



# University of Iowa Volleyball

vs. Alabama - Aug. 27, 7 p.m.  
 vs. Southern Illinois - Aug. 28, 7 p.m.  
 vs. Green Bay - Aug. 29, 2 p.m.

**Week One**

**Aug. 25, 2010**

## University of Iowa Hawkeyes

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**VS.**



Alabama  
Crimson Tide  
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Aug. 27, 7 p.m.  
Hawkeye Challenge  
Iowa City, IA



Southern Illinois  
Salukis  
0-0

Aug. 28, 7 p.m.  
Hawkeye Challenge  
Iowa City, IA



Green Bay  
Phoenix  
0-0

Aug. 29, 2 p.m.  
Hawkeye Challenge  
Iowa City, IA

### HAWKEYES CHALLENGE

The Hawkeyes open the 2010 season hosting the Hawkeye Challenge Friday-Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa opens the Challenge Friday at 7 p.m. against Alabama. The Hawkeyes host Southern Illinois Saturday at 7 p.m. before concluding the Challenge against Green Bay Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Head Coach Sharon Dingman:** "We are very excited to start the season against such quality opponents. Alabama, Southern Illinois and Green Bay present great challenges for us. Our staff is pleased with the level of play we have seen from the players thus far and now it's time to see how we respond in a meaningful, competitive environment. This group plays hard so I'm confident our fans will enjoy watching the Hawkeyes again this season."

### 2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>8/27-29</b>	<b>Hawkeye Challenge (Iowa City, IA)</b>	
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>8/28</b>	<b>Southern Illinois</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>8/29</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>9/3-4</b>	<b>at St. Louis Tournament (St. Louis, MO)</b>	
9/3	vs. Wake Forest	4:30 p.m.
9/4	vs. Creighton	12 p.m.
9/4	at St. Louis	7 p.m.
<b>9/10</b>	<b>vs. #9 Iowa State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
9/14	at Drake	7 p.m.
9/19	at Northern Illinois	3 p.m.
9/24	at #12 Michigan	6 p.m.
9/25	at Michigan State	5:30 p.m.
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>10/3</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>10/6</b>	<b>#6 Minnesota^</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
10/8	at Northwestern	7 p.m.
10/15	at Ohio State	6 p.m.
10/16	at #1 Penn State	6 p.m.
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>10/23</b>	<b>#6 Illinois</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
10/27	at #6 Minnesota^	6 p.m.
<b>10/30</b>	<b>Northwestern^</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
11/5	at Purdue	6 p.m.
11/6	at Indiana	6 p.m.
<b>11/12</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/13</b>	<b>#12 Michigan</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
11/19	at #6 Illinois	7 p.m.
11/20	at Wisconsin	7 p.m.
<b>11/26</b>	<b>#1 Penn State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>11/27</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

home games listed in bold  
 all times listed are central  
 ^Big Ten Network (HD)

### HAWKEYE CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

**Friday, Aug. 27**  
 4:30 p.m. Southern Illinois vs. Green Bay  
 7:00 p.m. Alabama vs. IOWA

**Saturday, Aug. 28**  
 4:30 p.m. Green Bay vs. Alabama  
 7:00 p.m. Southern Illinois vs. IOWA

**Sunday, Aug. 29**  
 11:30 a.m. Alabama vs. Southern Illinois  
 2:00 p.m. Green Bay vs. IOWA

### HAWKEYES ONLINE

Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball on hawkeyesports.com, where Gametracker will be available for all three weekend matches.

Throughout the season, fans will be able to follow the Hawkeyes via Gametracker, live streaming and live audio by visiting hawkeyesports.com. Iowa's Hawkeye Challenge matches will be available via Hawkeye All-Access. There will be video but audio is not provided this weekend.

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

### IOWA ON THE BTN

The Hawkeyes will make three appearances on national television this season. Each of Iowa's contests versus No. 6 Minnesota (10/6, 10/27) and the home match against Northwestern (10/30) will be televised live on the Big Ten Network. All three matches will be broadcast in high-definition.



## Final 2009 Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Penn State	20-0	36-0
2. Illinois	16-4	26-5
3. Minnesota	15-5	12-8
4. Michigan	12-8	27-10
Ohio State	12-8	25-10
6. Northwestern	7-13	16-16
7. Indiana	6-14	17-17
Purdue	6-14	14-17
Wisconsin	6-14	11-18
<b>10. IOWA</b>	<b>5-15</b>	<b>13-19</b>
Michigan State	5-15	17-16

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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](http://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 Chris Brewer of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 11:30-2:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

**PLAYER INTERVIEWS** - All player interviews are coordinated through Chris Brewer of the Iowa Sports Information Office. Please contact Chris (319-335-9267) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

## ALABAMA (game one)

The Crimson Tide are members of the South Eastern Conference and led by 15-year head coach Judy Green. Green, the 1993 AVCA "Coach of the Year," has announced she will retire at the end of the 2010 season after collecting over 600 career victories. Alabama finished 8-22 in 2009 and is led by senior outside hitter Alyssa Meuth, a second-team all-SEC selection a year ago. Alabama has won the only two meetings between the two schools.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (game two)

The Southern Illinois Salukis are picked to finish sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll. The Salukis are led by sixth-year head coach Brenda Winkler and senior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger, a 2009 first team all-MVC honoree. Southern Illinois finished 18-12 in 2009 to post its best finish in seven seasons. The Hawkeyes lead the all-time series, 6-1.

