



IOWA SOFTBALL

4 Women's College World Series appearances
16 NCAA Tournament berths



4 Big Ten regular season championships
2 Big Ten Tournament championships

WEEK 3

2014 SCHEDULE (3-6, 0-0)

CAROLINA CLASSIC (Columbia, S.C.)

Feb. 7	vs. UNC Greensboro	W, 5-0
Feb. 7	at South Carolina	L, 0-1
Feb. 8	vs. Presbyterian	W, 6-3
Feb. 9	vs. Ohio	L, 6-9

GETTERMAN CLASSIC (Waco, Texas)

Feb. 14	vs. Lipscomb	L, 0-10 (5)
Feb. 14	vs. #14/18 Missouri	L, 1-2 (8)
Feb. 15	vs. UAB	L, 1-6 (9)
Feb. 15	at #14/16 Baylor	L, 0-2
Feb. 16	vs. Drake	W, 9-0 (6)

Feb. 21	at Mississippi State	3 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Mississippi State	3 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Mississippi State	3 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA INVITATIONAL (Tucson, Ariz.)

Feb. 28	vs. Valparaiso	3 p.m.
March 1	at Arizona	8 p.m.
March 1	vs. UT Arlington	10 p.m.
March 2	vs. Longwood	11 a.m.

March 15	at Texas	4 p.m.
March 16	at Texas	4 p.m.
March 17	at Texas	7 p.m.
March 19	at Texas State	6 p.m.
March 21	at Illinois *	6 p.m.
March 22	at Illinois *	1 p.m.
March 23	at Illinois *	1 p.m.
March 28	at Wisconsin *	4 p.m.
March 29	at Wisconsin *	12 p.m.
March 30	at Wisconsin *	12 p.m.

April 2	Drake	6 p.m.
April 4	Northwestern *	6 p.m.
April 5	Northwestern *	2 p.m.
April 6	Northwestern *	1 p.m.
April 8	Minnesota (DH) *	3 p.m.
April 11	at Nebraska *	6 p.m.
April 12	at Nebraska *	2 p.m.
April 13	at Nebraska *	1 p.m.
April 16	Missouri (DH)	3 p.m.
April 18	Michigan State *	6 p.m.
April 19	Michigan State *	2 p.m.
April 20	Michigan State *	1 p.m.
April 23	at Iowa State %	4 p.m.
April 25	at Indiana *	4 p.m.
April 26	at Indiana *	12 p.m.
April 27	at Indiana *	12 p.m.
April 29	Western Illinois	7 p.m.
April 30	Northern Iowa	6:30 p.m.
May 2	Ohio State *	6 p.m.
May 3	Ohio State *	2 p.m.
May 4	Ohio State *	1 p.m.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT (Evanston, Ill.)

May 8-11	TBA	TBA
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NCAA REGIONALS

May 15-18	TBA	TBA
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NCAA SUPER REGIONALS

May 22-25	TBA	TBA
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 28-June 4	TBA	TBA
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* Big Ten Conference game

% Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series

DH - doubleheader

BTN - Big Ten Network

BTDN - Big Ten Digital Network (video.BTN.com)

Bold indicates home games.

All times Central and subject to change.



Iowa Hawkeyes
(3-6)

at

Mississippi State
(11-0)

Game 1: MSU Softball Field
Starkville, Miss.
Friday, 3 p.m. (CT)

Game 2: MSU Softball Field
Starkville, Miss.
Saturday, 3 p.m. (CT)

Game 3: MSU Softball Field
Starkville, Miss.
Sunday, 10 a.m. (CT)

PLAY BALL

UI softball continues the 2014 season with a three-game series at Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss., Feb. 21-23. The Hawkeyes play the Bulldogs at 3 p.m. (CT) on Friday and Saturday, and conclude the series with a 10 a.m. contest on Sunday.

KEEP UP WITH THE ACTION

UI softball fans can follow along with each game through live stats (Gametracker). The "GT" link can be accessed under the "Calendar" tab on the front page of hawkeyesports.com or on the softball schedule page. For in-game updates and game delay information, follow @IowaSoftball on Twitter and "like" our official page on Facebook, [facebook.com/iowahawkeyessoftball](https://www.facebook.com/iowahawkeyessoftball). A video stream and live audio are also available at hailstate.com for a fee.

SERIES HISTORY

- Iowa leads Mississippi State, 2-1, in the all-time series. This is Iowa's first time playing the Bulldogs in Starkville, Miss.
- The Bulldogs won the last meeting between the teams 2-1 in eight innings on May 20, 2004 in NCAA Regional action.
- Iowa won the first two meetings, topping the Bulldogs 6-1 on April 3, 1982 and 4-2 on March 5, 1998.

A LOOK AT THE BULLDOGS

Southeastern Conference member Mississippi State enters the weekend series undefeated, 11-0. The roster is comprised of seven freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors and seven seniors. The team is led by third-year head coach Vann Stuedeman and assistants Tyler Bratton and Beth Mullins. Five Bulldogs are hitting at a clip above .300 -- Loryn Nichols (.409), Caroline Seitz (.375), Julia Echols (.364), Heidi Shape (.357) and Sam Lenahan (.323). The battery boasts four pitchers with ERAs below 1.00 -- Mackenzie Toler (0.00), Alexis Silkwood (0.38), Jacey PUNCHES (0.38) and Alison Owen (0.68).

