

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 11
vs. South Dakota State

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

28-15 Overall, 4-2 Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	W, 11-0 (5)
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	W, 5-2
Feb. 10	at Stetson	L, 3-5
Feb. 11	at Stetson	W, 4-1
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	L, 5-10
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	L, 1-5
Feb. 17	at #2 Arizona State	L, 3-4
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	W, 10-4
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	W, 5-2
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	L, 3-7
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	W, 3-2 (8)
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Woodstock, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	L, 5-7
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 2-0
Mar. 4	vs. Troy	W, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 4	vs. #24 Georgia Tech	L, 0-6
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. #23 California	L, 1-4
Mar. 9	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 2-1
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	W, 9-8 (10)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-1 (9)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 4-5
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	W, 4-0
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 9-0 (6)
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	W, 13-6
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-1
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	L, 3-8
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	W, 4-1
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	W, 9-2
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	W, 4-2
Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	at Indiana	W, 9-0 (6)
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 6-1
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 3	Iowa State	W, 2-1
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 0-5
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
Apr. 13	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 20	Penn State	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	Penn State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
May 2	at Drake	5 p.m.
May 5	Illinois	12 p.m.
May 6	Illinois	1 p.m.
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 25-26	NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)	

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	42	.242	30	31	22	3	5	.352	12
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	Fr.	39	.324	16	23	2	0	0	.515	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	43	.428	30	62	35	9	14	.724	6
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	43	.272	10	34	18	3	9	.416	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	3B	R-R	So.	43	.348	20	46	22	3	11	.515	5
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	41	.352	30	32	10	2	1	.465	22
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	43	.231	4	24	17	0	5	.279	3
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	43	.190	8	16	10	1	0	.216	12
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	30	.224	10	13	4	0	2	.259	9

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	12-1	11	9	6	1	1.31	114	28	85.1
14	Amanda Züst	RHP	Fr.	8-7	18	7	2	0	2.53	125	82	116.1
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

HAWKEYES HOST SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

The University of Iowa softball team (28-15, 4-2) will host South Dakota State Wednesday (10-20) in the first game of a 14-game homestand at Pearl Field. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 18 and under along with UI students.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeye-sports.com. Jerry Kiwala or Rob Brooks will handle play-by-play commentary.

The broadcasts are free and can be found in the Hawkeye All-Access section.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Iowa softball fans can follow the Hawkeyes every week with Gametracker at hawkeye-sports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

GAMES CANCELLED ACROSS THE BIG TEN

Iowa was one of only five Big Ten teams to play last weekend. Iowa's two-game series against Minnesota was cancelled due to cold weather and unplayable field conditions in Minneapolis. Purdue and Northwestern managed to play one game Friday and were the only teams to play on either Friday or Saturday.

Iowa and Wisconsin along with Northwestern and Indiana were the only teams able to play doubleheaders Sunday.

IOWA DROPS TWO AT WISCONSIN

The Hawkeyes dropped a pair of games last Sunday at Wisconsin. Iowa lost game one, 5-0, and game two, 4-1.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
T1. OHIO STATE	4-0	21-13
PENN STATE	2-0	16-12
3. NORTHWESTERN	6-1	31-7
4. IOWA	4-2	28-15
T5. ILLINOIS	2-2	23-14
MICHIGAN	1-1	28-6
7. WISCONSIN	2-4	19-11
8. PURDUE	1-4	19-25
9. INDIANA	1-5	18-19
T10. MICHIGAN STATE	0-2	19-17
MINNESOTA	0-2	13-14

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK**Friday, April 13****Michigan at Iowa**

Indiana at Wisconsin

Michigan State at Illinois

Ohio State at Northwestern

Purdue at Minnesota

Saturday, April 14**Michigan at Iowa**

Indiana at Wisconsin

Michigan State at Illinois

Ohio State at Northwestern

Purdue at Minnesota

Sunday, April 15 (DH)**Michigan State at Iowa**

Indiana at Minnesota

Michigan at Illinois

Penn State at Northwestern

Purdue at Wisconsin

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Hawkeye Softball Notes**SCOUTING SOUTH DAKOTA STATE**

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits are 10-20 overall.

Samantha Heinzman leads the Jackrabbit offense with a .321 batting average. Steph Kuhl paces the team with four home runs and 18 RBI.

Jenna Martson is 6-9 with a team-best 2.67 ERA and 67 strikeouts.

South Dakota State plays Iowa State in a doubleheader Tuesday before traveling to Iowa City. Iowa leads the all-time series, 8-0.

