

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



# HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

## Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 18  
vs. Upper Iowa

### 2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

#### 30-17 Overall, 6-4 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	Cancelled
Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 2-3 (10)
Apr. 14	Michigan	L, 0-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 6-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 7-2
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.	46	.257	35	36	23	4	5	.379	14
10	Taylor Leichsenring	DP	L-R	Fr.	43	.306	16	26	3	0	0	.306	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	47	.420	31	66	39	10	14	.713	6
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Jr.	47	.283	12	39	22	4	10	.442	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	2B	R-R	So.	47	.329	20	48	24	3	12	.486	5
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	36	.292	6	19	17	1	3	.385	0
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	45	.347	31	35	10	2	2	.505	25
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	47	.188	9	18	10	1	0	.219	14
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	47	.230	5	26	17	0	5	.274	3

### Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	13-4	14	12	6	1	1.38	128	30	112.0
14	Amanda Züst	RHP	Fr.	8-7	19	7	2	0	2.46	127	84	119.2
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 TO HOST UPPER IOWA

The University of Iowa softball team (30-17, 6-4) will host Upper Iowa University (11-20, 4-3) Wednesday at Pearl Field. First pitch is set for 4 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 [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.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 [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

### IOWA SWEEPS MICHIGAN STATE

The Hawkeyes picked up a pair of wins against Michigan State Sunday. Iowa won game one, 6-2, and game two, 7-2.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** finished a perfect 3-3 and junior **Stephanie Ackerson** went 2-2 at the plate in game one. Junior **Emily Nichols** also collected two hits.

Riemersma and junior **Summer Downs** each went deep in game two against the Spartans. Riemersma started the game with a line-drive home run in the first inning and Downs blasted a three-run home run to center field in the sixth.

## 2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. OHIO STATE	5-1	22-14
2. PENN STATE	3-1	19-13
3. NORTHWESTERN	8-3	33-9
4. MICHIGAN	4-2	32-7
5. ILLINOIS	5-3	26-15
6. IOWA	6-4	30-17
7. PURDUE	4-5	24-26-1
8. WISCONSIN	3-5	21-13
9. MINNESOTA	2-4	15-16
10. INDIANA	1-7	19-21
11. MICHIGAN STATE	0-6	20-21

## BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

### Friday, April 20

#### Penn State at Iowa

Michigan at Purdue

Michigan State at Indiana

Northwestern at Wisconsin

Ohio State at Illinois

### Saturday, April 21

#### Penn State at Iowa

Michigan at Purdue

Michigan State at Indiana

Northwestern at Wisconsin

Ohio State at Illinois

### Sunday, April 22 (DH)

#### Ohio State at Iowa

Michigan at Indiana

Michigan State at Purdue

Northwestern at Minnesota

Penn State at Illinois

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## Hawkeye Softball Notes

### MICHIGAN TAKES TWO FROM IOWA

The Hawkeyes lost two games against ninth-ranked Michigan last weekend. The Wolverines took game one of the series, 3-2 in 10 innings, and game two, 2-0.

Iowa took a 2-0 lead in game one off a home run in the fourth and an RBI single in the fifth, both by junior **Emily Nichols**.

Michigan tied the game in the seventh with a two-run home run by Samantha Findlay and took the lead for good in the top of the 10th with an RBI single by Maggie Viehhaus.

Freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**, junior **Summer Downs** and senior **Sami Baugh** were the only Hawkeyes to record a hit.

### SCOUTING UPPER IOWA

The Upper Iowa Peacocks are an NCAA Division II team and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. The Peacocks are 11-20 overall and 4-3 in conference play. Upper Iowa hosts Winona State in a doubleheader Tuesday before traveling to Iowa City.

Jena Kilburg is batting .378 with two home runs, 10 doubles and 17 RBI. Jessica Gress leads the team with 20 runs scored.

Nicole Forristall is 2-1 with a 3.55 earned run average. Christy Loan has started 16 games and leads the team with 31 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 1-0.

### BUSY WEEKEND FOR WEIL

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** appeared in all four games last weekend and threw 26.2 innings. She started the first three games and threw just over three innings of relief in the last game of the weekend against Michigan State.

Weil tossed all 10 innings against Michigan Friday. She threw 186 pitches with 125 crossing the plate for strikes.

She finished the weekend with 14 strikeouts and walked only two batters.

### LUCKY NUMBER SIX

Iowa scored a total of six runs in the sixth inning against Michigan State.

The Hawkeyes plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth during game one of the doubleheader. Sophomore **Quinn Morelock** hit an RBI double, freshman **Taylor Leichsenring** hit a fielder's choice RBI and junior **Emily Nichols** roped a two-RBI double to give Iowa the win.

Iowa scored two runs off a Michigan State error in the top of the sixth in game two of the twin bill.

### WEST AT PEARL FIELD

Sophomore **Rachel West** must like the friendly confines of Pearl Field. She is batting .409 (9-22) with one home run, one double and has scored nine runs in nine home games this season.

West is also a perfect 6-6 in stolen bases at Pearl Field.

### RIEMERSMA HEATING UP

Sophomore Erin Riemersma collected five hits over the weekend, including a home run against Michigan State. She also scored five runs and stole two bases.

