



University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. #16 Illinois - Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
vs. #18 Purdue - Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Week Eleven

November 3, 2008

University of Iowa Hawkeyes 13-11, 5-7

VS.



#16 Illinois Fighting Illini
18-5, 9-3
Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, IA



#18 Purdue Boilermakers
19-5, 8-4
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
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This Week • The University of Iowa volleyball team hosts a pair of nationally-ranked opponents this week-end. The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face No. 16 ranked Illinois Friday and 18th-ranked Purdue Saturday. Both matches are slated for a 7 p.m. start at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Keep Your Ticket Stubs • Fans who presents a ticket stub from the football game against Penn State at Saturday's volleyball match against Purdue will be admitted free.

Hawkeyes on the Web • Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball on hawkeyesports.com, where Gametracker, live audio and video will be available throughout the season.

Live audio coverage will be available for the remainder of the season. Live streaming video can be found on hawkeyesports.com for all 13 home matches. Gametracker will be available for all 13 home matches and for select road matches. Check hawkeyesports.com for live stats availability.

Audio, video and Gametracker links can be found on the volleyball schedule page of hawkeyesports.com.

Scouting Illinois • The No. 16 ranked Illinois Fighting Illini are 18-5 overall and alone in second place in the Big Ten standings with a 9-3 record.

Laura DeBruler leads the team with 395 kills and Abby Nelson has a team-high .302 attack percentage. Hillary Haen has 566 assists and Ashley Edinger has 390 digs. Johannah Bangert has a team-best 140 total blocks.

Iowa trails the all-time series, 44-13.

Last Meeting • Iowa managed to take a set off of Illinois, but fell 23-25, 17-25, 25-19, 15-25.

Junior **Megan Schipper** led the way with 11 kills, with senior **Catherine Smale** close behind with 10. Senior **Kiley Fister** had 26 assists and senior libero **Emily Hiza** had 18 digs.

2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/29-30	at Hampton Inn Bama Bash (Tuscaloosa, AL)	
8/29	vs. Nicholls State	W, 25-12, 25-20, 25-19
8/30	vs. Western Kentucky	L, 24-26, 26-24, 17-25, 17-25
8/30	at Alabama	L, 24-26, 25-17, 17-25, 14-25
9/5-6	at Pioneer Classic (Denver, CO)	
9/5	vs. Tennessee	W, 25-18, 57-25, 22-25, 25-22
9/6	at Denver	L, 22-25, 23-25, 21-25
9/6	vs. Virginia	W, 15-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-9
9/12-13	at Iowa State Tournament (Ames, IA)	
9/12	at Iowa State	L, 26-28, 25-27, 24-26
9/13	vs. Xavier	W, 22-25, 25-11, 25-14, 25-19
9/13	vs. Drake	W, 25-18, 25-11, 25-16
9/19/20	Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge (Iowa City)	
9/19	vs. Portland	W, 25-14, 25-15, 25-14
9/20	vs. DePaul	W, 25-13, 25-20, 25-19
9/20	vs. Tulsa	W, 25-12, 25-11, 25-21
9/26	vs. #18 Wisconsin	W, 25-23, 25-19, 25-10
9/27	vs. Northwestern	W, 18-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-19
10/3	at #18 Purdue	L, 22-25, 23-25, 22-25
10/4	at #19 Illinois	L, 23-25, 17-25, 25-19, 15-25
10/10	vs. #1 Penn State	L, 20-25, 18-25, 20-25
10/11	vs. Indiana	W, 25-21, 13-25, 23-25, 25-22, 15-12
10/15	at #12 Minnesota (BTN)	L, 11-25, 17-25, 23-25
10/18	vs. Michigan State	W, 25-17, 25-19, 16-25, 25-18
10/24	at #20 Michigan	L, 24-26, 18-25, 23-25
10/26	at Ohio State	W, 25-23, 19-25, 25-15, 25-22
10/31	at Indiana	L, 25-21, 25-20, 11-25, 19-25, 14-16
11/1	at #1 Penn State	16-25, 13-25, 15-25
11/7	vs. #16 Illinois	7 p.m.
11/8	vs. #18 Purdue	7 p.m.
11/14	at Northwestern	7 p.m.
11/16	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
11/21	vs. Ohio State	7 p.m.
11/22	vs. Michigan	7 p.m.
11/26	vs. Minnesota	7 p.m.
11/28	at Michigan State	5 p.m.

