



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

March 10-12
NIST
San Jose, CA

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

8-7 Overall, 0-0 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
	Florida International	W, 1-0
Feb. 11	North Carolina	W, 3-2 (8)
	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 17	Illinois State	W, 9-3
	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
	# 2 Tennessee	L, 2-11 (5)
Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	W, 2-0
	Northern Illinois	L, 1-2
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 10	North Dakota State	3 p.m.
	San Jose State	9 p.m.
Mar. 11	TBD	TBD
Mar. 12	TBD	TBD
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State (DH)	
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Jacksonville	12 p.m.
	Long Island	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	Nevada	12 p.m.
	California	5 p.m.
Mar. 19	Syracuse	11 a.m.
	TBD	TBD
Mar. 22	at Illinois State	4 p.m.
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
	North Dakota State	5 p.m.
Mar. 26	Ball State	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Illinois	6 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Illinois	12 p.m.
Apr. 2	at Northwestern (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 7	Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	1 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 16	Michigan State (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Drake	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Purdue	12 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Indiana (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	5 p.m.
Apr. 28	Ohio State	6 p.m.
Apr. 29	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 30	Penn State	12 p.m.
May 3	South Dakota State (DH)	4 p.m.
May 6	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 7	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 12-14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	12	.050	0	1	0	0	0	.050	0
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	15	.263	7	10	4	2	1	.364	1
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	15	.419	10	18	2	0	5	.500	3
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	15	.211	2	8	9	1	1	.316	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	C/3B	R-R	So.	13	.324	5	12	8	1	3	.486	0
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	15	.243	5	9	9	2	3	.333	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	15	.213	8	10	8	1	0	.302	2
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	11	.077	0	1	0	0	0	.077	0
or 12	Colleen McLaughlin	LF	R-R	Fr.	11	.000	1	0	1	0	0	.000	0
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	12	.154	3	4	1	1	0	.269	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	C/3B	R-R	So.	13	.324	5	12	8	1	3	.486	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	3-3	9	2	1	0	3.16	38	18	44.1
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	5-4	6	5	1	1	3.84	47	23	54.2

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME

The University of Iowa softball team (8-7) heads to California for a two-week spring break trip. First up is the National Invitational Softball Tournament (NIST) in San Jose. The Hawkeyes start tournament play Friday against North Dakota State at 3 p.m. and San Jose State at 9 p.m. Bracket play begins Saturday and continues through Sunday. Both times listed are central.

HAWKEYES TAKE TWO OF THREE IN COACH B CLASSIC

Iowa won two of its three games at the Coach B Classic last weekend, hosted by Southern Illinois. The Hawkeyes defeated Northern Illinois (2-1) and Illinois-Chicago (4-3), but fell to Southern Illinois (2-1).

ARNOLD DOMINATES HUSKIES

Senior pitcher **Ali Arnold** struck out a season-high 11 batters and allowed only two hits in a complete game shutout against Northern Illinois. Arnold gave up only two walks in her first shutout of the season.

Sophomore **Summer Downs** sparked the Hawkeye offense with a solo home run in the sixth inning to give Iowa a 2-0 lead.

TOUGH ONE AGAINST SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Despite gaining an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, the Hawkeyes were defeated by Southern Illinois, 2-1. Senior **Kylie Murray** hit a sacrifice fly to score sophomore **Emily Nichols** for the first run of the contest, but a home run and RBI double by SIU's Katie Louis sealed the win for the Salukis.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
T1. PENN STATE	0-0	7-3-0
MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	7-3-0
3. MICHIGAN	0-0	11-5-0
4. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	10-6-0
5. IOWA	0-0	8-7-0
T6. OHIO STATE	0-0	9-10-0
PURDUE	0-0	9-10-0
8. MINNESOTA	0-0	8-9-0
9. INDIANA	0-0	5-7-1
10. WISCONSIN	0-0	4-6-0
11. ILLINOIS	0-0	4-7-0

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

Week of March 6-12

Iowa at NIST

San Jose, CA

Penn State at Spring Fling Invite

Waikiki, HI

Illinois at USF Spring Break Invite

Clearwater, FL

Indiana at FSU Invite

Tallahassee, FL

Michigan State at USF Spring Break

Tampa, FL

Minnesota at Jayhawk Classic

Lawrence, KS

Purdue at USF Spring Invite

Clearwater, FL

Wisconsin at Stanford Classic

Palo Alto, CA

Ohio State at Evansville Tournament

Evansville, IN

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

IOWA TOPS UIC

Iowa used solid pitching from **Ali Arnold** and a strong offensive performance to down Illinois-Chicago, 4-3 last Sunday. Arnold threw six and two-thirds innings and allowed no earned runs while striking out four. All three of UIC's late-inning runs were unearned.