FRITSCH SHINES IN HOME STATE

Hawkeye infielder Claire Fritsch was named to the Gettermann Classic all-tournament team after leading all hitters with a .538 batting average (7-of-13). Of her seven total hits, two were doubles -- the first of her Iowa career. She also added an RBI, stolen base, sacrifice bunt and a run scored. The freshman grew up in Round Rock, Texas, just an hour and a half from Waco, and her parents were in the stands to see her excel on the field in an Iowa uniform.

2014 TEAM LEADERS

BATTING

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Fritsch, Claire	.444	9-9	18	2	8	2	0	0	3	10	.556	2	0	3	0	.476	1	1	3-4	20	26	2	.958
Erickson, Erin	.393	9-9	28	6	11	2	0	2	4	19	.679	3	1	4	0	.469	0	0	0-1	7	1	1	.889
Luna, Brianna	.333	1-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Gyerman, Sammi	.304	9-8	23	3	7	0	2	0	4	11	.478	2	0	5	0	.360	0	1	1-2	1	0	0	1.000
Zoeller, Michelle	.290	9-9	31	3	9	3	0	0	3	12	.387	1	0	5	0	.313	0	1	1-1	9	17	3	.897
Repole, Whitney	.261	8-8	23	3	6	3	0	0	1	9	.391	2	1	6	0	.346	0	0	0-0	4	1	1	.833
Blank, Megan	.250	9-9	28	5	7	0	1	0	2	9	.321	3	1	4	0	.344	0	0	0-0	19	20	4	.907
Navarro, Alyssa	.250	9-9	28	3	7	0	0	0	1	7	.250	2	1	7	0	.323	0	0	1-1	79	5	1	.988

PITCHING

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cq	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Massey, Kayla	2.39	1-4	5	5	4	1/0	0	29.1	26	13	10	11	17	5	0	2	.232	2	0	0	1	2
Whitney, Micaela	2.42	1-1	4	2	0	0/0	0	17.1	17	10	6	10	8	2	0	2	.270	1	4	0	0	1
Starkenburg, Shayla	3.77	1-1	5	2	1	1/0	1	13.0	7	10	7	11	9	0	0	1	.152	1	0	1	1	1
Totals	2.70	3-6	9	9	5	2/0	1	59.2	50	33	23	32	34	7	0	5	.226	4	4	1	2	4



QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
 Founded: 1847
 Enrollment: 31,065
 Nickname: Hawkeyes
 Mascot: Herky the Hawk
 Venue: Pearl Field/1,500
 Conference: Big Ten
 School Colors: Black and Gold
 President: Sally Mason
 Director of Athletics: Gary Barta
 Softball Administrator: Paula Jantz

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Marla Looper
 Alma Mater/Year: Florida State/1995
 Record at Iowa/Years: 84-74/3
 Overall Record/Years: 84-74/3
 Big Ten Record/Years: 33-34/3
 Assistant Coach: Adrianna Baggetta
 Alma Mater/Year: South Carolina/2002
 Assistant Coach: Stacy May-Johnson
 Alma Mater/Year: Iowa/2007
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Chelsey Carmody
 Alma Mater/Year: Iowa/2011

TEAM INFORMATION

2013 Overall Record: 30-24
 2013 Big Ten Record/Finish: 8-15/9th
 Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/1
 Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 11/10
 Newcomers: 5
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Adrianna Baggetta: Adri-aw-na BUH-Get-UH
 Claire Fritsch: Frit-sh
 Sammi Gyerman: Guy-ur-man
 Brianna Luna: Bri-aw-na
 Kara Misel: MY-zle
 Whitney Repole: Rep-lee
 Shayla Starkenburg: Shea-luh
 Micaela Whitney: Mi-kay-luh
 Michelle Zoeller: Zeller

HEAD COACH MARLA LOOPER



Marla Looper is entering her fourth season as the head coach for the University of Iowa softball program in 2014. Looper has posted an 84-74 overall and 33-34 Big Ten Conference record in her first three seasons in Iowa City.

Looper led the Hawkeyes to 30 wins in 2013 (30-24) in her third year, marking the most wins for the program since finishing 42-16 in 2009. Iowa posted six wins over ranked opponents.

Three Hawkeyes earned All-Big Ten honors -- Megan Blank was named to the first team, Johnnie Dowling earned second team honors, and Kayla Massey was named to the Big Ten All-Defensive team at pitcher. Blank earned her second-straight first team accolade, becoming the sixth Hawkeye in program history to earn first team honors in each of her first two seasons.

Blank was also named a 2013 NFCA First Team All-Midwest Region selection, earning her second all-region honor in as many seasons. Blank became the sixth Hawkeye in program history to garner all-region honors in each of her first two seasons.

In the classroom, a school-record 10 Hawkeyes were named to the 2013 spring Academic All-Big Ten team.

During her second season with the Hawkeyes, Looper led the team to a runner-up finish in the Big Ten -- the program's highest finish since winning the league title in 2003. Iowa dropped two of its first three conference series before winning five straight to close out the season. It was the first time the team had won five straight series since the 2004 season.

Iowa entered the final weekend with a conference title within reach, but it couldn't close the gap with Michigan despite taking 2-of-3 games at Minnesota. The Hawkeyes finished with a 27-26 overall and 16-8 conference record in 2012.

Five players garnered All-Big Ten recognition, including three first team selections. Senior Liz Watkins, sophomore Kayla Massey and freshman Megan Blank earned first team accolades, sophomore Michelle Zoeller was a second team honoree and junior Johnnie Dowling was a third team selection.

Blank also garnered NFCA second team all-region honors during her freshman campaign. She is the ninth Hawkeye to earn first team All-Big Ten and all-region honors during her freshman season.

