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**IOWA VOLLEYBALL****Iowa struggles against Indiana, lose match in three games.**

**BLOOMINGTON, IN** – The Hawkeye (9-13, 1-9) woes on the volleyball court continued here tonight against the Hoosiers (9-13, 2-8) in Big Ten play. Iowa, playing without three starters, had to shuffle their lineup against Indiana, but still fell in three games (30-23, 30-22, 30-24).

Hitters **Carolyn Giese**, **Laura Simpson**, and **Stacy Vitali** were all sidelined for the match. Without her three main offensive weapons, Coach **Cindy Fredrick** wasn't left with much power, as was shown by the statistics. The Hawks hit only .025 as a team for the entire match and by game their hitting percentages were .140, .026, and -.100. Even two defensive specialists got in the action – **Lauren Bruckner** and **Betsy Cordt** had three and five kills, respectively.

Indiana, by contrast, had all of their players and dominated most of the statistical categories. The Hoosiers had 48 kills in the match and hit at a .270 clip. The Hawkeyes only had 32 kills during the night. Indiana also put up 12 blocks to only four by Iowa. Iowa did win the serving contest with four ace serves to three by the home team.

**Tiana Costanzo** led Iowa with eight kills and **Jacqueline Huguelet** was next with seven. **Megan Gatens** and **Cordt** contributed five kills apiece. Setter **Justeen Patton** put up 18 assists and **Pam Kavadas** dug up 18 balls. **Costanzo** had two ace serves, and **Huguelet** and **Patton** each had one ace serve, as well.

Iowa continues Big Ten play next weekend on the road against Wisconsin and Northwestern. The Hawkeyes and Badgers will meet on Friday in Madison, with the match against the Wildcats in Evanston on Saturday night. Both games will begin at 7 p.m. CDT.

**RESULTS**

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>
Purdue	30	30	30

