

IOWA HAWKEYES

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

January 14, 2015

2015 SCHEDULE

12/16	Black & Gold Intrasquad	2 p.m.
1/17	at Windy City Invitational	7:30 p.m.
1/24	UIC	7 p.m.
2/1	Ohio State & Oklahoma	12 p.m.
2/7	at Illinois	4 p.m.
2/14	Nebraska & Minnesota	7:30 p.m.
2/19	Winter Cup	TBA
2/20	Winter Cup	TBA
2/21	Winter Cup	TBA
2/27	at Penn State	6 p.m.
3/7	at Minnesota	7 p.m.
3/15	at Nebraska	1 p.m.
3/27-28	Big Ten Championships	All Day
4/9-11	NCAA Championships	All Day

All times are Central and subject to change -- Home events in BOLD

2015 ROSTER

Lance Alberhasky	RS Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa
William Albert	Sr.	Hamilton, Ontario
Andrew Botto	So.	Redwood City, Calif.
Jack Boyle	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.
Cyrus Dobre-Mofid	RS Jr.	Hagerstown, Md.
Dylan Ellsworth	Fr.	Farmington, Utah
Brandon Field	Sr.	Papakura, New Zealand
Caleb Fischle-Faulk	So.	Escondido, Calif.
Austin Hodges	Fr.	Lincolnshire, Ill.
Matt Loochtan	Jr.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill
Emmanuel Monroy	Jr.	Plano, Texas
Del Vecchio Orozco	Jr.	Des Plaines, Ill.
Elijah Parsells	Fr.	Petaluma, Calif.
Cory Paterson	So.	Oakville, Ontario
David Spanier	So.	Gainesville, Fla.
Mark Springett	So.	Dover, Mass.
Doug Sullivan	Jr.	Aurora, Ill.
Anthony Van Aacken	Fr.	Oshkosh, Wis.
Zach Wendland	So.	Olathe, Kan.



THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa men's gymnastics team kicks off the 2015 regular season at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 17, in Chicago Illinois. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. (CT).

LAST TIME OUT:

The men's gymnastics team hosted the annual Black and Gold Intrasquad on December 6. The Black team defeated the Gold team in the friendly competition, 253.550 to 251.400 held at the UI FieldHouse.

BIG TEN WATCH LIST:

Redshirt senior Lance Alberhasky and junior Matt Loochtan were named to the 2015 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List on Dec. 11. Alberhasky set new career high scores in four events in 2014 and is team captain this season. Loochtan recorded career bests in three events including setting a new school record on floor with a 15.650.

PRE-SEASON COACHES' POLL:

The College Gymnastics Association (CGA) released their 2015 Preseason Coaches' Poll on Nov 30. Ohio State earned the top spot followed by Michigan, Illinois, Penn State, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

1. Ohio State
2. Michigan
3. Illinois
4. Penn State
5. Minnesota
6. Iowa
7. Nebraska

BREAKING RECORDS:

The Hawkeyes broke numerous records in 2014.

- Doug Sullivan broke current Hawkeye assistant coach Ben Ketelsen's pommel horse record (15.250) on Feb 15.
- At the Arnold Classic in March, Iowa set a school record on Rings (75.350).
- At Nebraska on March 15, the Hawkeyes set a new school record for overall team score (437.250). This was the second time in 2014 that Iowa had broken that record, the first time coming against Minnesota and Nebraska in Iowa City.
- At the same meet, Iowa set a team record for overall vault score (74.150)
- Matt Loochtan broke a floor record (15.600) against Minnesota on March 8.

PRACTICE FACILITY RENOVATION:

The men's and women's gymnastics teams are amidst a practice facility renovation. The renovation will provide the gymnasts with more space to practice, include two new foam pits, and another pommel horse. The project will help accelerate the gymnasts' skills and improve safety at the facility. The facility -- located in the UI Field House -- is scheduled to be completed in February 2015.

CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPION:

Over the summer sophomore Corey Paterson participated in the Canadian National Championships and won the high bar event with a score of 13.850. He also finished fifth in the all-around competition with a 79.800. Paterson is expected to have an increased role in 2015 with the departure of seniors Angelo Bronzino and Matt McGrath.

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HEAD COACH JD REIVE:

Entering his fifth year as head coach of the Hawkeyes, Reive has high expectations for his team. For the first time in his career Reive has a team comprised of gymnasts he personally recruited. He is looking to take the program another step forward.

Reive led the Hawkeyes to a fifth place finish at the NCAA Championships in 2013, their best finish in a decade. 2014 was a down year for the Hawkeyes, the gymnasts set seven school records and seven went on to compete individually at the NCAA Championships. The team finished seventh in the Big Ten and missed the team finals at NCAA Championships in April.

Reive graduated from Nebraska in 2000 and was an assistant at Stanford from 2003-10 where he helped the team grab four top three finishes.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

The Hawkeyes welcome five newcomers to their team -- Austin Hodges, Dylan Ellsworth, Elijah Parsells, and Anthony Van Aacken. Hodges comes in with high expectations on pommel horse placing second at Junior Olympic Nationals and fourth at 2012 Visa Championships. Ellsworth is a three-time former state champion from Utah.

2 STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN:

Cyrus Dobre-Mofid and Jack Boyle ended 2014 with Academic All-Big Ten honors. Dobre-Mofid is a sociology major from Hagerstown, Maryland. Boyle is an engineering major from Naperville, Illinois.

NEW ASSISTANT COACH:

Minyoung Kwon was named Iowa's newest assistant coach this summer. Kwon brings over 30 years of gymnastics experience which began when he was on the Korean National team in the 1990s.

Kwon last coached at Westside Gymnastics Club in Nashville, Tennessee. He has experience as a coach, judge, and athlete. Kwon graduated from the Korea National Sport University in 1996 and went on to earn his master's degree in Physical Education in 1998.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The Hawkeye men's gymnastics team is comprised of four freshman, six sophomores, six juniors, and two seniors.

SEASON TICKETS:

Fans interested in attending 2015 home meets at Carver-Hawkeye Arena should visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$12 for adults

UP NEXT:

The Iowa men's gymnastics team welcomes UIC for their first home meet of the season on Jan. 24 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The meet begins at 7 p.m. (CT).

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