

IOWA HAWKEYES

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 24, 2016

2015-16 SCHEDULE

1/2	at Cancun	3rd/3 (192.350)
1/9	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 194.500
1/15	at Michigan State *	W, 194.900
1/18	vs. #13 Denver	L, 194.725
1/23	vs. #24 Ohio State *	W, 196.375
1/31	at Maryland *	W, 196.275
2/6	vs. #14 Nebraska * (BTN)	W, 196.650
2/13	at #21 Illinois *	W, 196.275
2/20	vs. Towson (Senior Night)	W, 194.150
2/27	at #13 Denver	7 p.m.
3/4	at Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
3/12	Big Five Meet *	12 p.m.
3/19	Big Ten Championships *	TBA
4/2	NCAA Regional (Iowa City, Iowa)	4 p.m.
4/15-17	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change * - Conference Event

2015-16 ROSTER

Savannah Borman	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Opua Calucag	Sr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Misty-Jade Carlson	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
Nicole Chow	Fr.	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Mollie Drenth	Jr.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	Jr.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Sr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hogan	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
Caroline McCrady	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	Jr.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	Jr.	Caseyville, Ill.
Maria Ortiz	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
Rose Piorkowski	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Jori Robertson	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	So.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Lexy Wadsworth	Fr.	Kalona, Iowa
Tessa Walsh	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	So.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	So.	Darien, Ill.

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#18 IOWA HAWKEYES

at #13 Denver _____ Feb. 27
 Time _____ 7 p.m. (CT)
 Location _____ Denver, Colorado
 Venue _____ Hamilton Gymnasium

Live Stats _____ hawkeyesports.com
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THIS WEEK:

The 18th-ranked University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to Denver, Colorado, for a quad meet against Denver, Southeast Missouri, and Illinois-Chicago on Saturday, Feb. 27. The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m. (CT) inside Hamilton Gymnasium.

MEET COVERAGE:

- Fans can find meet highlights and live streams on Periscope and Twitter (@IowaGymnastics).
- Links to live stats are available on the women's gymnastics schedule page at hawkeyesports.com.

IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa is ranked No. 18 nationally with a Regional Qualifying Score of 195.710, marking the program's first Top 20 ranking since 2011. There are 82 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks rank 11th nationally on bars (49.090 RQS), 16th on vault (48.930), 22nd on floor (49.020) and 23rd on beam (48.810).

Individually, junior Mollie Drenth ranks 13th nationally in the all-around (39.245 RQS), while junior Angel Metcalf ranks 35th (38.885) out of 68 gymnasts. For single events, Drenth ranks 22nd on beam (9.850), senior Johanny Sotillo ranks 34th on bars (9.845), senior Alie Glover ranks 46th on floor (9.845), and freshman Rose Piorkowski ranks 62nd on vault (9.805). There are over 350 gymnasts ranked individually on each event.

LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team defeated Towson on Feb. 20, 194.150-191.800, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Two senior GymHawks -- Alie Glover and Opua Calucag -- ended their careers on a high note, as Iowa collected the title on every event.

Ten GymHawks earned a total of 16 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on vault (9.800), beam (9.875) and all-around (38.725), and second on floor (9.800). Drenth claimed the all-around title for the seventh consecutive meet.

SCOUTING THE PIONEERS:

- Denver set a new season-high road score on Feb. 20 with a 196.350 total. The Pioneers finished second overall at the Penn State quad meet, behind No. 4 Alabama (197.300) but ahead of PSU (195.100) and Cornell (191.050).
- The Pioneers are ranked inside the top 20 on all four events after. DU is No. 11 on floor (49.095), tied for No. 11 on bars (49.090), No. 14 on vault (49.010) and No. 20 on beam (48.840).
- Denver is ranked No. 13 nationally with a RQS of 196.005.
- The Pioneers own an 11-2 overall record so far this season.
- Senior Nina McGee ranks No. 2 with an RQS of 39.425. McGee is tied for No. 4 on floor (9.925), tied for No. 11 on bars (9.880) and tied for No. 14 on vault (9.870).
- Denver is led by head coach Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart, who is in her 18th season.

SCOUTING THE REDHAWKS:

- Southeast Missouri fell to Illinois State, 193.850-193.550, on Feb 19. The squad posted a season-best on beam with a 48.775.
- The Redhawks rank 49th nationally with a RQS of 192.945 and own a 7-7 record so far this season.
- Southeast Missouri sophomore Alexis Brawner was named Midwest Independent Conference Gymnast of the Week on Feb. 23 after posting a career-best 39.000 in the all-around against Illinois State on Feb. 19. She tallied scores of 9.725 or higher in every event and claimed the vault, floor and all-around titles.
- The Redhawks are led by head coach Kristi Ewasko, who is in her sixth season.



