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IOWA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS
GYMHAWKS RANKED 17TH IN PRESEASON POLL

IOWA CITY, IA - The Iowa women's gymnastics program is ranked 17th in the nation, according to the GymInfo Preseason Caches Poll. The GymHawks received 196 points.

UCLA took top honors in the poll with 608 points and 15 first-place votes. Georgia, Stanford, Alabama, Utah and Florida all received first-place votes as well.

Two other Big Ten schools made the top 25, including defending-Big Ten Champion Michigan, ranked seventh, and Penn State at 19th. The remaining Big Ten schools all received votes in the poll.

The GymHawks will have one of the toughest schedules in the nation as they compete against nine top 25 teams, including No. 2 Georgia, No. 4 Alabama, and No. 6 Florida. Iowa opens the season January 8 when they travel to Gainesville, FL for the Super Six Challenge.

2005 Preseason Coaches Poll

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Votes</i>
1.	UCLA	608	15
2.	Georgia	565	3
3.	Stanford	554	4
4.	Alabama	531	1
5.	Utah	530	2
6.	Florida	510	1
7.	Michigan	479	
8.	LSU	444	
9.	Arizona State	387	
10.	Nebraska	386	
11.	Oklahoma	352	
12.	Oregon State	280	
13.	Arizona	264	
14.	Iowa State	256	
15.	North Carolina	240	
16.	Auburn	221	
17.	IOWA	196	
18.	Brigham Young	178	
19.	Penn State	173	
20.	Denver	160	
21.	Washington	117	
22.	Missouri	105	
23.	West Virginia	92	
24.	Arkansas	90	
25.	California	86	

Other Teams Receiving Votes: Minnesota, Michigan State, Illinois, Boise State, Utah State, Southern Utah, NC State, Ohio State, New Hampshire, Kent State, Maryland, North Carolina State, Pittsburgh, Illinois-Chicago, Kentucky, San Jose State, Fullerton