Nichols and Downs led the Hawkeye offense, each collecting two hits and two RBI. Nichols also scored two runs, including a solo home run.

BLAME IT ON THE RAIN

For the second time this season, Iowa was unable to compete in the championship game of a tournament. Iowa could not compete in the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic championship game due to travel plans and rain washed out the Coach B Classic championship contest last weekend.

NICHOLS HAS SOLID WEEKEND

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** is starting to show signs of another solid season for the Hawkeyes. Last weekend at the Coach B Classic, Nichols batted .500 (5-10) with a home run, RBI and three runs scored. The Portland, OR, native recorded a .800 slugging percentage with a .545 on base percentage.

Nichols, who currently has 17 career home runs, is only 12 homers shy of the career home run total held by Alicia Gerlach.

ARNOLD IMPROVING

Senior pitcher **Ali Arnold** threw 13.2 innings and allowed no earned runs at the Coach B Classic last weekend. Arnold went 2-0 with 15 strikeouts and allowed nine hits, holding her opponents to a .176 batting average.

ARNOLD MOVING UP

Senior **Ali Arnold** passed former Hawkeye player and assistant coach Debbie Bilbao for fifth on the career strikeout list last weekend at the Littlewood Classic. Arnold now has 507 career K's.

MOVIN' ON OVER

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** started two games at third base last weekend after playing the majority of the season at either first base or catcher.

Nichols started all 64 games for Iowa last season and played 27 games at first, 25 at catcher, five at third base, three at second base, one in the outfield, and six as the designated player.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes have outscored their opponents, 286-114 so far this season.

Additionally, Iowa has outscored its opponents, 43-19 in the first inning and 42-8 in the fourth inning. Iowa's highest scoring inning so far has been the fifth, with 58 runs scored in the frame.

FRESHMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hawkeye freshmen have recorded 16 hits and scored 19 runs so far this season.

Erin Riemersma has started all 15 games at second base while **Brittany Weil** has started six games in the circle. Colleen McGlaughlin has started eight games and appeared in 11 while Quinn Morelock has made seven starts and 12 appearances. **Rachel West** and **Callie Adreon** have appeared as pinch runners while **Lindsey Emery** has one plate appearance as a pinch hitter.

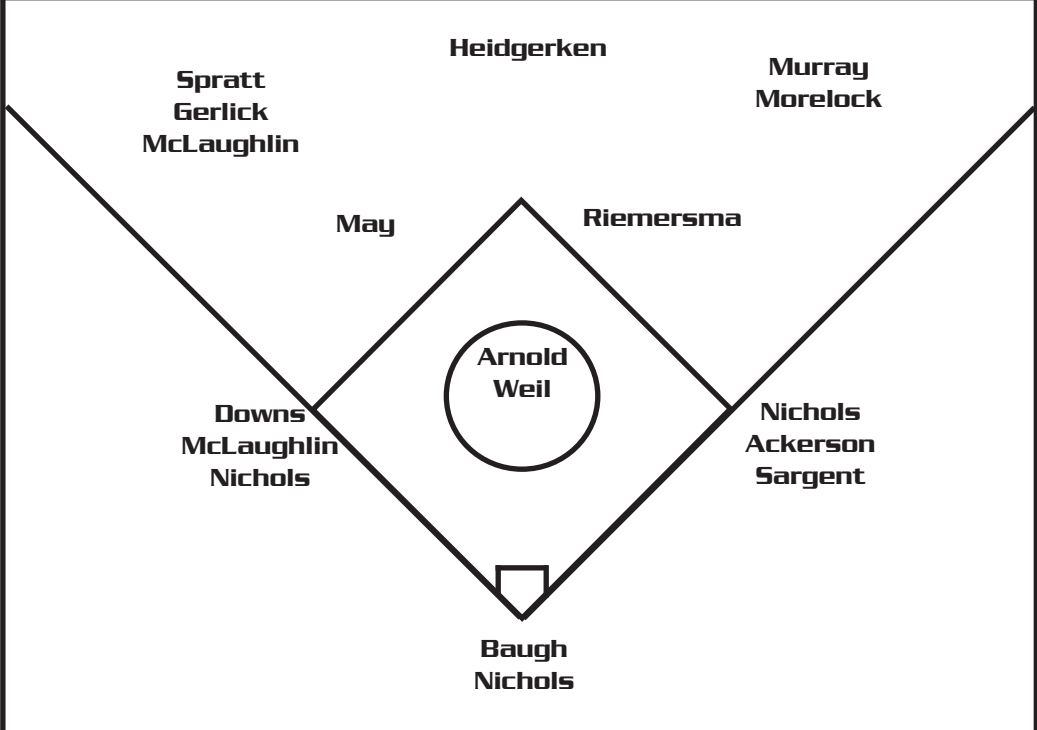
MAY SELECTED IN NPL DRAFT

Shortstop **Stacy May** was drafted by the Comcast Chicago Bandits, a member of the National Professional Fastpitch League (NPF). May was selected with the fourth pick in the second round. She was the Bandits' first pick overall.