The Hawkeyes finished second in the Big Ten in pitching (2.31 ERA) and third in fielding (.967). The squad turned 26 double plays during the course of the season to rank sixth nationally in double plays per game (.49).

Looper guided the Hawkeyes to a 27-24 overall and a 9-11 Big Ten record in her first season in Iowa City. The first year head coach led the UI to a pair of six game winning streaks in her opening campaign and a tournament title at the Stetson Classic.

Iowa opened Big Ten Conference play strong, jumping out to an 8-3 record. Among the victories was a 4-2 triumph at No. 1 Michigan. The win, which pushed the overall mark to 26-16, was Iowa's first over a No. 1 ranked opponent since the 2005 season and the first over a ranked foe since 2008.

Looper's Hawkeyes were on the verge of completing a series sweep in Ann Arbor before the Wolverines rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to claim the victory and halt Iowa's momentum.

A pair of Hawkeyes earned All-Big Ten recognition at the conclusion of the season. Liz Watkins was tabbed as a second team selection, while Katie Keim earned third team accolades.

Looper took over the reigns of the Iowa program after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Texas for 11 seasons (1999-2010). Looper helped lead the Longhorns to three College World Series appearances (2003, 2005 and 2006) and nine NCAA Tournament berths. She also helped guide Texas to back-to-back Big 12 regular season and tournament championships in 2002 and 2003 along with regular season championships in 2006 and 2010.

2014 IOWA SOFTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	B-T	Hometown (Last School)
1	Alyssa Navarro	IF	Fr.	R-R	Dinuba, Calif. (Dinuba)
2	Erin Erickson	OF/1B	So.	R-L	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
3	Micaela Whitney	P	So.	R-R	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)
4	Megan Blank	IF	Jr.	L-R	Culver City, Calif. (Marymount)
5	Brianna Luna	IF/OF	Sr.	R-R	Indio, Calif. (La Quinta)
7	Claire Fritsch	IF/OF	Fr.	L-R	Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock)
8	Whitney Repole	OF	So.	R-R	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley)
11	Kaitlyn Mullarkey	1B	Fr.	L-L	Park Ridge, Ill. (Main South)
14	Michelle Zoeller	IF	Sr.	R-R	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
17	Kayla Massey	P	Sr.	R-R	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)
21	Sammi Gyerman	OF	So.	L-L	San Pedro, Calif. (Palos Verdes)
22	Haley Hansel	OF	So.	L-R	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest)
23	Kara Misel	IF	Fr.	R-R	Solon, Iowa (Solon)
24	Shayla Starkenburg	P	RS Fr.	R-R	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
25	Michaela Johnson	IF	Fr.	R-R	Wake Village, Texas (Texas High School)
55	Holly Hoffman	C	RS So.	R-R	Osceola, Ind. (Penn)

Head Coach: Marla Looper (Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach: Adrianna Baggetta (Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach: Stacy May-Johnson (Fourth Season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Chelsey Carmody (Second Season)

Strength Coach: Landon Evans

Athletic Trainers: Ashley Leggett & Brett Polan

Student Managers: Evan Decker, Reynard Marquez & Jacob Perkins

TOP GUN

Iowa catcher Holly Hoffman leads the Big Ten in runners caught stealing after two weeks of play. The redshirt sophomore has thrown out 6-of-9 runners attempting to steal a bag on her watch, giving her a 66.7 percent success rate. The second-highest caught stealing total is three, held by eight others.

SUNDAY SLUGFEST

The Hawkeyes posted a season-high 16 hits and nine runs in the Getterman Classic finale against in-state foe Drake. Every Hawkeye starter in the hitting lineup recorded a hit, while six -- Erin Erickson, Michelle Zoeller, Alyssa Navarro, Kayla Massey, Sammi Gyerman and Claire Fritsch -- turned in a multiple-hit performance. Zoeller led the team with two RBIs, while Megan Blank, Whitney Repole, Massey, Michaela Johnson, Gyerman and Fritsch contributed one RBI apiece.

SUNDAY FUNDAY

UI softball has had stellar Sundays, offensively, so far in 2014. The Hawkeyes boast a .431 batting average, a .569 slugging percentage, and a .456 on-base percentage, and have scored 15 of their 28 total runs and recorded 28 of their 69 total hits in Sunday competition. Eight Iowa starters are hitting over .300 on Sundays, including: Sammi Gyerman (.833), Claire Fritsch (.600), Erin Erickson (.571), Holly Hoffman (.500), Alyssa Navarro (.429), Megan Blank (.429), Kayla Massey (.375) and Michelle Zoeller (.375).

EQUAL BATTERY

Each Hawkeye starting pitcher has tallied a win in the 2014 season. Redshirt freshman Shayla Starkenburg notched her first career win in the season-opener against UNC Greensboro on Feb. 7. She gave up one hit in the 5-0 shutout and held the Spartans hitless until the sixth.

Sophomore Micaela Whitney picked up her first win on Feb. 8 against Presbyterian, 6-3. She struck out four in her 6.2 innings of work.

Senior Kayla Massey earned her first win against Drake, 9-0, on Feb. 16. She struck out three and held the Bulldogs to five hits in six innings.

