

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## Men's Tennis Weekly Release

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### 2014 Spring Schedule

2/1	<b>Illinois State</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
	<b>Western Illinois</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
2/11	<b>UMKC</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
2/14	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>W, 5-2</b>
2/16	<b>#39 Minnesota</b>	<b>W, 4-3</b>
2/22	at Western Michigan	L, 3-4
2/26	at #65 Drake	L, 0-7
2/28	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
	<b>Creighton</b>	<b>W, 7-0</b>
3/7	<b>Bradley</b>	<b>W, 6-1</b>
3/14	at #75 College of Charleston	L, 2-5
3/15	at The Citadel	W, 7-0
3/18	at Furman	L, 3-4
3/23	at Wisconsin	12 pm
3/29	at Michigan	12 pm
3/30	at Michigan State	12 pm
4/4	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
4/6	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>12 pm</b>
4/9	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
4/11	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
4/13	<b>Northwestern</b>	<b>12 pm</b>
4/18	at Ohio State	6 pm
4/20	at Penn State	12 pm
4/24-27	at Big Ten Tournament (East Lansing, Mich.)	All Day

Home contests in **bold**

All times local

### 2013-14 Roster and Results (Singles/Doubles)

Brian Alden, Sr .....	7-4/5-4
Jonas Dierckx, Sr .....	10-3/5-2
Andres Estenssoro, Jr .....	0-0/0-0
Juan Estenssoro, Sr.....	8-4/6-1
Matt Hagan, Jr.....	6-4/6-1
Nils Hallestrand, Fr .....	5-1/4-1
Dominic Patrick, So.....	10-2/0-0
Michael Swank, Sr.....	7-5/6-6
Chase Tomlins, Sr .....	0-0/1-0
Joey White, Sr.....	1-0/9-3

### Hawkeye Quick Facts

2014 Record.....	9-4
2014 Big Ten Record .....	1-0
2014 Big Ten Standing .....	3rd

### THIS WEEK

The No. 68 University of Iowa men's tennis team opens its main portion of conference play Sunday, traveling to Madison, Wis., to take on the No. 58 Wisconsin Badgers. First serve is set to take place at noon (CT) at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium. Sunday will be the fourth game of six consecutive matches away from home.

### HAWKEYES WRAP UP SPRING BREAK TRIP

The Hawkeyes concluded their spring break trip Tuesday, falling to Furman by a 4-3 final. Over the course of three matches against the College of Charleston, The Citadel, and Furman, Iowa compiled a 1-2 record. Iowa's lone win was a 7-0 sweep over the Citadel. Senior Jonas Dierckx was perfect 3-0 in singles for the Hawkeyes, while the duo of Brian Alden and Michael Swank posted a 2-1 record at the No. 1 doubles spot.

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

Fans can follow along all season to the Hawkeyes and receive live match updates on Facebook ([facebook.com/iowaMensTennis](https://www.facebook.com/iowaMensTennis)) or on Twitter (@[iowaMensTennis](https://twitter.com/iowaMensTennis)).

### SCOUTING THE BADGERS

No. 58 Wisconsin enters the match with an 8-6 record, and a 0-1 mark in conference play. The Badgers have built a tough nonconference schedule, having already faced nine ranked opponents and holding a 3-6 record against those ranked foes.

The Badgers and Hawkeyes have faced four common opponents in 2014, Minnesota, Bradley, Drake, and Western Illinois. Wisconsin is 2-2 against those teams, with victories coming against Bradley (6-0) and Western Illinois (5-0), while falling to Drake (4-0) and Minnesota (5-2). Iowa is 3-1 against the same opponents, having knocked off Western Illinois (7-0), Bradley (6-1), and Minnesota (4-3) in the conference opener, while falling to Drake (7-0).

Wisconsin is led by Oskar Wikberg and Alexander Kokorev at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions, while Wikberg pairs with Jakhongir Jalalov to make up the No. 1 doubles team.

### HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are ranked 68th in the most recent ITA national rankings, released on March 11. Iowa is one of 11 Big Ten teams ranked in the polls along with Ohio State (1), Illinois (9), Northwestern (25), Penn State (27), Purdue (40), Michigan (44), Minnesota (50), Wisconsin (58), Nebraska (60), and Indiana (70).

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## Big Ten Standings

Ohio State.....	17-2 (2-0)
Illinois .....	11-5 (2-0)
<b>IOWA.....</b>	<b>9-4 (1-0)</b>
Michigan.....	8-5 (1-0)
Purdue.....	7-3 (1-1)
Minnesota .....	7-7 (1-1)
Nebraska.....	8-6 (0-0)
Northwestern .....	12-7 (1-2)
Penn State .....	13-2 (0-1)
Wisconsin .....	8-6 (0-1)
Michigan State.....	6-8 (0-1)
Indiana.....	9-10 (0-2)

*(results through March 21)*



### HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten coaches, is in his 33rd year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 345-381 (.475), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history.

In the past four seasons, Iowa has defeated 21 nationally-ranked teams, including 14 opponents in the nationally recognized Big Ten Conference. Houghton also has guided his athletes to success off the court recently as the 2011 Iowa team earned the ITA All-Academic Team Award.

Houghton has coached 19 All-Big Ten performers and his players have received 93 Academic All-Big Ten accolades. He has coached Big Ten singles champions and ITA Regional singles champions, and several of his players have played professional tennis, including Tyler Cleveland, who reached the top 300 ATP in the world.

An Iowa City native, Houghton was a nationally ranked junior player at City High School. He earned his bachelor's (1971) and master's (1973) degrees from the University of Iowa.

Houghton was born January 9, 1949. Steve and his wife, Leora, have four children: Cari, Jeff, Jon and Scott.

### IOWA DOUBLES STREAKING

The Hawkeyes have excelled in doubles play this season. In 10-of-13 matches this season, the Hawkeyes have claimed the doubles point. Senior Joey White leads the way with an 8-1 record at the No. 3 spot, having been paired with both junior Matt Hagan and freshman Nils Hallestrand. Iowa is 9-3 overall when winning the doubles point, while holding an 0-3 mark when failing to claim the point.

### HAWKEYE STARTING STRONG

The Hawkeyes are off to a hot start in 2014, posting a 9-4 record through their first 13 matches. The nine wins tops Iowa's win total from a year ago, when the Hawkeyes finished 7-17. The 9-4 start marks the best start for the program since the spring of 2009 when the team also started 9-4.

### HOME COOKING

Iowa has been stellar at home this season, posting a perfect 8-0 record in matches played at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. The Hawkeyes are 1-0 against Big Ten teams at home, and 1-0 against ranked teams played in Iowa City.

### FRESHMAN SHINES IN DEBUT

Making his college dual debut, freshman Nils Hallestrand delivered, posting two singles and two doubles wins to help the Hawkeyes sweep Illinois State and Western Illinois. He won a pair of doubles matches in the No. 3 spot with teammate Joey White, while also picking up victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spot. This spring, Hallestrand is 5 -1 in singles play and 4-1 in doubles.

### NEW ASSISTANT COACH ROSS WILSON

Ross Wilson is in his first year as an assistant coach after serving last season as an assistant coach at San Diego. Wilson was named the 2012 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year and ITA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2011 after he helped guide San Diego to a third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Wilson was a two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion during his playing days at Ohio State.

### HOUGHTON'S THOUGHTS ON WISCONSIN

"We are really starting over right now and getting into Big Ten play. I reminded our guys that we have a 1-0 record so our guys will be fired up for the match. Wisconsin is a team that we can beat if we play the way we can play."