## GREEN BAY (game three)

The Phoenix are members of the Horizon League and led by 14-year head coach Debbie Kirch, the winningest head coach in Phoenix history. Green Bay finished 10-20 a year ago and are led by senior setter Whitney Schott. Iowa leads the all-time series 2-0, including a 3-0 victory at Green Bay's Country Inn and Suites Classic last season.

## CRIMSON TIES

Iowa assistant coach Ben Boldt and director of operations Angie Boldt each spent time on the Alabama staff prior to joining the Hawkeyes. Ben Boldt was an assistant coach at Alabama from 2007-08 and helped lead the Tide to the NCAA tournament in 2007. Angie Boldt was a graduate assistant with the Crimson Tide from 2006-08.

## HUFFMAN SIDELINED

Senior Aimee Huffman continues to rehab from a right shoulder injury and will miss the 2010 season. Huffman was an Academic all-Big Ten honoree in 2009 and was expected to be Iowa top returning scorer. Last season, the Poth, TX native ranked among the team leaders in kills (second), assists (third), blocks (third) and digs (third). Huffman started the first 26 games of 2009 before missing the final six matches due to illness. She was named MVP of two preseason tournaments and earned all-tournament honors at last year's Hawkeye Challenge.

## DEEP IN THE HEARTLAND

The Hawkeyes have four incoming freshmen on the roster, including three from the Lone Star State. Freshmen Bethany Yeager (Brenham, TX), Chante' Thompson (Hurst, TX) and Rachael Bedell (Plano, TX) all hail from the state of Texas. The trio is joined by freshman Nikki Dailey (Franklin, WI). Iowa's freshmen quartet make up a 2010 recruiting class that earned Highest Honorable Mention by PrepVolleyball.com.

## HAWKEYE SCHEDULE

Iowa opens the season with three straight home matches before hitting the road for seven of its next eight contests, including a conference-opening road trip to Michigan and Michigan State. Fourteen of Iowa's 29 matches are against 2009 NCAA Tournament qualifiers. They include Iowa State, Saint Louis, Illinois (2), Michigan (2), Michigan State (2), Ohio State (2) and Penn State (2).



## Head Coach Sharon Dingman



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

In two seasons at the helm of the volleyball program, she has led the Hawkeyes to historical heights.

In 2009, Dingman helped Iowa match the best start in program history by guiding the Hawkeyes to a 6-0 start. Iowa eventually became the first team in school history to start the season 7-0 on the road.

Iowa has set season attendance records in each of Dingman's two years as head coach, including averaging a school-record 1,632 fans in 2009, the 23rd highest total in the country.

In her first season she led Iowa to its most successful campaign in eight years. The Hawkeyes' 14 overall victories and six conference wins were the most by an Iowa Volleyball team since 2000. Dingman also reached a personal milestone in her inaugural Hawkeye season, recording career victory No. 350 November 14 in a five-set victory over Northwestern.

Iowa re-established a home-court advantage in Dingman's first season, posting its first winning season at North Carver since 1998 and setting a program attendance record.

Dingman came 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. Illinois State reached 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. Dingman produced 21 all-Missouri Valley Conference selections, including Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and two Freshman of the Year honorees.

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.

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.

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.

### HAWKEYE CAPTAINS

Seniors **Signe Mueller** **Becky** and **Walters** have been voted team captains for the 2010 season.

Walters, a fifth-year senior from Parkersburg, IA, recorded a career-best 181 kills in 2009, the third highest total on the team.

Mueller, a senior libero from Iowa City, IA, began last season as Iowa's starting libero and went on to record a career-best 98 digs.

### BIG IN '09

The Hawkeyes continued to show signs of improvement and postseason potential in Dingman's second season at the helm of the Iowa program. The Hawkeyes recorded five conference victories to raise their two-year win total to 11, the highest two-year win total in nine years. Other 2009 highlights include:

- ranked No. 23 in national attendance
- set average attendance record of 1,632
- hosted the two largest crowds in program history, including a school record 3,102 fans Nov. 11 vs. Penn State
- started the season 6-0, matching the best start in program history
- first team in program history to start the season 7-0 on the road
- ranked No. 23 in national attendance

### AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

Four Big Ten teams rank in the top 12 of the AVCA Division I Coaches Preseason Poll, which was released last week. Defending national champion Penn State topped the charts after receiving 40 first-place votes. The Nittany Lions have been ranked atop the poll since Oct. 29, 2007, the year they won their first of three straight national championships. Illinois and Minnesota tied for sixth in the first poll of 2010, while Michigan appeared at No. 12. Ohio State, Michigan State and Wisconsin received votes last week, earning mentions in the preseason poll.