Riemersma leads the team with 35 runs scored and is also first on the team with a .406 batting average in conference play.

### WEIL BACK TO FORM

After missing the first five weeks of the season with a head injury, sophomore **Brittany Weil** is once again leading the Hawkeye pitching staff.

Weil ranks first among Hawkeye pitchers in wins (13), earned run average (1.38), complete games (12), shutouts (6), saves (1) and strikeouts (128).

### 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, .643 (23-41) 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 92 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 25 stolen bases followed by senior **Mindy Heidgerken** and sophomore **Erin Riemersma** with 14.

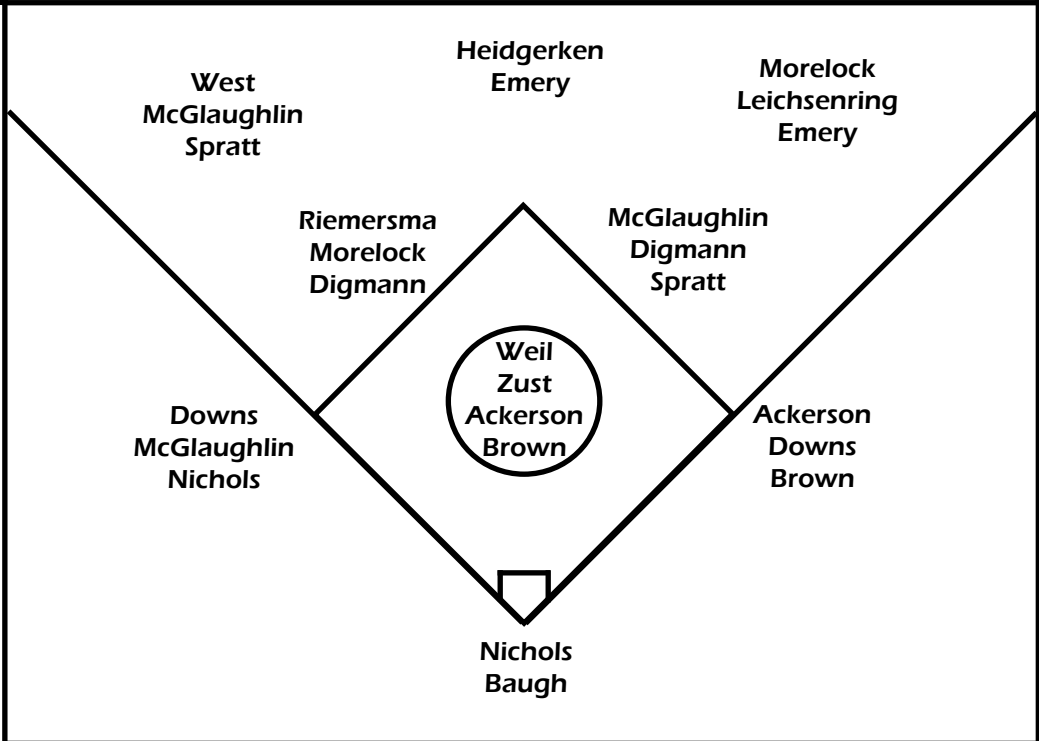
Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 9-9 on the basepaths this season.

### SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes have scored 96 of their 209 runs in the first three innings of games this season.

Iowa is outscoring their opponents in every inning except the third inning.

- 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



**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 10 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.

**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 .....	6-4
2-RUN GAMES .....	5-4
3+-RUN GAMES .....	19-9
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-2
AT PEARL FIELD .....	7-2
ON THE ROAD .....	7-4
AT NEUTRAL SITE.....	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	30-16
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	22-6
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST .....	8-10
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS .....	5-9
SCORING 3+ RUNS .....	25-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	25-2
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS .....	5-15
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS .....	0-5
WEIL STARTS.....	9-5
ZUST STARTS.....	13-7
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
BROWN STARTS .....	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN .....	13-6
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	6-10
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	27-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-14
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	23-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	6-8
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS ....	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS .....	8-6
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS .....	9-8
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	13-3
FLYING TO GAME .....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME .....	7-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE .....	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	8-4
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE .....	6-6
IN IOWA .....	7-2
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 .....	10-3
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY .....	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY .....	1-0
ON THURSDAY .....	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-5
ON SATURDAY .....	9-7

## IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK .....	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK .....	WON 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 (SIX TIMES)
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 .....	16 (VS. MICHIGAN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	420 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED .....	47 (5 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED .....	47 (5 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	157 (NICHOLS)
RUNS .....	35 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS .....	66 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES .....	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES .....	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS .....	10 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	39 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES .....	112 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	713 (NICHOLS)
WALKS .....	19 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	26 (WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	469 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES .....	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	10 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES .....	25 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS .....	28 (WEST)

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.38 (WEIL)
WINS.....	13 (WEIL)
LOSSES .....	4 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	26 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED .....	19 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES .....	12 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS .....	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	119.2 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	128 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE .....	.210 (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 829-377-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,129-525-5 (.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	30-17	.638
<b>TOTALS</b>						<b>1,129-525-5</b>	<b>.682</b>