

IOWA HAWKEYES



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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 14, 2015

2015 SCHEDULE

1/9	at #3 LSU	L, 193.700-197.123
1/18	Michigan State, Ball State	2 p.m.
1/24	at Ohio State	3 p.m.
1/30	Maryland	7 p.m.
2/7	at Nebraska	6 p.m.
2/14	Illinois	3 p.m.
2/21	at Denver, BYU	7 p.m.
2/27	at UC Davis	7 p.m.
3/6	Iowa State	7 p.m.
3/14	at Big Five Meet	TBA
	(vs. Michigan, Minnesota, Penn State, Rutgers)	
3/21	Big Ten Championships (BTN)	TBA
4/4	NCAA Regionals	TBA
4/17-19	NCAA Nationals	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change -- **Home events in BOLD**

2015 ROSTER

Opua Calucag	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Mollie Drenth	So.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	So.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Jr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hoerr	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Maryah Huntley	Jr.	Van Meter, Iowa
Amanda Kowalski	So.	Northville, Mich.
Caroline McCrady	So.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	So.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	So.	Caseyville, Ill.
Jori Robertson	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Caitlin Tanzer	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	Fr.	Darien, Ill.

2014 TEAM BESTS

Vault	49.025	at B1G Championships (3/22)
Uneven Bars	48.975	at Boise State(2/28)
Balance Beam	48.750	UIC (2/23)
Floor	49.225	at B1G Championships (3/22)

THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team hosts No. 22 Michigan State and Ball State in its home opener on Sunday. The meet is set to begin at 2 p.m. (CT) inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team dropped its 2015 season opener on the road at LSU in Baton Rouge, La., 197.123-193.300. Iowa posted its highest score on the floor, recording a 48.975. Junior Alie Glover paced the Hawkeyes, finishing third with a 9.850. Drenth followed in fourth with a score of 9.825, while senior Sydney Hoerr registered a 9.800.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION:

The Michigan State women's gymnastics team fell short in their 2015 season opener against Bowling Green (194.775-194.075) on Jan. 10. The Spartans finished the 2014 season ranked 39th in the country. MSU finished sixth in the Big Ten regular season, and eighth at the Big Ten Championships.

Ball State's women's gymnastics team dropped their opening meet against two-time defending national champion Florida, 196.925 to 193.700 on Jan. 11. Last season, the Cardinals finished with an overall record of 2-13.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The majority of GymHawks are underclassmen, with six freshmen, six sophomores, three juniors, and three seniors on the roster.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcome six newcomers -- Ashley Fischer, Lanie Snyder, Melissa Zurawski, Nikki Youd, Jori Robertson, and Megan Ruzicka -- to the 2015 squad. Iowa also welcomes new additions to the coaching staff. Assistant coach Jennifer Green comes to Iowa after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Missouri for two years and Caleb Phillips returns to Iowa, where he previously coached from 2008-13.

METCALF, HOERR NAMED TO BIG TEN WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Sydney Hoerr have been named to the 2015 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List. Metcalf, one of six sophomores to make the list, hails from Swansboro, North Carolina. She captured her third all-around title last season against No. 20 Ohio State on Feb. 14 in Iowa's annual Pink Meet. Metcalf improved her all-around score to 39.325. She previously posted a season best at Georgia (39.100). Metcalf received a bid to NCAA Regionals with five of her teammates to compete in the all-around. She competed in 12 meets last season, nine of which she competed for the all-around title. Her season-best all-around score of 39.325 has been tallied twice; the most recent at the 2014 Big Ten Championships.

Hoerr, who was also featured on the 2014 Big Ten Watch List, is a senior from Bloomington, Illinois. The 2014 second team All-Big Ten honoree registered Iowa's individual season bests on the uneven bars (9.900 at Iowa State, March 7) and floor exercise (9.875 at Georgia, Jan. 20) last season. She competed in all 12 meets in addition to NCAA Regionals, while competing in the all-around in seven competitions. Hoerr led Iowa on the bars with a regional qualifying score of 9.855, tying for 54th nationally. Hoerr is also an Academic All-Big Ten honoree.

IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host a 2016 NCAA Regional (April 2, 2016) in women's gymnastics. Iowa last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009.

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HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby enters her 11th year as head coach, and 15th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2014-15. In 2014, six Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Alie Glover, Angel Metcalf, and Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while Jordyn Doherty competed on vault and Mollie Drenth competed on floor. Maryah Huntley was selected as the alternate behind Drenth on floor. Libby coached Hoerr to second team All-Big Ten honors, while Hoerr, Caitlin Tanzer and Glover earned Academic All-Big Ten honors. Libby led Iowa to its sixth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the seventh in her tenure, in 2013.

PRACTICE FACILITY RENOVATION:

The women's gymnastics team is amidst a practice facility renovation. The gym -- located in the UI Field House -- is scheduled to be completed in February 2015. The renovation will include new equipment, more space to train, and enhanced safety and resources for Hawkeye student-athletes.

SEASON TICKETS:

Fans interested in attending 2015 home meets at Carver-Hawkeye Arena should visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Fans purchasing season tickets (\$15) will gain admission to four home competitions at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, including three against league opponents (Michigan State/Ball State, Maryland, Illinois) and the home finale against in-state rival Iowa State. All youth, 18 and younger, and UI students are admitted free to all home events.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive Twitter content live at every event this season via @iowagymnastics. This feature gives Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

Web Address: hawkeyesports.com (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)
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UP NEXT:

Iowa will travel to Columbus, Ohio, to take on Ohio State on Saturday, January 24. The meet is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. (CT) inside St. John Arena.