2014 BIG TEN RANKINGS

- Erin Erickson is seventh in total bases (19) and ninth in slugging percentage (.679).
- Sammi Gyerman is second in triples (2).
- Claire Fritsch is third in assists (26), fourth in fielding double plays (3), seventh in steal attempts (4) and ninth in stolen bases (3).
- Michelle Zoeller is sixth in at bats (31).
- Kayla Massey is second in caught stealing (3), third in games started (5), seventh in innings pitched (29.1), ninth in earned run average (2.39) and 11th in opposing batting average (.232).
- Shayla Starkenburg leads the conference in saves (1), doubles allowed (0) and triples allowed (0), is second in hits allowed (7), third in opposing batting average (.152) and games finished (3) and sixth in home runs allowed (1).
- Micaela Whitney is sixth in earned runs allowed (6), ninth in hits allowed (17) and 10th in earned run average (2.42) and runs allowed (10).
- Alyssa Navarro is third in chances (85) and putouts (79), and fourth in fielding double plays (3).
- Holly Hoffman leads the conference in caught stealing (6), and ranks second in steal attempts against (9).
- Megan Blank is eighth in assists (20).

IN PURSUIT OF 100

Fourth-year head coach Marla Looper has a career coaching record of 87-80 (.520). She is just 13 wins from achieving her 100th win as a head coach. Looper recorded 27 wins in 2011, 27 wins in 2012, and added 30 wins in 2013. Her 30 wins last season was the highest win total since 2009 when the Hawkeyes posted a 42-19 mark.

COLLEGE SPORTS MADNESS RUNDOWN

College Sports Madness recognized Iowa softball on several occasions in the pre-season. The Hawkeyes were named the No. 40 team in the country by the site on Jan. 9. College Sports Madness also recognized shortstop Megan Blank as a preseason first team All-Big Ten and preseason second team All-American in February.

2014 BIG TEN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Big Ten			Overall		
Minnesota	0-0	.000	8-1	.889		
Illinois	0-0	.000	8-2	.800		
Michigan	0-0	.000	7-2	.778		
Northwestern	0-0	.000	7-2	.778		
Nebraska	0-0	.000	7-2	.778		
Penn State	0-0	.000	5-4	.556		
Purdue	0-0	.000	4-4-1	.500		
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	4-5	.444		
Ohio State	0-0	.000	4-6	.400		
Iowa	0-0	.000	3-6	.333		
Michigan State	0-0	.000	2-5	.286		
Indiana	0-0	.000	1-9	.100		

ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top-25 (as of Feb. 18, 2014)

1.	Florida (12)	489
2.	Washington (6)	470
3.	Tennessee (1)	469
4.	Arizona State (1)	425
5.	Michigan	403
6.	Kentucky	399
7.	Alabama	338
8.	Oregon	333
9.	UCLA	314
10.	Florida State	305
11.	Stanford	293
12.	Nebraska	282
13.	Oklahoma	276
14.	Arizona	262
15.	Baylor	233
16.	Texas A&M	218
17.	Georgia	185
18.	Missouri	154
19.	South Alabama	139
20.	Minnesota	95
21.	Tulsa	76
22.	Louisiana Lafayette	75
23.	LSU	69
24.	Notre Dame	47
25.	Texas	41

Receiving Votes: Auburn (30), Arkansas (27), **Lipscomb (12)**, San Diego State (11), SC Upstate (10), South Florida (8), California (6), **Mississippi State (3)**, Louisville (2), Hawaii (1)

Iowa opponents in bold.

USA Today/NFCA Division I Top-25 (as of Feb. 18, 2014)

1.	Florida (15)	782
2.	Tennessee (15)	776
3.	Washington (2)	742
4.	Arizona State	705
5.	Kentucky	663
6.	Oregon	594
7.	Michigan	576
8.	UCLA	539
9.	Alabama	520
10.	Florida State	462
11.	Nebraska	429
12.	Texas A&M	426
13.	Stanford	407
14.	Arizona	381
15.	Baylor	351
16.	Missouri	345
17.	Georgia	287
18.	Oklahoma	283
19.	South Alabama	231
20.	Louisiana Lafayette	178
21.	Minnesota	160
22.	Tulsa	154
23.	LSU	118
24.	Notre Dame	94
25.	Texas	63

Receiving Votes: Auburn (42), **Lipscomb (26)**, USC Upstate (18), California (9), Hawaii (8), **UAB (7)**, San Diego State (6), South Florida (6), Houston (5), **Northwestern (3)**, DePaul (2), IPFW (2), Louisville (1)

Iowa opponents in bold.

IOWA vs. RANKED TEAMS IN 2013 (6-9)

Date	Team	Score
2/9	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 13-10
2/10	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-11
2/22	at #1 Alabama	L, 0-5
2/23	at #1 Alabama	L, 1-4
3/1	vs. #15 Stanford	W, 7-6
3/1	vs. #24 Oregon State	W, 9-3
3/18	at #11 Louisville	W, 6-2
3/19	at #11 Louisville	L, 4-6
3/20	at #21 Kentucky	W, 3-1
4/5	#19 Nebraska	W, 6-2
4/6	#19 Nebraska	L, 1-11 (5)
4/7	#19 Nebraska	L, 2-3
4/20	at #9 Michigan	L, 3-5
4/21	at #9 Michigan	L, 6-8
4/21	at #9 Michigan	L, 0-8 (5)