all times listed are central



Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Penn State	12-0	24-0
2. Illinois	9-3	18-5
3. Purdue	8-4	19-5
Minnesota	8-4	18-6
5. Michigan	6-6	18-6
Indiana	6-6	14-10
7. Wisconsin	5-7	15-9
IOWA	5-7	13-11
9. Michigan State	4-8	12-11
10. Northwestern	2-10	8-15
11. Ohio State	1-11	10-14

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Iowa on the Web

Updated statistics, rosters, game notes, schedules and more can be found at the University of Iowa Athletic Department's website. The address is:

hawkeyesports.com

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 Aaron Blau of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Aaron Blau of the Iowa Sports Information Office. Please contact Aaron (319-335-9268) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

Scouting Purdue • The 18th-ranked Purdue Boilermakers are 19-5 overall and tied for third in the Big Ten with an 8-4 conference mark.

Stephanie Lynch leads the team with 328 kills with a .424 attack percentage and also has a team-high 117 total blocks. Danita Merlau has 279 kills. Jaclyn Hart is the team's primary setter, with 912 assists. Kelli Miller has a team-best 383 digs.

Iowa trails, 41-18, in the all-time series.

Last Meeting • Iowa dropped a hard-fought, three-set match (22-25, 23-25, 22-25) at Purdue Oct. 3. The loss snapped Iowa's seven-match winning streak and was the team's first road contest during Big Ten play.

Senior **Catherine Smale** led the Hawkeyes with 13 kills. Junior **Megan Schipper** added a double-double, with 12 kills and 12 digs. Senior **Kiley Fister** led the way with 29 assists.

Top Ranked Penn State Sweeps Iowa • The defending National Champion and No. 1 ranked Penn State Nittany Lions swept Iowa last Saturday in University Park, PA.

Junior **Megan Schipper** led the Hawkeyes with 11 kills, with senior **Catherine Smale** chipping in six. Sophomore **Mara Hilgenberg** had a team-best 15 assists and senior **Kiley Fister** added eight. Senior libero **Emily Hiza** had a team-high nine digs.

Heartbreaker In Bloomington • The Hawkeyes dropped a five-set match at Indiana Friday. Iowa led the match 2-0 and 14-11 in the fifth set, but couldn't come away with the win.

Both senior **Catherine Smale** and junior **Megan Schipper** had double-doubles in the loss. Smale tallied 16 kills and 13 digs, while Schipper had 14 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore **Katie Kennedy** added nine kills and six total blocks. Senior **Kiley Fister** once again led the team in assists with 52. Senior **Emily Hiza** had a team-best 17 digs.

Hawkeyes Pick Up Win at Ohio State • Iowa improved to .500 in the Big Ten (5-5) with a four-set win at Ohio State Saturday.

Senior **Catherine Smale** led the Hawkeyes with a double-double, recording 13 kills and 14 digs along with four service aces. Senior **Kiley Fister** also tallied a double-double with 33 assists and 12 digs. Junior **Megan Schipper** had a solid all-around performance with 10 kills, nine digs, two solo blocks and five block assists. Senior **Emily Hiza** chipped in a team-best 16 digs and also had three service aces. Senior **Laura Kremer** had nine total blocks (two solo, seven assists).

Dingman Closing in on Milestone • Head Coach **Sharon Dingman** enters this weekend just one win away from career win No. 350.

Dingman tallied 22 wins in one year at Auburn, 167 wins in eight years at Butler, 147 wins in eight years at Illinois State and 13 wins so far in her first season at Iowa.