REMATCH FROM HAWKEYE CLASSIC

Iowa defeated South Dakota State, 4-1, in the opening day of the Hawkeye Classic March 23.

RBI singles by senior **Mindy Heidgerken** and sophomore **Quinn Morelock** along with a two-RBI double by sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** gave Iowa the win.

Sophomore **Brittany Weil** threw a complete game and struck out nine. She retired the last 13 batters of the game.

STRANDING RUNNERS IN MADISON

The Hawkeyes stranded a combined 15 runners on base in their doubleheader against Wisconsin, including 12 in scoring position.

Iowa stranded nine runners (six in scoring position) in game one and all six in scoring position in game two.

ACKERSON .500 AT WISCONSIN

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** led Iowa at the plate last weekend in Madison. Ackerson batted .500 (2-4), along with a walk, and was hit by a pitch.

TOUGH IN BIG TEN ACTION

Sophomores **Erin Riemersma** and **Colleen McGlaughlin** are producing for the Hawkeyes in Big Ten games.

Both sophomore are batting .400 (8-20) in six Big Ten games. Riemersma has two home runs, two doubles, five RBI and six runs scored while McGlaughlin has one double, one RBI and one run scored.

HAWKEYES CRUISING FOR A WEIL

Iowa is 14-5 since sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** returned to the Iowa lineup against Colorado State. The Hawkeyes are currently on a nine-game winning streak and have won 14 of their last 17 contests.

Weil is 11-2 overall with a 1.31 earned run average and 114 strikeouts.

DUCKS ON THE POND

The Hawkeyes would like either junior **Emily Nichols** or sophomore **Erin Riemersma** at the plate with runners on base.

Nichols is batting 1.000 (4-4) with the bases loaded, .526 (20-38) with runners in scoring position and .643 (9-14) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

Riemersma is batting .900 (9-10) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 84 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 22 stolen bases followed by senior **Mindy Heidgerken** and sophomore **Erin Riemersma** with 12.

Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 9-9 on the basepaths this season.

NICHOLS BREAKS HOME RUN MARK

Junior **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's career home run record with a two-run home run against Indiana on March 31. Nichols' home run cleared the center field fence and gave Iowa a 9-0, six-inning win over the Hoosiers.

Nichols passed former Hawkeye **Alicia Gerlach**, who hit 29 career home runs from 1999-02.

Nichols set Iowa's single-season home run mark with 16 long balls as a freshman along with five as a sophomore. She currently has nine home runs this season.

WEIL NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for her efforts during Iowa's five-game road trip March 28-April 1. This was the first time Weil earned the award.

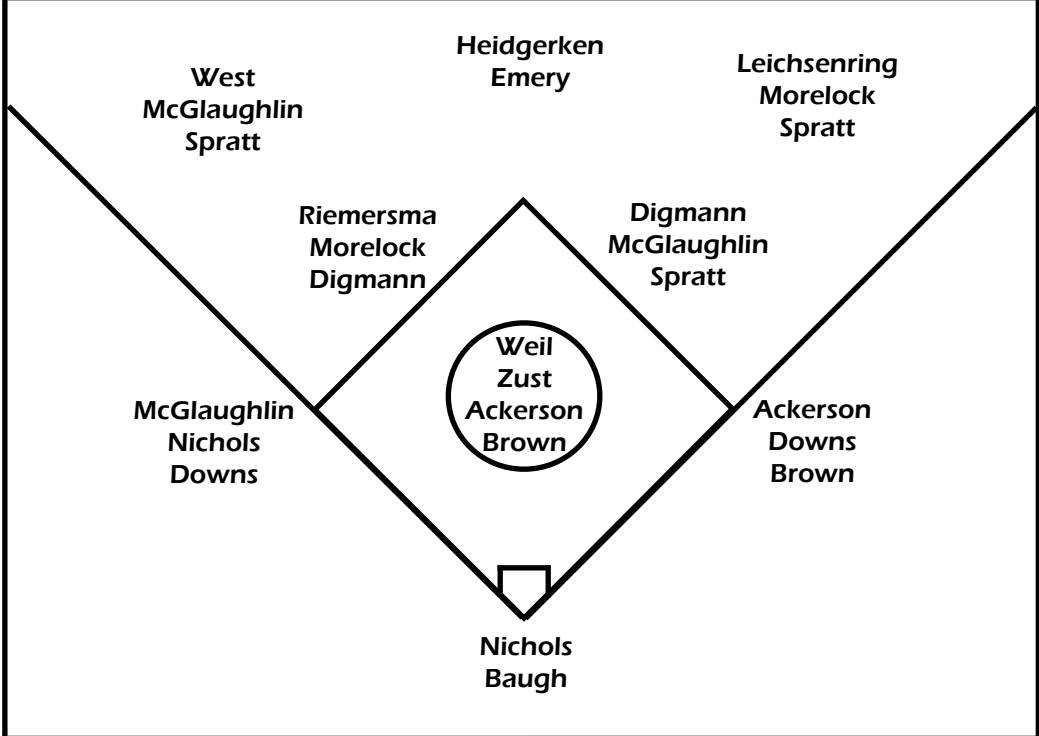
Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior **Emily Nichols'** school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped at the Capital Classic. Nichols failed to collect a hit against Mercer on March 16, ending her streak at 28 games.