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IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-Run Games	0-2
2-Run Games	0-1
3-Run Games	1-1
4+-Run Games	2-2
Extra Innings	0-2
At Pearl Field	0-0
On the Road	0-2
At Neutral Site	3-4
Day Games	2-5
Night Games	1-1
vs. Lefty starter	0-2
vs. Righty starter	3-4
Iowa Scores First	2-3
Opponent Scores First	1-3
Scoring 2 Runs Or Less	0-5
Scoring 3+ Runs	3-1
Giving Up 2 Runs Or Less	2-3
Giving up 3+ Runs	1-3
Leading After Four Innings	3-2
Leading After Five Innings	3-1
Leading After Six Innings	2-1
Ranked Opponents	0-2
Massey Starts	1-4
Starkenburg Starts	1-1
Whitney Starts	1-1
Iowa Hits a Home Run	1-1
Iowa Hits No Home Runs	2-5
Opponent Hits a Home Run	0-4
Opponent Hits No Home Runs	3-2
Iowa Outhits Opponent	3-2
Opponent Outhits Iowa	0-2
Equal Number of Hits	0-2
Iowa Pitchers Record More K's	2-2
Opp. Pitchers Record More K's	1-4
Equal Number of Strikeouts	0-0
Flying To Game	3-6
Busing To Game	0-0
On Big Ten Network	0-0
On Big Ten Digital Network	0-0
On Fox Sports South	0-0
In Central Time Zone	1-4
In Eastern Time Zone	2-2
In Mountain Time Zone	0-0
In Pacific Time Zone	0-0
On Sunday	1-1
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	1-3
On Saturday	1-2

A STELLAR DEBUT

Redshirt freshman Shayla Starkenburg made a successful Hawkeye debut at the Carolina Classic. The right-handed pitcher collected the first start, win, shutout, and one-hitter of her Hawkeye career in Iowa's first game of 2014 against UNC Greensboro on Feb. 7. Her no-hit bid held until midway through the sixth, when UNCG recorded a single. She recorded five strikeouts in her seven innings pitched.

Starkenburg made her second appearance of the season in relief against Presbyterian. She entered the contest in a bases loaded situation with two outs and an Iowa lead to protect. With the game on the line, Starkenburg ended the threat, forcing a ground out to end the game in Iowa's favor 6-3 and record her first career save.

Starkenburg made her third and final appearance against Ohio in relief. She held the Bobcats hitless and scoreless. On the weekend, Starkenburg posted 1-0 record, 0.00 ERA, and five strikeouts. She gave up just one hit, holding her opponents to a .043 batting average.

TAKING ON THE BEST

The 2014 UI schedule is full of quality opponents. The Hawkeyes will face No. 11/12 Nebraska three times, No. 25 Texas three times, No. 16/18 Missouri three times, No. 20/21 Minnesota twice, and No. 15 Baylor and No. 14 Arizona once.

The Hawkeyes will also take on Mississippi State and Northwestern three times and Lipscomb, and UAB once -- all of whom are receiving votes in at least one of the polls (USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll or the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll).

In 2013, the Hawkeyes topped six ranked foes, including: No. 11 Louisiana-Lafayette (13-10), No. 15 Stanford (7-6), No. 24 Oregon State (9-3), No. 11 Louisville (6-2), No. 21 Kentucky (3-1), and No. 19 Nebraska (6-2).

MEET THE HAWKEYES

This year's Hawkeye roster is comprised of seniors Brianna Luna, Kayla Massey and Michelle Zoeller; junior Megan Blank; sophomores Erin Erickson, Micaela Whitney, Whitney Repole, Sammi Gyerman, Haley Hansel, and Holly Hoffman, and freshmen Alyssa Navarro, Claire Fritsch, Kaitlyn Mullarkey, Kara Misel, Shayla Starkenburg, and Michaela Johnson.

Iowa is led by fourth-year head coach Marla Looper, assistants Adrianna Baggetta and Stacy May-Johnson, and volunteer assistant Chelsey Carmody.

TOP TIER

Hawkeye junior Megan Blank appeared on the Top 50 Watch List for the 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year released on Jan. 29, 2014. The shortstop -- making the list for the first time in her career -- is 1-of-7 student-athletes from the Big Ten and 1-of-20 juniors included in the Top 50. The list is narrowed to the top 25 on April 9, the top 10 on May 7, and the top 3 on May 21.

The 2014 Softball Collegiate Player of the Year will be announced prior to the start of the Women's College World Series on May 27.

The award, given by the National Governing Body for softball in the United States, is designed to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players across the country.

A NEW BATTING LEADER

Megan Blank hit .437 in 2013, setting Iowa's single season batting average record. The previous record was .428, set by Kim Davis in 1993. Her career average is .413, also marking the highest in program history. Blank's 59 RBIs in 2013 mark the second-highest single-season total in program history. Debbie Bilbao posted a school record 61 RBIs in 1997. Blank also belted 11 home runs in 2013 -- the third-highest single-season total.

BLANK INVITED TO 2013 USA NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CAMP

Shortstop Megan Blank was invited to the 2013 USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Camp, held in Oklahoma City on June 10-12 at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex following her sophomore season. Blank was one of 32 athletes, and one of six sophomores, invited.

BLANK HONORED BY NFCA

Shortstop Megan Blank was named a 2013 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) First Team All-Midwest Region selection, earning her second all-region honor in as many seasons. Blank is the sixth Hawkeye in program history to garner all-region honors in each of her first two seasons. She became the ninth player in program history to earn all-region recognition as a freshman, as she was named to the second team.

HAWKEYES IN 2013

The University of Iowa softball team finished 30-24 overall in 2013, posting the most wins since finishing 42-16 in 2009. The Hawkeyes tied for ninth in the Big Ten with an 8-15 mark.

HAWKEYES JUST MISS 2013 NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with an RPI of 33, and just missed the NCAA Tournament. Iowa was 39th in the final RPI -- the fifth-highest mark in the Big Ten.

A RECORD ACADEMIC YEAR

Ten student-athletes were named to the 2013 spring Academic All-Big Ten team. The softball program's 10 honorees are a school record. The team's previous best was seven in both 1994 and 1995. Ashley Akers, Johnnie Dowling, Nikki Gentile, Mallorree Grove, Steviee Grove, Tor Hawley, Chelsea Lyon, Sam Valentine, Bradi Wall and Michelle Zoeller were all named Academic All-Big Ten.





