IOWA HAWKEYES

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2012 Spring Schedule 1/28....... *William & Mary...... L, 3-4*Dartmouth..................L, 3-4 2/3......L, 1-6 2/5......L, 3-4 2/18...... at Illinois State...... L, 5-2 2/19...... at Western Michigan L, 5-2 2/29...... at No. 43 Drake...... L, 7-0 3/4......L, 6-1 3/16...........^No. 63 Tulane.................. L, 4-0 3/23vs. No. 53 Northwestern1:30 p.m. 3/30...... at Penn State 4:30 p.m. 4/4.....vs. No. 59 Nebraska 2 p.m. 4/6.......... vs. No. 21 Indiana................. 2 p.m. 4/8......vs. No. 70 Purdue 12 p.m. 4/14...... at Michigan State 12 p.m. 4/22.....vs. No. 44 Minnesota 12 p.m. 4/26-29 Big Ten Championships All Dayat Evanston, III.*Tribe Kickoff Classic

2012 Roster and Records (Singles/Doubles)

......^Rice Invitational.....

Mitch Beckert, Jr	0-5/0-0
Jonas Dierckx, So	4-7/4-4
Garret Dunn, Jr	6-4/5-6
Andres Estenssoro,Fr	0-2/0-0
Connor Gilmore, Jr	0-1/0-0
Matt Hagan, Fr	1-9/4-4
Tom Mroziewicz, Sr	0-4/2-3
Alejandro Rios, Fr	0-0/0-0
Christopher Speer, Sr	0-0/0-0
Michael Swank, So	0-2/5-6
Chase Tomlins, So	2-3/3-3
Will Vasos,	1-10/5-6
Joey White, So	0-1/0-0
TEAM	15-48/15-16

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's tennis team hosts No. 53 Northwestern Friday at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. The match will begin at 1:30 p.m. (CT).

SCOUTING THE OPPONENT

The Wildcats have a 7-6 overall record with an 0-1 mark in Big Ten play. Northwestern fell, 5-2, against Illinois in its previous match. Northwestern's Spencer Wolf is ranked No. 102 in singles. Northwestern leads the all-time series, 54-27.

LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes competed against three ranked teams in as many days, competing at the 54th Rice Invitational over spring break. Iowa fell short against No. 63 Tulane (4-0), No. 64 Rice (4-1) and No. 34 Memphis (4-0). Iowa won the doubles point against the Owls, with victories in No. 1 and No. 3 doubles play. Sophomore Chase Tomlins and senior Will Vasos won 8-6 at the No. 3 position to give Iowa an early advantage. Sophomore Michael Swank and junior Garret Dunn clinched the doubles point for the Hawkeyes, winning 9-8 in No. 1 doubles play.

DUNN LEADING TEAM

Junior Garret Dunn has led the Hawkeyes in both singles and doubles this season. The Tempe, Ariz., native leads the team in singles wins with six, and leads the team along with Swank and Vasos in doubles with five wins.

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Half of the opponents Iowa has faced this season were nationally ranked at the time, while eight opponents Iowa has faced are currently ranked. Seven of Iowa's final 10 opponents are nationally ranked.

NEWCOMERS TO LINEUP

Four Hawkeyes have made their first dual singles appearance of their collegiate careers this season. Junior Connor Gilmore competed in No. 5 and No. 6 singles at the Rice Invitational. Freshman Andres Estenssoro played No. 6 singles against Illinois. Sophomore Joey White played No. 6 singles against Illinois State. Sophomore Michael Swank competed at No. 6 singles against Western Michigan. Swank has been a doubles regular all season.

HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten tennis coaches, is in his 31st year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 332-352(.489), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history. Houghton recorded his 300th win at Indiana State Feb. 6, 2009. He became the winningest coach in Iowa tennis history in 1992 and is a member of the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes will return to the courts March 30 at Penn State and on April 1 at Ohio State. The Penn State match will begin at 4:30 p.m. (CT), while the Ohio State match is slated to begin at 11 a.m. (CT).

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