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IOWA SOFTBALL

IOWA FALLS TO ARIZONA STATE, 3-0

TEMPE, AZ – The University of Iowa softball team finished the 2004 Louisville Slugger Classic with a record of 3-2 after a 3-0 loss at the hands of No. 22 Arizona State Sunday.

The Sun Devils avenged their 9-0 defeat at the hands of Iowa the night before by silencing the Hawkeye bats. Iowa managed only five hits on the day.

Arizona State took a 1-0 lead in the third on an RBI single from Himmita Hixon. A solo home run by Valerie Sevilla stretched the lead to 2-0 in the fourth, and Heidi Knabe ended the scoring with a solo shot of her own in the seventh.

Lisa Birocci started the game in the circle for Iowa, giving up three hits in three innings. She was replaced by **Ali Arnold**, who pitched the final four frames.

Arnold, Birocci, **Kylie Murray**, **Natalie Johnson** and **Sarah Thomson** each had a hit for Iowa.

The Hawkeyes will return to action next weekend at the Louisville Red and Black Tournament in Louisville, KY. Iowa starts off Friday with a game against Toledo at 11 a.m., then plays Western Kentucky at 1 p.m.

GAME SUMMARY

No. 22 Arizona State	001 100 1 -- 3 6 3
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WP – Bre DeSanta (4-2)

LP – **Lisa Birocci (1-2)**

SV – Desiree Serrano