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The Cy-Hawk Series is in its 10th season in 2013-14, being sponsored for the second time by Iowa Corn.

Iowa has won the in-state competition five times, and Iowa State has won four, in a series that began in 2004-05. Iowa State captured the Cy-Hawk Series a year ago by a 17-11 margin.

Iowa captured the inaugural Cy-Hawk Series (13-8) in 2004-05 and won again in 2006-07 (13-8), 2008-09 (21-4) and 2010-11 (15-11). Iowa State won the competition in 2005-06 (13-8), 2007-08 (18-9), 2009-10 (16-11) and 2011-12 (17-11).

The 12-event series awards two points (except football, which is worth three) to the winning school in each head-to-head match-up between the two institutions. Additionally, one point is awarded to an institution if the graduation rate of its student-athletes is greater than the national average as reported each fall by the NCAA.

A commemorative Cy-Hawk Series Cup, which stands 31 inches tall and weighs 19 pounds, is displayed on the winning team's campus for an entire year after a victory. Replica cups are also presented as "traveling trophies" for individual victorious teams in the head-to-head competition.

This season's Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series schedule/results is listed below. All events are worth two points, except football, which is worth three points:

Date	Event	Site/Winner
9/6	Women's Soccer	Iowa
9/14	Football	Iowa
9/21	Volleyball	Iowa State
11/15	Men's Cross Country	Iowa State
11/15	Women's Cross Country	Iowa State
12/1	Wrestling	Iowa
12/12	Women's Basketball	Iowa State
12/13	Women's Swimming & Diving	Iowa
12/13	Men's Basketball	Iowa State
3/7	Women's Gymnastics	TBD
4/23	Softball	TBD

BIG TOURNEY RETURNS IN 2013

The Big Ten Tournament returned in 2013 for the first time since 2008. The Hawkeyes have claimed two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003) and won 21 games in the event all-time -- the second most of any team. The conference tournament was discontinued from 2009-12. Iowa fell to Ohio State, 8-4, in the first round at Bowlin Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. The Hawkeyes held a 4-1 advantage moving to the bottom of the fifth before the Buckeyes plated six runs to rally for the victory.

HAWKEYE TRADITION

Iowa has made four Women's College World Series appearances (1995, 1996, 1997, 2001) and played in 16 NCAA Tournaments in school history. The 16 appearances are the second most in Big Ten history, and the four WCWS appearances equal the second most in conference history. The Hawkeyes have won four Big Ten Conference regular season championships (1989, 1997, 2000, 2003) and two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003).

MAY-JOHNSON SHINES FOR TEAM USA

UI assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson was selected as the 2011 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year. She earned the honor after helping Team USA to gold medals at the World Cup of Softball VII and the Pan American Games. May-Johnson batted a team-best .418 with team highs in home runs (six), runs (26) and RBI (36).

In 2012, May-Johnson helped the USA Softball Team to the gold medal at the 2012 World Cup of Softball presented by Lumber Liquidators. May-Johnson started 5-of-6 games for Team USA, posting a .357 (5-of-14) batting average with three runs, two RBIs and two walks. Her best game came in a 9-0 victory over Canada, where she went 2-for-2 with a run scored. The Americans posted a perfect 6-0 record during the competition, and they outscored their opponents, 41-3, in the five day event.

CARMODY BACK AT IOWA

Former Hawkeye Chelsey Carmody is back with the Iowa softball program, serving as volunteer assistant coach. Carmody started 208 career games in the Iowa infield. A career .335 hitter, she was a team co-captain and was the recipient of the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award as a senior. She batted .320 or higher during each of her four seasons in the Black and Gold, totaling 234 career hits, 11 home runs, 87 RBI and 42 stolen bases. Carmody played for UI head coach Marla Loooper in 2011 as a senior.

ON DECK

Iowa continues its season on the road at the University of Arizona Tournament, Feb. 28-March 2. The Hawkeyes take on Valparaiso on Friday, Arizona and UT Arlington on Saturday, and Longwood on Sunday.



IOWA SOFTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

2014 Iowa Team Highs

Longest Winning Streak	1-game winning streak, three times
Longest Losing Streak	5-game losing streak
Current Streak	W1
Largest Margin of Victory	9 vs. Drake (2/16)
Largest Margin of Defeat	10 vs. Lipscomb (2/14)
Most At-Bats	36 vs. UAB (2/15)
Most Runs Scored	9 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most Hits	16 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most RBIs	8 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most Doubles	3 vs. Ohio (2/9)
Most Triples	2 vs. Ohio (2/9)
Most Home Runs	1, twice; vs. Presbyterian (2/8), vs. Missouri (2/15)
Most Stolen Bases	1, six times
Most Strikeouts (pitching)	7 vs. Missouri (2/15)
Most Errors	4 vs. Lipscomb (2/14)
Most Runs Allowed	10 vs. Lipscomb (2/14)
Most Hits Allowed	12 vs. Ohio (2/9)
Most Walks Allowed	6 vs. UNC Greensboro (2/7)