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BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Big Ten	Pct.
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
Minnesota	8-0-0	5-0-0	1.000
Iowa	7-3-0	5-0-0	.700
Michigan	9-2-0	4-1-0	.818
Nebraska	7-3-0	3-2-0	.700
Illinois	3-4-0	3-3-0	.429
Penn State	3-5-0	2-2-0	.375
Rutgers	6-7-0	1-4-0	.462
Ohio State	3-5-0	1-4-0	.375
Michigan State	3-6-0	1-5-0	.333
Maryland	2-7-0	0-4-0	.222

(As of Feb. 22)

ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	RQS
1	Oklahoma	197.595
2	Florida	197.355
3	Alabama	197.195
4	Michigan	196.920
5	Utah	196.850
6	UCLA	196.810
7	LSU	196.750
8	Auburn	196.495
9	Arkansas	196.315
10	Georgia	196.310
11	Boise State	196.185
12	Stanford	196.045
13	Denver	196.005
14(t)	Nebraska	195.955
14(t)	California	195.955
16	Missouri	195.900
17	Oregon State	195.840
18	Iowa	195.710
19	Minnesota	195.695
20	George Washington	195.520
21	Eastern Michigan	195.485
22	Kentucky	195.480
23	West Virginia	195.420
24	Illinois-Champaign	195.315
25	Arizona	195.235

(As of Feb. 22)

2016 opponents in bold

SCOUTING THE FLAMES:

- The Flames defeated Lindenwood, 192.225-191.950, on Feb. 22 after tying their season-high team score on floor to secure the come-from-behind win.
- UIC ranks 71st nationally, averaging 191.750 this season.
- The Flames own a 3-3-0 record this season, posting wins over Centenary College, Alaska-Anchorage and Lindenwood.
- UIC is led by co-head coaches Mary Jansson and Peter Jansson, who are in their 25th season.

REGIONAL QUALIFYING SCORE:

Iowa is ranked No. 18 nationally with a Regional Qualifying Score of 195.710. This is the first week that rankings are determined by Regional Qualifying Score (RQS). RQS is determined by the six highest scores of the season -- at least three of which must be from away meets. The highest score is dropped, and the remaining five scores are averaged.

IOWA'S RQS

196.650 - home
196.375 - home
196.275 - away
196.275 - away
194.900 - away
194.725 - home

RQS: 195.710

DRENTH LEADS THE GYMHAWKS AGAINST NEBRASKA:

- The GymHawks earned a season-high team score to defeat No. 14 Nebraska, 196.650- 196.350, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 6. The win marks the first time in 17 years that the Hawkeyes have topped the Cornhuskers.
- Drenth, a pre-season Big Ten Gymnast to Watch, finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.925) and all-around (39.475), and finished second on vault (9.850) and bars (9.850) against No. 14 Nebraska.
- The junior took the all-around title for the third consecutive meet and the fifth time this season with a career-high score of 39.475. Her score earned her a No. 10-ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance in the all-around.
- The Riverview, Florida, native set the pace for Iowa once again on beam, tallying a career-high 9.925 to earn first place overall. The junior's score earned her a No. 3-ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance on beam.

UNDEFEATED IN THE BIG:

Iowa and Minnesota are the only two teams left in the league with a perfect conference record, each owning a 5-0-0 mark. The Hawkeyes have collected big wins over No. 25 Ohio State, Michigan State, Maryland, No. 14 Nebraska, and No. 21 Illinois.

IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host 2016 NCAA Regional competition, beginning April 2 at 4 p.m. (CT). The Hawkeyes last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009. Iowa has been selected to compete in NCAA Regional competition in seven of the last eight seasons.

Fans can purchase tickets by calling the University of Iowa Athletics Ticket Office at (319) 335-9323 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Fans can also visit their website at hawkeyesports.com/tickets or at NCAA.com/tickets. Tickets may be purchased in advance, or the day of the meet at the north, west, and south entrances of Carver-Hawkeye Arena beginning at 3 p.m.

UPSET IN CHAMPAIGN:

Eighteen top five finishes lifted Iowa over 21st-ranked Illinois, 196.275-195.125, inside Huff Hall on Feb. 13. The win marks the Hawkeyes' third upset victory of the season and the first time they have topped Illinois in Champaign, Illinois, since Jan. 24, 2009.

Nine GymHawks earned a total of 18 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.875) and all-around (39.300), third on vault (9.800), and fifth on bars (9.800) and floor (9.825). Drenth claimed the all-around title for the sixth consecutive meet.