May has started every game in her career so far at Iowa and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. She was also named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003. She joins current Akron Racer **Kristin Johnson** as the second Hawkeye to be a

**Iowa Hawkeye
Softball**

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3 ALI ARNOLD**
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5 JENNA SPRATT**
- 6 RACHEL WEST**
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10 STACY MAY**
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13 SAMI BAUGH**
- 14 BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15 CALLIE ADREON**
- 17 KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22 EMILY GERLICK**
- 24 STEPH ACKERSON**



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



member of the NPF.

IOWA VS. MICHIGAN ON TV

Iowa's softball contest vs. Michigan on April 15 at Pearl Field will be broadcast to a national cable audience on College Sports Television (CSTV). The game is scheduled for a 12 p.m. start. In addition, the telecast can also be seen statewide on Mediacom's Connections Channel.

This is the first time in school history that a regular season home game has been televised.

EARLY HONORS

Senior **Stacy May** and freshman **Brittany Weil** were both named to the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic all-Tournament team.

May batted .462 (6-13) with three doubles during the opening tournament while Weil went 4-1 with a 0.98 ERA and 18 K's in her first action as a Hawkeye.

HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players and coaches can visit pics.hawkeyesports.com.

SCOTT NAMED PITCHING COACH

Amanda Scott has been hired as Iowa's new pitching coach. Scott began her coaching career at Michigan State where she served as pitching coach from 2002-04. She then pitched professionally for the New York Juggernauts and led them to a National Pro Fastpitch championship in 2004 while earning league M.V.P. honors. Scott served as the Juggernauts pitching coach during the 2005 season.

Scott was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1997-00 and earned a gold medal at the 1998 World Championships. She was also an alternate on the 2000 Olympic Team.

Scott played at Fresno State and graduated as one of the school's most decorated athletes. She was named Fresno State's No. 2 greatest athlete of the 20th century and led the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Championship in 1998. Scott also received the NCAA Top VIII Award in 2001, which singles out eight NCAA student-athletes who demonstrate athletic success, academic achievement and community service.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	4-3
2-RUN GAMES	1-0
3+-RUN GAMES	3-4
EXTRA INNINGS.....	1-1
AT PEARL FIELD	0-0
ON THE ROAD	1-4
AT NEUTRAL SITE	7-3
DAY GAMES.....	7-6
NIGHT GAMES.....	1-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	8-2
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-5
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	5-2
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	3-5
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	1-5
ARNOLD STARTS.....	6-3
WEIL STARTS.....	2-4
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	5-1
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	3-6
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	4-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-4
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	3-1
IOWA HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	6-3
OPPONENT HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	1-3
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	2-1
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	2-2
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	2-3
FLYING TO GAME.....	6-6
BUSING TO GAME.....	2-1
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-3
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	2-1
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	0-0
IN IOWA	0-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	2-1
IN CALIFORNIA.....	0-0
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	2-1
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	3-3
ON SATURDAY	3-3

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	8 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST HITS.....	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE, TWICE)
MOST RBI	10 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST DOUBLES	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	3 (AT FIU)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	13 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	3 (VS. ILLINOIS-CHICAGO)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	11 (BY TENNESSEE)
MOST HITS ALLOWED ...	11 (TWICE, LAST BY TENNESSEE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

RBI.....	9 (DOWNS & MURRAY)
TOTAL BASES	23 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.535 (RIEMERSMA)
WALKS	6 (THREE TIED)
HIT BY PITCH.....	1 (FOUR TIED)
STRIKEOUTS.....	14 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.500 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	4 (MURRAY)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	3 (RIEMERSMA & MURRAY)
STOLEN BASES	3 (MAY & SPRATT)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	4 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.419 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED	15 (FIVE TIED)
GAMES STARTED	15 (FIVE TIED)
AT BATS.....	47 (HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	10 (MAY)
HITS	18 (MAY)
DOUBLES	5 (MAY)
TRIPLES	1 (HEIDGERKEN)
HOME RUNS	2 (RIEMERSMA & MURRAY)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	3.16 (WEIL)
WINS.....	5 (WEIL)
LOSSES	3 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT800 (ARNOLD)
APPEARANCES.....	13 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	9 (ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES	5 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	1 (WEIL & ARNOLD)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	54.2 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	47 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE229 (ARNOLD)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 768-345-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,068-493-5 (.685). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	8-7	.875
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				