Her 28-game hitting streak is also the seventh longest in NCAA history.

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 KATIE BROWN
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 6 RACHEL WEST
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY
- 10 TAYLOR LEICHSENRING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY

ACKERSON THROWS NO-HITTER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** took full advantage of her first career start in the circle, tossing a five-inning no-hitter in Iowa's season opener against Howard. The Clive, IA, native allowed only four Howard baserunners and struck out five.

IOWA EXTENDS BLEVINS' CONTRACT

University of Iowa Athletic Director **Gary Barta** announced that **Gayle Blevins'** contract has been extended thru June 30, 2011.

Blevins is the all-time winningest coach in Iowa softball history and has led the Hawkeyes to four College World Series appearances, five Big Ten regular season titles and two Big Ten Tournament championships..

HAWKEYES ADD FIVE FRESHMEN

Iowa welcomes a class of five freshmen to the 2007 squad. **Katie Brown**, **Lindsey Digmann**, **Taylor Leichsenring**, and **Amanda Zust** hail from Iowa while walk-on **Heidi Daumen** is from Illinois.

Brown and Zust will see time in the circle while Digmann will play second base. Leichsenring is an outfielder and Daumen is a utility player who can catch or play first base.

IOWA ADDS TWO NEW COACHES

Jen Fried and **Stacy May** are new members of the Iowa coaching staff. Fried is a volunteer assistant and May is a student assistant.

Fried joins the staff from Swarthmore College in Media, PA, where she was an assistant coach from 2005-06. Her duties included designing and implementing daily practices for outfielders along with batting instruction.

Fried played both softball and soccer at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named the Centennial Conference Softball Player of the Year in 2004 and was an all-conference selection from 2001-04.

May was a four-year letterwinner at both third base and shortstop for Iowa from 2003-06. She was named both Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first team all-Big Ten in 2003. May was also a three-time NFCA all-Mideast Region pick and was a two-time *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America District 7 selection.

May was drafted by the Chicago Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League as the fourth pick in the second round in the 2006 draft. She earned the 2006 Nokona Rookie of the Year award and was also named to the all-NPF team.



IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	6-3
2-RUN GAMES	5-3
3+-RUN GAMES	17-9
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-1
AT PEARL FIELD	5-0
ON THE ROAD	7-4
AT NEUTRAL SITE.....	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	28-14
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	20-5
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	8-9
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	5-7
SCORING 3+ RUNS	23-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	23-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	5-14
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-3
WEIL STARTS.....	8-3
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
ZUST STARTS.....	12-7
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	12-5
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	5-9
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	25-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-12
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	22-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	5-6
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	8-5
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	9-7
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	11-3
FLYING TO GAME.....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME.....	7-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	6-2
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	5-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA.....	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-0
IN INDIANA	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-2
ON SUNDAY	8-3
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	1-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-4

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	LOST 2
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT...6 (VS. GA TECH, CAL POLY)	
MOST AT-BATS.....	41 (VS. SAN JOSE STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST HITS.....	19 (VS. MERCER)
MOST RBI	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (TWICE, LAST VS. TROY)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (SIX TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS...2 (VS. IDAHO STATE, UC RIVERSIDE)	
MOST STOLEN BASES	7 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	15 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (VS. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (VS. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	15 (VS. UC RIVERSIDE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	428 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	43 (5 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	43 (5 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	145 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	30 (NICHOLS, WEST & RIEMERSMA)
HITS	62 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	9 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	35 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	105 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	724 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	17 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	3 (RIEMERSMA & ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	21 (ACKERSON & WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	465 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	8 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES	22 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	25 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.31 (WEIL)
WINS.....	11 (WEIL)
LOSSES	2 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	25 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	18 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	9 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	116.1 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	125 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE	190 (WEIL)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 20th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005. In her 19 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 827-375-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,127-523-5 (.682). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	28-15	.651
				TOTALS	1,127-523-5		.682