Head Coach Sharon Dingman



Sharon Dingman was hired as the eighth coach in Iowa volleyball history March 21, 2008.

Dingman comes to Iowa after serving as head coach at Illinois State from 2000-07, where she compiled a 147-98 record. In 2007, Dingman led the Redbirds to their first at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament since 1997 after reaching the championship match

of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and finished with a 21-12 overall record.

Illinois State produced winning seasons in seven of the eight seasons under Dingman and never finished lower than fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Redbirds also reached at least the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in six of her eight seasons. Dingman produced 21 all-Missouri Valley Conference selections, including Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and two Freshman of the Year honorees. Two players also garnered all-district and all-region honors.

Redbird teams under Dingman were also strong in the classroom. Eleven players were named to the league's scholar-athlete squad in her eight seasons and in 2004, four volleyball student-athletes earned perfect 4.00 grade-point-averages and the team recorded a 3.32 GPA. In 2005, her volleyball team won the academic award for the highest GPA in the athletic department.

Dingman started her head coaching career in 1991 at Auburn, where she led the Tigers to a 22-13 record in her only season at the helm. Her 1991 squad became the first Auburn volleyball team to receive votes in the national poll and Auburn's fourth place finish in the SEC that season marked the highest finish ever for Auburn at the time. Two student-athletes earned all-SEC honors, including Jenifer Kleyn, who was named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was an NCAA post-graduate scholarship recipient who carried a 4.0 GPA.

She then moved to Butler in 1992, where she served as head coach for eight seasons. Dingman led the Bulldogs to four 20 win seasons and three postseason tournaments, including an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1997 after capturing the Midwestern Collegiate Conference title. She was named MCC Coach of the Year in 1997 after compiling a 28-7 record. Dingman guided three student-athletes to MCC Player of the Year honors, seven to all-region accolades and five to "Top 100 Student" honors at Butler.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Dingman spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at three Division I programs. After one season at Northern Michigan (1984), she assisted at Texas Tech for three seasons (1985-87). Dingman then spent three seasons at Kentucky (1988-90) and helped the Wildcats to an SEC Championship in 1988 along with three-straight regional finals appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Home Court Advantage • Iowa currently has a record of 7-1 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. With only five home matches remaining, the Hawkeyes have guaranteed themselves a winning record in Iowa City.

The last time a Hawkeye team had a winning record at home was in 2000, when the team finished with an 8-6 record inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Hawkeyes Rank High in Attendance • Iowa currently ranks 33rd nationally in attendance, averaging 1,078 fans per match. The Hawkeyes have drawn a total of 8,629 fans for their seven home matches.

In addition, three of the top five crowds in school history have been set this season. Iowa drew 1,746 fans against Michigan State Oct. 18, which is the second-largest in school history. The Hawkeyes drew 1,701 against Penn State Oct. 10, which ranks third in the record books. Carver-Hawkeye Arena also saw a crowd of 1,598 against Indiana Oct. 11, which is the fifth-largest crowd in school history.

Hiza Nearing Record • Senior libero **Emily Hiza** needs just 124 more digs to become Iowa's all-time leader in the statistical category.

Hiza currently has 1,808 digs and needs to average 15.5 digs per match in order to set the record. Former Hawkeye Janet Moylan holds the record at 1,931 digs from 1987-90.

Climbing the Records Ladder • Below is a list of where current Hawkeyes rank in different career school records. The number in parentheses is the next place.

Kiley Fister

Assists	4,150	3rd	(2nd, 4,737)
Service Aces	93	12th	(11th, 99)

Catherine Smale

Kills	1,216	9th	(8th, 1,266)
Digs	1,003	13th	(12th, 1,076)

Becky Walters

Attack Percentage	.256	4th	(3rd, .260)
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Emily Hiza

Digs	1,808	2nd	(1st, 1,931)
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Iowa's Record When...

