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IOWA SOFTBALL**HAWKEYES ROUTE WILLIAM PENN, 10-0, ON SENIOR DAY**

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa softball team thrashed William Penn, 10-0 in five innings, Tuesday night at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes honored their seniors **Sarah Thomson**, **Laura Chipman** and **Amanda Hentges** in their last home game.

Iowa ups its record to 38-19, while William Penn falls to 35-20.

Thomson celebrated her senior day in style, going 2-for-3 with four RBIs and a towering home run over the left field fence.

Iowa exploded for five two-out runs in the bottom of the third, led by Thomson's three-run homer.

The Hawkeyes picked up where they left off in the fourth, pounding out six hits to pick up another five runs and stretch their lead to 10-0. After Chipman reached on a single, Mindy **Heidgerken** and **Natalie Johnson** hit back-to-back doubles to start the scoring. Johnson scored on a sacrifice fly by **Emily Gerlick**, and Iowa got RBIs from Thomson and **Elisha Huse** to round out the scoring.

In the circle, **Lisa Birocci** and **Ali Arnold** combined to throw a five-inning no-hitter. Birocci picked up the win and struck out eight of the 13 batters she faced.

Iowa will wind up the Big Ten season this weekend with a pair of games at Illinois Saturday and Sunday. Both games will start at noon.

GAME SUMMARY

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WP – **Lisa Birocci**

LP – Steph Christner

HR – **Sarah Thomson**

