

# IOWA FIELD HOCKEY



vs. No. 15 American & No. 12 Duke  
Iowa City, IA



## 2008 SCHEDULE

(1-1, 0-0)

8/30.....	at #3 Wake Forest ^	L, 2-3
8/31.....	vs. #1 North Carolina ^ (N) ..	W, 3-2
9/5.....	American .....	3 p.m.
9/7.....	Duke.....	1 p.m.
9/13.....	at Stanford .....	2 p.m.
9/14.....	vs. Pacific (N).....	1 p.m.
9/19.....	Central Michigan.....	3 p.m.
9/21.....	Boston .....	1 p.m.
9/26.....	at Indiana*.....	2 p.m.
9/28.....	at Louisville .....	Noon
10/3.....	Northwestern* .....	3 p.m.
10/5.....	Missouri State .....	1 p.m.
10/10.....	at Penn State*!.....	2 p.m.
10/11.....	vs. Virginia (N) .....	1 p.m.
10/19.....	Ohio State* .....	Noon
10/25.....	at Michigan State*!.....	Noon
10/27.....	Michigan*!.....	2 p.m.

11/6-9.. Big Ten Tournament (Bloomington)

11/15-16 at NCAA (1st & 2nd Rds.)

11/21-23 at NCAA (Final Four)

All games listed are central time

N=Neutral

^ Big Ten/ACC Challenge

\* Big Ten Conference Games

! Televised by Big Ten Network

## 2008 STX/NFHCA

## PRESEASON RANKINGS

No.	Team	Points
1.	North Carolina (29)*	687
2.	Maryland (4)	633
3.	Wake Forest*	582
4.	Connecticut (1)	541
5.	<b>IOWA (1)</b>	<b>463</b>
6.	Penn State*	451
7.	James Madison	441
8.	Old Dominion	407
9.	Michigan*	389
10.	Michigan State*	375
11.	Virginia*	360
12.	Duke*	353
13.	Boston College	216
14.	Boston University*	201
15.	American*	191
16.	Princeton	190
17.	Louisville*	181
18.	Syracuse	172
19.	Albany	88
20.	Ohio	75

\* - 2008 Opponents

## 2008 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
0	Melissa Helsel	GK	Sr.	Elizabethtown, PA/Donnegal
2	Roz Ellis	B/MF	Sr.	Lewisburg, PA/Lewisburg
4	Becca Spengler	MF	Fr.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
5	Caitlin McCurdy	F/MF	Sr.	Mountain Top, PA/Crestwood
6	Lissa Munley	GK	Sr.	Mountain Top, PA/Crestwood
7	Katie Naughton	F/MF	Sr.	Goffstown, NH/Goffstown
9	Lindsey Duffy	F	Sr.	San Diego, CA/Scripps Ranch
10	Amy Baxter	F	So.	Warrington, PA/Central Bucks South
13	Jess Werley	MF/F	Jr.	Allentown, PA/Emmaus
15	Meghan Beamesderfer	B/MF	Jr.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
17	Lauren Pfeiffer	B/MF	Sr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ/Lenape
18	Nicole Fiorilla	B/MF	Fr.	Downington, PA/Bishop Shanahan
20	Caroline Blaum	F/MF	Sr.	Wilkes-Barre, PA/Wyoming Seminary
21	Tricia Dean	MF	Jr.	Bear, DE/William Penn
22	Sarah Pergine	F	So.	Collegeville, PA/Perkiomen Valley
24	Chelsea Miller	MF	So.	Dallas, TX/Hockaday School
25	Leslie Pyle	MF	Fr.	Lafayette Hill, PA/Plymouth Whitemarsh
31	Lauren Whalen	B	Fr.	Phoenixville, PA/Villa Maria Academy
32	Tori Garifo	GK	Fr.	Red Lion, PA/Red Lion

**Head Coach:** Tracey Griesbaum

**Associate Head Coach:** Lisa Cellucci

**Assistant Coach:** Meridith Thorpe

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Barb Weinberg

## THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa field hockey team (1-1, 0-0) will return home for the first homestand of the season. Iowa will face No. 15 American in a non-conference battle Friday. That match begins at 3 p.m. The Hawkeyes will then face No. 12 Duke in another key non-conference match-up Sunday at 1 p.m.

In addition to Iowa's games Friday and Sunday, American and Duke will square off Saturday at 2 p.m. All matches will take place at Grant Field.

## AMERICAN (2-0, 0-0)

The American Eagles, ranked 15th in the STX/NFHCA preseason poll, are 2-0 on the young season.

Saturday, American defeated New Hampshire 4-0 in the first day of the American Invitational. In the win, the Eagles out-shot New Hampshire by a margin of 18-5. Sunday, the Eagles won the American Invitational with a 2-0 victory over No. 19 Albany.

