 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Massey, Kayla	.375	9-8	24	1	9	0	0	1	4	12	.500	0	0	3	0	.375	0	1	0-0	1	10	0	1.000
Blank, Megan	.367	10-10	30	5	11	1	0	3	11	21	.700	2	1	4	0	.412	1	0	0-0	19	30	2	.961
Dowling, Johnnie	.297	10-10	37	6	11	1	1	0	2	14	.378	0	0	3	0	.297	0	0	2-2	8	0	0	1.000
Hoffman, Holly	.292	10-10	24	5	7	1	0	1	4	11	.458	6	2	9	0	.469	0	1	0-0	49	5	1	.982
Luna, Brianna	.250	10-10	24	5	6	1	0	0	4	7	.292	2	4	5	0	.387	1	1	0-0	82	7	2	.978
Zoeller, Michelle	.222	10-9	27	4	6	0	0	0	3	6	.222	0	1	8	0	.250	0	3	1-1	3	22	5	.833
Wall, Bradi	.214	10-10	28	4	6	1	0	1	3	10	.357	1	3	3	0	.303	1	0	0-0	22	22	2	.957
Gyerman, Sammi	.154	10-10	26	3	4	0	0	0	2	4	.154	0	1	12	0	.185	0	0	0-0	9	0	0	1.000
Akers, Ashley	.103	10-10	29	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	.103	2	1	3	0	.188	0	0	0-0	10	0	0	1.000
Repole, Whitney	.000	4-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	4	0	.167	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Erickson, Erin	.000	5-3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	2	0	.200	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Valentine, Sam	.000	5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Grove, Malloree	.000	2-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Rhodes, Aspen	.000	2-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Whitney, Micaela	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Reynolds, Sydney	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Hansel, Haley	.000	5-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.244	10	258	37	63	5	1	6	36	88	.341	14	14	56	0	.315	3	6	3-3	204	106	12	.963
Opponents	.215	10	260	37	56	6	0	4	34	74	.285	39	3	46	1	.322	2	6	13-16	198	67	11	.960

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Lyon, Chelsea	2.30	3-1	5	5	3	1/0	0	27.1	21	12	9	21	20	4	0	2	.210	5	1	0	1	4
Massey, Kayla	2.86	3-2	7	5	4	0/0	1	36.2	27	19	15	14	24	1	0	2	.194	0	1	0	1	2
Whitney, Micaela	7.00	1-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	8	6	4	4	2	1	0	0	.381	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	2.78	7-3	10	10	7	1/0	1	68.0	56	37	27	39	46	6	0	4	.215	5	3	0	2	6
Opponents	2.86	3-7	10	10	8	2/0	0	66.0	63	37	27	14	56	5	1	6	.244	5	14	0	3	6





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2013 Iowa Softball Game Results for Iowa (as of Feb 17, 2013) (All games)



Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
! Feb 08, 2013	vs Lipscomb	L 0-4	7	0-1-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-1)	157	2:02
! Feb 08, 2013	vs Texas State	w 5-4	7	1-1-0	0-0-0 Lyon (W 1-0)	267	1:34
! Feb 09, 2013	at Houston	w 4-1	7	2-1-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 1-1)	374	1:56
! Feb 09, 2013	vs #11 Louisiana	w 13-10	7	3-1-0	0-0-0 Whitney (W 1-0)	442	3:07
! Feb 10, 2013	vs #11 Louisiana	L 0-11	5	3-2-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 1-2)	278	1:40
# Feb 15, 2013	vs Dayton	w 3-0	7	4-2-0	0-0-0 Lyon (W 2-0)	124	1:36
# Feb 15, 2013	vs Oklahoma State	w 3-1	(8)	5-2-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 2-2)	124	2:08
# Feb 16, 2013	vs Nebraska-Omaha	w 2-1	7	6-2-0	0-0-0 Lyon (W 3-0)	120	1:34
# Feb 16, 2013	at North Texas	w 4-1	7	7-2-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 3-2)	275	1:40
# Feb 17, 2013	vs Oklahoma State	L 3-4	7	7-3-0	0-0-0 Lyon (L 3-1)	120	1:55

! = Hilton Houston Plaza Classic (Houston, Texas)

= Lovelace Invitational (Denton, Texas)

* = Conference game

() extra inning game