2008 SEASON INFORMATION

Iowa's Single Game Match Information

Longest Winning Streak:.....	7
Longest Losing Streak:.....	3
Current Streak:	Lost 2
Most Kills (Three Set):	46 (at Purdue)
Most Kills (Four Set):	62 (vs. NWestern)
Most Kills (Five Set):	61 (at Indiana)
Highest Attack % (Three Set):387 (vs. DePaul)
Highest Attack % (Four Set):289 (vs. Xavier)
Highest Attack % (Five Set):....	.255 (at Indiana)
Most Assists (Three Set): ...	42 (vs. Tul./at Pur.)
Most Assists (Four Set):....	60 (vs. NWestern)
Most Assists (Five Set):.....	59 (at Indiana)
Most Aces (Three Set):	12 (vs. DePaul)
Most Aces (Four Set):	7 (at Ohio State)
Most Aces (Five Set):	6 (vs. Virginia)
Most Digs (Three Set):... 50 (vs. Drake/at Minn.)	
Most Digs (Four Set):	73 (at Ohio State)
Most Digs (Five Set):.....	71 (vs. Virginia)
Most Blocks (Three Set):... 10.5 (at Michigan)	
Most Blocks (Four Set):.....	13 (vs. Xavier)
Most Blocks (Five Set):	16 (at Indiana)
Highest Home Attendance: .	1,746 (vs. MSU)

Iowa's Individual Leaders

Matches Played:	24 (Four Players)
Matches Started:	24 (Three Players)
Sets Played:	86 (Three Players)
Kills:	281 (Smale)
Kills per Set:	3.27 (Smale)
Attack Percentage:.....	.240 (Huffman)
Assists:.....	746 (Fister)
Assists per Set:	8.67 (Fister)
Service Aces:.....	24 (Schipper)
Service Aces per Set:...0.28 (Schipper & Hiza)	
Digs:.....	298 (Hiza)
Digs per Set:	3.72 (Hiza)
Block Solos:	10 (Kremer)
Block Assists:	70 (Kremer)
Total Blocks:.....	80 (Kremer)
Blocks per Set:	0.94 (Kremer)

2008 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Laura Kremer	6-0	Sr.	MB	LaMotte, IA/Dubuque Senior
2	Catherine Smale	6-1	Sr.	OH	St. Charles, IL/Rosary
3	Kiley Fister	5-10	Sr.	S	St. Charles, IL/St. Francis
4	Christina Meister	5-9	Jr.	S/DS	West Des Moines, IA/Valley
5	Emily Hiza	5-7	Sr.	L	Swink, CO/Swink Academy
6	Paige Stevens	6-1	Fr.	S	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
7	Katie Kennedy	6-1	So.	MB	Iowa City, IA/City High
8	Mallory Husz	6-0	Fr.	MB	Council Bluffs, IA/Lewis Central
10	Becky Walters	6-3	So.*	MB	Parkersburg, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
11	Samantha Brannigan	5-7	So.	DS	Palos Heights, IL/Amos Alonzo Stagg
12	Tiffany Nilges	5-11	Fr.	OH	Tripoli, IA/Tripoli
13	Aimee Huffman	6-0	So.	RS/S	Poth, TX/Poth
14	Megan Eskew	5-9	So.	OH	Schererville, IN/Marist
15	Megan Schipper	5-11	Jr.	OH	Aplington, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
16	Signe Mueller	5-7	So.	DS	Iowa City, IA/City High
21	Mara Hilgenberg	5-9	So.	S	Lake Forest, IL/Indiana University
24	Katie Wessels	5-11	So.	OH	Manchester, IA/West Delaware
33	Joanna Giampoli	6-1	Fr.	MB	Hinsdale, IL/Hinsdale South

* indicates redshirt

Head Coach: Sharon Dingman

Assistant Coaches: Chris Gaskill and Jason Allen

Director of Volleyball Operations: Angie Mlinar