The Eagles are led by tenth-year Head Coach Steve Jennings. He has an all-time record of 122-54 as the coach of American.

## DUKE (1-1, 0-0)

Duke, ranked No. 12 in the NFHCA preseason poll, is 1-1 on the year after splitting with No. 17 Louisville and Delaware over the weekend. The Blue Devils fell to Louisville 1-0 Saturday to open the season and then defeated Delaware 2-0. Both matches were played in Louisville, KY.

They are coached by Beth Bozman. She is entering her sixth year at Duke and holds a record of 84-30 all-time at the helm of the Blue Devil program.

**IOWA HAWKEYE  
FIELD HOCKEY**

## 2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf.	Over.
1. Michigan State	0-0	2-0
2. Ohio State	0-0	1-0
3. <b>IOWA</b>	0-0	1-1
Indiana	0-0	1-1
Penn State	0-0	1-1
6. Michigan	0-0	0-2
Northwestern	0-0	0-2

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## IOWA ON THE WEB

The media and public can find a valuable and timely source of information about Iowa athletics on the world wide web. The address for the Iowa site is:



## MEDIA INFORMATION

**PRACTICE ATTENDANCE** - All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. However, media must inform Patrick Sojka of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at Grant Field.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS** - All player interviews are coordinated through Patrick of the sports information office. Please contact Patrick (319-335-9411) so that he may set a time which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

## THE LAST TIME

The Hawkeyes won at Duke last season, 2-0. Iowa has not faced American since the first round of the 2004 NCAA Tournament. The Eagles beat the Hawkeyes 2-1 on the campus of the University of Maryland.

Duke leads the all-time series against Iowa, 3-2, and American and Iowa are tied all-time at one win.

## MILESTONES APPROACHING

With Iowa's victory Sunday over defending national champion North Carolina, the Iowa field hockey program is just one victory from 500 all-time.

In addition, after winning her 100th game as a head coach last season, Head Coach Tracey Griesbaum is just two wins from 100 career wins at the University of Iowa.

## HAWKEYES HAPPY WITH WIN OVER TOP-RATED TAR HEELS

"We put two halves together," said Head Coach Tracey Griesbaum. "We stuck to our game plan and everyone gave unbelievable effort. It was a complete team effort and a great rebound from Saturday."

Senior captain Roz Ellis was also happy with the victory.

"We did an awesome job bouncing back from Saturday," said Ellis. "It was a total Hawkeye effort. We played strong and everybody left it all out on the field."

## MCCURDY OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Senior Caitlin McCurdy was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week, Monday. She received the honor after leading the Hawkeyes over the weekend in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

McCurdy recorded three goals over the weekend. In Iowa's win over defending national champion North Carolina, she had two goals, including the game-winner in the 68th minute. It is McCurdy's fourth career weekly Big Ten honor.

## HAWKEYES HONORED

The Hawkeyes received more accolades for their play over the weekend. Senior Caroline Blaum was named to the Women'sFieldHockey.com Week One Honor Roll. She recorded one

goal and two assists over the weekend. In addition, Women'sFieldHockey.com has Iowa ranked No. 2 in the new poll that came out Monday. Wake Forest is No. 1 and North Carolina is ranked third.

## SCHEDULE NOTES

Iowa's last three NCAA Tournament opponents (2004, '06, '07) are on the season's schedule.

Iowa hosts American Friday and Boston (Sept. 21). The Hawkeyes lost to American 2-1 in 2004 on the campus of the University of Maryland. The Black and Gold fell to Boston a year ago, 1-0, in double overtime on the campus of the University of Connecticut.

Iowa plays Virginia (Oct. 11) on the campus of Penn State University. The Hawkeyes lost to the Cavaliers 1-0 in 2006 on the Campus of Wake Forest.

## 2007 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Iowa had quite the season in 2007, finishing 17-4 overall and 4-2 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes won their second-straight Big Ten Tournament Championship and reached their 19th NCAA Tournament in program history.

Five Hawkeyes were named all-Big Ten. Lauren Pfeiffer, Roz Ellis, Meghan Beamesderfer and Caroline Blaum were all named first team. Each returns for 2008. Additionally, Kadi Sickel was named to the second team.

Goalkeeper Lissa Munley won the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. Blaum and Sickel were each named to the Big Ten Tournament Team, as Blaum took MVP honors.

The Hawkeyes gained plenty of national attention also. Pfeiffer was named a first team all-American by Women'sFieldHockey.com and was named second team all-American by NFHCA. Women'sFieldHockey.com named Beamesderfer to their second team squad. In addition, she was named a third-team all-American by NFHCA. Ellis also was named to an all-American squad, landing on the Women'sFieldHockey.com's third team.

Six Hawkeyes were named Academic all-Big Ten. Tricia Dean, Katie Naughton, Ellis, Pfeiffer, Munley and Sickel were all named to the squad.