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IOWA FIELD HOCKEY

Hawkeyes Start Season Against Defending Champions

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa field hockey team christened their new field today in the fourth Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The Hawkeyes took on Wake Forest, the 2004 NCAA Champions, in the noon contest, but were handed a 2-0 loss.

“Overall, we did have several bright spots today except for the end result,” said Head Coach **Tracey Griesbaum**. “With a lot of young players and people in new positions we are really going to take it just a day at a time.”

The Demon Deacons were on offense for much of the game with a total of 12 shots on goal in the game. Freshman goalkeeper **Lissa Munley** had six saves in the game; four in the first half and two in the second half.

Two Hawkeye players that stood out from Griesbaum’s perspective were Munley and junior midfielder **Heather Schnepf**.

“Lissa played bigger than a first year player. It’s a new level for her and she handled everything exceptionally, especially against a team like Wake Forest,” said Griesbaum. “Heather really acted like the glue on the field. She did a good job of directing the defense and also had spurts on offense.”

Offense is one aspect of the game that the Hawkeyes hope to improve on for their game against North Carolina tomorrow and for the rest of the season.

“We want to be smarter on offense,” said Griesbaum. “We had a small field today and we really need to open up the field a bit more.”

Iowa (0-1) will play the University of North Carolina (1-0) at noon tomorrow in the second day of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. The Tar Heels defeated Michigan this afternoon, 2-0.

