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**IOWA FIELD HOCKEY**

**HAWKEYES FALL TO MICHIGAN STATE IN OVERTIME, 2-1**

**EAST LANSING, MI** – The No. 15 University of Iowa field hockey team fell to the fifth-ranked Michigan State Spartans, 2-1, in overtime tonight in East Lansing, MI. The loss puts Iowa (9-6, 4-1) in a three-way tie for first place in the Big Ten with Michigan State (14-2, 4-1) and Michigan (12-5, 4-1). The Hawkeyes can clinch a share of the title by defeating Northwestern in their final Big Ten match, next Sunday, October 31.

Michigan State’s high-powered offense peppered the Hawkeye defense with shots throughout the game, but all-American goalkeeper Barb Weinberg was up to the task and kept the game scoreless through the first half. For the game, Michigan State out-shot Iowa 22-6, earning 12 penalty corners to Iowa’s three.

The Spartans finally cracked the scoreboard 5:30 into the second half on a goal from Veerle Goudswaard, the nation’s leading scorer.

Iowa jumped right back with some offense of its own, when senior forward **Sarah Dawson** buried a pass from **Debbie Birrell** to tie the game at 1-1 just five minutes later. The Hawkeye defense tightened up and kept the game tied through regulation.

The game ended 5:28 into overtime when Goudswaard scored on a penalty corner, the Spartans’ second in overtime.

Iowa will finish up the regular season next weekend with a game against Southwest Missouri State Friday at 3 p.m., and a Sunday game against Northwestern at Noon. Both games will be played on Grant Field.

**GAME SUMMARY**

<b>IOWA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0 -- 1</b>
<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1 -- 2</b>

<b>MSU</b>	<b>Veerle Goudswaard (unassisted)</b>	<b>41:30/2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>Sarah Dawson (Debbie Birrell)</b>	<b>46:19/2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>MSU</b>	<b>Veerle Goudswaard (Jessica Miller, Annabet Beerman)</b>	<b>75:28/OT</b>

**Shots on Goal: IOWA 6, MSU 22**

**Penalty Corners: IOWA 3, MSU 12**

**Goalkeeper Saves: Weinberg (IOWA) 13, Kirkaldy (MSU) 2**