2014 Iowa Individual Team Batting Leaders

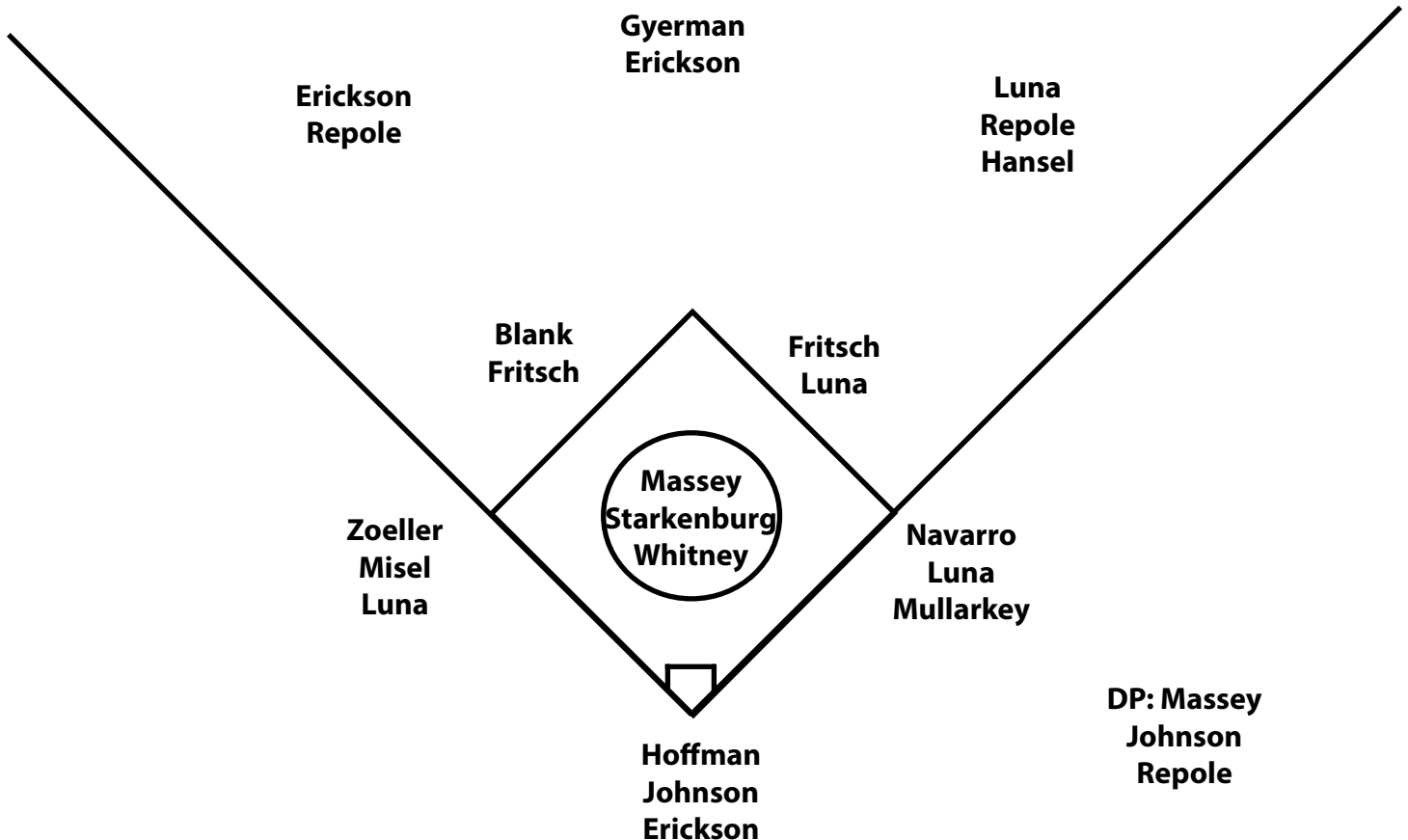
Batting Avg.444, Claire Fritsch
Games Played	9 (8 players)
Games Started	9 (6 players)
At Bats	31, Michelle Zoeller
Runs	6, Erin Erickson

Hits	11, Erin Erickson
Doubles	3, Michelle Zoeller/Whitney Repole
Triples	2, Sammi Gyerman
Home Runs	2, Erin Erickson
RBIs	4, Erin Erickson/Sammi Gyerman
Total Bases	19, Erin Erickson
Walks	3, Megan Blank/Erin Erickson
Hit by Pitch	1 (5 players)
Strikeouts	7, Alyssa Navarro
On-Base Percentage476, Claire Fritsch
Sacrifice Flies	1, Claire Fritsch
Sacrifice Hits	1 (4 players)
Stolen Bases	3, Claire Fritsch
Stolen Base Attempts	4, Claire Fritsch

2014 Iowa Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	2.39, Kayla Massey
Wins	1, Kayla Massey/Shayla Starkenburg/Micaela Whitney
Appearances	5, Kayla Massey/Shayla Starkenburg
Games Started	5, Kayla Massey
Complete Games	4, Kayla Massey
Shutouts	1, Kayla Massey/Shayla Starkenburg
Saves	1, Shayla Starkenburg
Innings Pitched	29.1, Kayla Massey
Strikeouts	17, Kayla Massey
Opponent Batting Average152, Shayla Starkenburg

HAWKEYE DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART





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1

Alyssa Navarro
Fr. • IF • R/R
Dinuba, Calif.



2

Erin Erickson
So. • OF • R/L
Oakland, Calif.



3

Micaela Whitney
So. • P • R/R
Omaha, Neb.



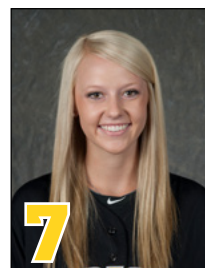
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Megan Blank
Jr. • IF • L/R
Culver City, Calif.



