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IOWA SOFTBALL
HAWKEYES TOPPLE WESTERN ILLINOIS, 5-1

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa softball team defeated Western Illinois, 5-1, Wednesday in Macomb, IL. The Hawkeyes up their record to 34-18, while the Westerwinds fell to 22-26.

With the wind howling out of the park, Western Illinois took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a lead-off home run by Jessica Stanforth.

The Hawkeyes struck back with a longball of their own in the top of the seventh, when **Mindy Heidgerken** drilled a three-run home run over the left field fence. The homer was Heidgerken's second of the season.

Iowa padded its lead in the third when **Kylie Murray** led off with a single and was pinch run for by **Amanda Hentges**. Hentges then advanced to third on an error by the pitcher, and **Sarah Thomson** followed up with a walk and a stolen base. **Emily Gerlick** then walked to load the bases, and **Elisha Huse** ripped a two-run single to center, giving Iowa a 5-1 lead.

Ali Arnold went the distance in the circle for Iowa, allowing only five hits while striking out a career-high 10 hitters. She upped her record to 15-9.

Iowa will return to action this Friday with a game at Minnesota. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

GAME SUMMARY

IOWA	032 000 0 -- 5 4 0
Western Illinois	100 000 0 -- 1 5 3

WP – **Ali Arnold (15-9)**

LP – KarenMarie Pena (15-14)

HR – Jessica Stanforth (WIU) 8, **Mindy Heidgerken (IOWA) 2**