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DOWN GOES NO. 25:

Fifteen season bests and a season high team score in every event helped the GymHawks upset 25th-ranked Ohio State, 196.375-195.025, on Jan. 23. The win marks the first time the Hawkeyes have topped Ohio State since February 6, 2010. The Hawkeyes' overall score is a season best for the team, replacing their previous high of 194.900 at Michigan State on Jan. 15.

Ten GymHawks earned a total of 15 season bests, while the team earned season high scores on vault (49.000), bars (49.175), beam (49.000), and floor (49.200) to highlight the competition. Senior Alie Glover paced the GymHawks with a trio of bests on vault (9.800), beam (9.825), and floor (9.900). Junior Angel Metcalf registered her own trio of bests on vault (9.775), beam (9.875), and floor (9.825).

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

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

GYMHAWKS MAKE HISTORY IN EAST LANSING:

Thirteen top five finishes lifted the GymHawks over Michigan State, 194.900-192.575, inside the Jenison Field House on Jan. 15. The win marked the first time the Hawkeyes topped Michigan State in East Lansing since Jan. 7, 2011.

Six GymHawks earned a total of 13 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on vault (9.775) and all-around (39.125), second on floor (9.800) and beam (9.750), and fourth on bars (9.800).

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcomed eight newcomers -- junior transfer Savannah Borman and freshmen Misty-Jade Carlson, Nicole Chow, Sydney Hogan, Maria Ortiz, Rose Piorkowski, Lexy Wadsworth and Tessa Walsh -- to the 2016 squad.

METCALF, DRENTH NAMED TO BIG WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Mollie Drenth were recognized on the 2016 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List released on Dec. 10. Metcalf, who was also featured on the 2014 Big Ten Watch List, registered Iowa's individual season bests on beam (9.900 at No. 20 Ohio State, Jan. 24) and in the all-around (39.400 vs. No. 15 Illinois, Feb. 14) last season. She earned fourth on floor (9.900), 19th in the all-around (38.575) and 26th place on bars (9.825) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21, and was named to the All-Championship Team for her efforts. She ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional on April 4 with a fifth place finish in the all-around (39.175) and 12th place result on bars (9.800).

Drenth, a 2015 Big Ten All-Championship Team member, competed in every meet last season and owns Iowa's individual season best on uneven bars (9.925). Drenth earned the first Big Ten Event Specialist of the Week accolade of her career on March 16 after capturing an event title on bars (9.925) at the Big Five meet. Last season, the junior earned a second place finish on beam (9.900) and a ninth place finish on bars (9.775) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21. Drenth ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional where she earned ninth on bars (9.825) and eighth in the all-around (39.050).

5 GYMHAWKS NAMED TO ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM:

Five GymHawks received individual conference awards following the 2015 Big Ten Championship. Mollie Drenth, Alie Glover, Sydney Hoerr, and Angel Metcalf were all named to the All-Championship Team, while Opu Calucag collected the Sportsmanship Award. Iowa has only had one other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby enters her 12th year as head coach, and 16th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2015-16. In 2015, the GymHawks were selected for NCAA Regional competition, marking the program's seventh postseason berth in the last eight years. Five GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events, leading Iowa to a fifth place regional finish and a score of 194.475. Libby coached the GymHawks to a season high score of 196.500 at the Big Ten Championships -- the team's best championship team result since 2010. Iowa's performance also marked the highest team score for the program at the Big Ten Championships since March 20, 2004.

Under Libby, Iowa was ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks during the 2015 season. The GymHawks ended the season ranked No. 23 nationally, marking the program's first Top 25 ranking since 2012. Libby led sophomores Mollie Drenth and Angel Metcalf, junior Alie Glover, and senior Sydney Hoerr, to earn spots on the All-Championship Team. Libby is also responsible for the only other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

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 die-hard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

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Twitter: twitter.com/iowagymnastics
YouTube: youtube.com/iowagymnastics
Web Address: hawkeyesports.com (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)

UP NEXT:

The GymHawks travel to Ames, Iowa, for an Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series rivalry contest against Iowa State on Friday, March 4. The meet is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. (CT) inside Hilton Coliseum.



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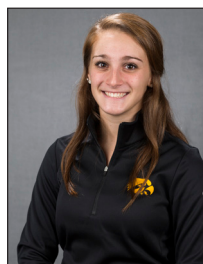
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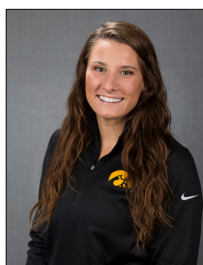
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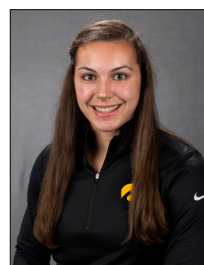
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