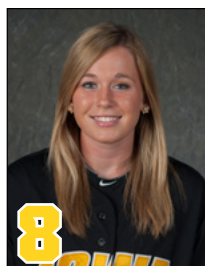
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Brianna Luna
Sr. • OF • R/R
Indio, Calif.



7

Claire Fritsch
Fr. • OF • L/R
Round Rock, Texas



8

Whitney Repole
So. • OF • R/R
San Antonio, Texas



11

Kaitlyn Mullarkey
Fr. • 1B • L/L
Des Moines, Iowa



14

Michelle Zoeller
Sr. • IF • R/R
Mequon, Wis.



17

Kayla Massey
Sr. • P • R/R
Foothill Ranch, Calif.



21

Sammi Gyerman
So. • OF • L/L
San Pedro, Calif.



22

Haley Hansel
Fr. • OF • L/R
Overland Park, Kan.



23

Kara Misel
Fr. • IF • R/R
Solon, Iowa



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Shayla Starkenburg
RS Fr. • P • R/R
Ankeny, Iowa



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Michaela Johnson
Fr. • IF • R/R
Wake Village, Texas



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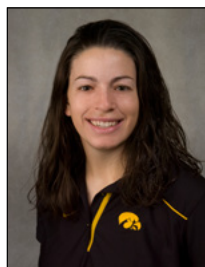
Holly Hoffman
RS So. • C • R/R
Osceola, Ind.



Marla Looper
Head Coach
4th Season



Adrianna Baggetta
Assistant Coach
4th Season



Stacy May-Johnson
Assistant Coach
4th Season



Chelsey Carmody
Volunteer Assistant
2nd Season





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2014 STATS

2014 Iowa Softball Overall Statistics for Iowa (as of Feb 17, 2014) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-6 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-2 Neutral: 3-4 : 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Fritsch, Claire	.444	9-9	18	2	8	2	0	0	3	10	.556	2	0	3	0	.476	1	1	3-4	20	26	2	.958
Erickson, Erin	.393	9-9	28	6	11	2	0	2	4	19	.679	3	1	4	0	.469	0	0	0-1	7	1	1	.889
Luna, Brianna	.333	1-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Gyerman, Sammi	.304	9-8	23	3	7	0	2	0	4	11	.478	2	0	5	0	.360	0	1	1-2	1	0	0	1.000
Zoeller, Michelle	.290	9-9	31	3	9	3	0	0	3	12	.387	1	0	5	0	.313	0	1	1-1	9	17	3	.897
Repole, Whitney	.261	8-8	23	3	6	3	0	0	1	9	.391	2	1	6	0	.346	0	0	0-0	4	1	1	.833
Blank, Megan	.250	9-9	28	5	7	0	1	0	2	9	.321	3	1	4	0	.344	0	0	0-0	19	20	4	.907
Navarro, Alyssa	.250	9-9	28	3	7	0	0	0	1	7	.250	2	1	7	0	.323	0	0	1-1	79	5	1	.988
Hoffman, Holly	.231	9-9	26	1	6	0	0	0	1	6	.231	1	0	3	0	.259	0	1	0-0	35	8	1	.977
Massey, Kayla	.222	9-8	27	0	6	1	0	0	3	7	.259	1	0	3	0	.250	0	0	0-0	2	7	1	.900
Johnson, Michaela	.125	5-1	8	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.125	0	0	2	0	.125	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Misel, Kara	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Hansel, Haley	.000	5-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.282	9	245	28	69	11	3	2	24	92	.376	17	5	45	0	.340	1	4	6-9	179	91	15	.947
Opponents	.226	9	221	33	50	7	0	5	27	72	.326	32	4	34	3	.332	2	4	3-9	183	64	14	.946

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Massey, Kayla	2.39	1-4	5	5	4	1/0	0	29.1	26	13	10	11	17	5	0	2	.232	2	0	0	1	2
Whitney, Micaela	2.42	1-1	4	2	0	0/0	0	17.1	17	10	6	10	8	2	0	2	.270	1	4	0	0	1
Starkenbourg, Shayla	3.77	1-1	5	2	1	1/0	1	13.0	7	10	7	11	9	0	0	1	.152	1	0	1	1	1
Totals	2.70	3-6	9	9	5	2/0	1	59.2	50	33	23	32	34	7	0	5	.226	4	4	1	2	4
Opponents	2.64	6-3	9	9	2	3/2	2	61.0	69	28	23	17	45	11	3	2	.282	4	5	2	1	4





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2014 RESULTS

2014 Iowa Softball Game Results for Iowa (as of Feb 17, 2014) (All games)

Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
2/7/2014	vs UNC Greensboro	w 5-0	7	1-0-0	0-0-0 Starkenburg (W 1-0)	464	2:01
2/7/2014	at South Carolina	L 0-1	7	1-1-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-1)	1123	1:46
2/8/2014	vs Presbyterian	w 6-3	7	2-1-0	0-0-0 Whitney (W 1-0)	1444	1:55
2/9/2014	vs Ohio	L 6-9	7	2-2-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-2)	209	2:34
^ Feb 14, 2014	vs Lipscomb	L 0-10	5	2-3-0	0-0-0 Starkenburg (L 1-1)	658	1:35
Feb 14, 2014	vs #14 MISSOURI	L 1-2	(8)	2-4-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-3)	0	2:51
Feb 15, 2014	vs UAB-^	L 1-6	(9)	2-5-0	0-0-0 Whitney (L 1-1)	203	3:05
^ Feb 15, 2014	at #14 Baylor	L 0-2	7	2-6-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-4)	1247	1:30
^ Feb 16, 2014	vs Drake	w 9-0	6	3-6-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 1-4)	753	1:43

() extra inning game