- The Big Ten led the nation in attendance in 2009 and has been the national leader on seven occasions in the last 13 years, including four of the past six seasons.
- Big Ten volleyball possesses unrivaled national television coverage. Twenty-three regular-season games reached a national television audience in 2009, while another 21 were streamed online at [www.bigtennetwork.com](http://www.bigtennetwork.com). This year, 23 regular-season contests will be televised and additional matches will be streamed online at [www.bigtennetwork.com](http://www.bigtennetwork.com).
- Big Ten teams have combined to reach the NCAA semifinals on 17 occasions.
- The Big Ten has sent three or more teams to NCAA regionals on 15 occasions, including each of the past eight years.
- The Big Ten owns a 208-126 (.623) overall record in NCAA competition and has posted a record of .500 or better in each of the past 19 NCAA tournaments.



## Iowa's Record When...

Three-Set Match:.....	0-0
Four-Set Match:.....	0-0
Five-Set Match:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	0-0
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-0
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-0
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set:..	0-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set:	0-0
At Home:.....	0-0
On the Road:.....	0-0
At Neutral Site:.....	0-0
Day Match:.....	0-0
Night Match:.....	0-0
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Kills:.....	0-0
Iowa Has Higher Hitting %:.....	0-0
Opponent Has Higher Hitting %:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Assists:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Assists:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Aces:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Aces:.....	0-0
Equal Number of Aces:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Blocks:.....	0-0
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	0-0
Wearing White/Black Uniforms:.....	0-0
Wearing Black/Gold Uniforms:.....	0-0
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-0
In Central Time Zone:.....	0-0
In Mountain Time Zone:.....	0-0
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-0
In Iowa:.....	0-0
In Indiana:.....	0-0
In Illinois:.....	0-0
In Minnesota:.....	0-0
In Michigan:.....	0-0
In New York.....	0-0
In Ohio:.....	0-0
In Pennsylvania:.....	0-0
In Wisconsin:.....	0-0
On Wednesday:.....	0-0
On Friday:.....	0-0
On Saturday:.....	0-0
On Sunday:.....	0-0

## 2010 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Nikki Dailey	5-9	Fr.	S	Franklin, WI/Franklin HS
3	Mallory Husz	6-0	Jr.	MB	Council Bluffs, IA/Lewis Central HS
4	Bethany Yeager	5-7	Fr.	L	Brenham, TX/Brenham HS
5	Lauren Freidman	6-0	So.	MB	Waterloo, IA/Columbus HS
6	Paige Stevens	6-1	Jr.	S	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley HS
8	Chante'Thompson	6-3	Fr.	MB	Hurst, TX/L.D. Bell HS
10	Becky Walters*	6-3	Sr.*	MB	Parkersburg, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
12	Tiffany Nilges	5-11	Jr.	OH	Tripoli, IA/Tripoli HS
13	Aimee Huffman*	6-0	Sr.	RS/S	Poth, TX/Poth HS
14	Megan Eskew	5-9	Jr.*	OH	Schererville, IN/Marist HS
16	Signe Mueller	5-7	Sr.	DS	Iowa City, IA/City HS
22	Allison Straumann	5-11	So.	OH	Cary, IL/Cary Grove HS
23	Jordanne LeTourneau	5-6	So.	DS	McHenry, IL/Marian Central Catholic
32	Rachael Bedell	6-1	Fr.	OH	Plano, TX/Plano West HS

\* indicates redshirt

**Head Coach:** Sharon Dingman (third season, 27-37)

**Assistant Coaches:** Jason Allen and Ben Boldt

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Curt Sivertsen

**Director of Volleyball Operations:** Angie Boldt

**Manager:** Melissa Brockway

## 2010 Coaching Staff

**Sharon Dingman** enters her third season as the head Hawkeye. She is joined by assistants **Jason Allen** and **Ben Boldt**.

Allen is in his third season as a assistant coach at Iowa. Allen was also promoted to the team's recruiting coordinator following the 2008 season. Allen previously served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Sam Houston State University prior to serving as the 16U head coach for the Texas Tornados club program in 2007.

Boldt enters his second season as an assistant coach at Iowa. Before joining the Hawkeyes, Boldt spent two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama. Prior to joining Alabama, Boldt served as a staff assistant for five seasons at the University of Nebraska. In his final season, the Cornhuskers finished 33-1 en route to the NCAA Championship.

**Angie Boldt** is in her third season as the Director of Volleyball Operations. She came to Iowa City in 2008 after serving as the Director of Volleyball Operations at Alabama for two seasons.

**Curt Sivertsen** is in his second season as a volunteer assistant. Sivertsen assists with all practice activities is the primary statistical operator of the Data Volley program.

