



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

Big Ten Tournament
May 11-13
Sharon J. Drysdale Field
Evanston, IL

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

39-19 Overall, 12-7 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
Feb. 11	Florida International North Carolina	W, 1-0 W, 3-2 (8)
Feb. 12	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	W, 5-1
Feb. 17	Illinois State	W, 9-3
Feb. 18	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	L, 1-8
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
Mar. 4-5	#2 Tennessee at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	L, 2-11 (5)
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	L, 1-2
Mar. 5	Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 11	St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
Mar. 12	San Jose State	W, 3-2
Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
Mar. 15	Santa Clara	W, 6-5
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State	W, 6-1
Mar. 17-19	at Sacramento State at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-6
Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
Mar. 18	Nevada	W, 5-0
Mar. 19	#6 California	L, 0-1
Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 2-5
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
Mar. 25	North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 26	Ball State	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	W, 8-0 (5)
Mar. 31	at Illinois	W, 9-0
Apr. 1	at Illinois	W, 7-4
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 1-3
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 2-12 (5)
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	W, 3-2
Apr. 7	Minnesota	W, 2-0
Apr. 8	Minnesota	W, 3-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 4-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 6-1
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	#12 Michigan	L, 0-3
Apr. 15	#12 Michigan	W, 1-0
Apr. 16	Michigan State	W, 4-1
Apr. 16	Michigan State	L, 4-8
Apr. 18	at Drake	W, 4-2
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	W, 5-4
Apr. 21	at Purdue	W, 8-1
Apr. 22	at Purdue	W, 3-2
Apr. 23	at Indiana	L, 4-12 (6)
Apr. 23	at Indiana	W, 3-2
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	W, 11-0 (5)
Apr. 28	Ohio State	W, 5-2
Apr. 30	Penn State	W, 4-3
Apr. 30	Penn State	L, 0-1
May 3	South Dakota State	W, 3-2
May 3	South Dakota State	W, 4-1
May 6	at Wisconsin	W, 10-2
May 7	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
May 11-13	at Big Ten Tournament (Evanston, IL)	
May 12	Indiana	9 a.m.
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	58	.335	39	60	20	6	13	.508	5
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	58	.300	28	54	25	4	7	.439	9
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	So.	56	.327	26	56	34	5	14	.497	6
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	So.	52	.294	12	40	26	4	6	.426	2
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	58	.274	16	40	28	6	11	.486	2
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	58	.266	27	41	19	5	8	.455	9
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	52	.216	12	24	16	1	1	.252	2
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	47	.227	9	17	9	0	6	.307	4
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	52	.148	4	13	1	0	0	.148	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	SV	CG	SH	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	27-13	34	1	31	7	2.32	246	96	271.1
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	12-6	24	0	8	5	2.70	99	40	111.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	5.73	2	1	3.2

2006 POSTSEASON MEDIA GUIDE

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THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (39-19, 12-7) travels to Evanston, IL to compete in the 2006 Big Ten Softball Tournament. Iowa is the No. 3 seed and will face No. 6 seed Indiana (28-22-1, 8-9) in opening round play Friday at 9 a.m.

This season marks the first time the league tournament has not been held in either Iowa City or Ann Arbor. Iowa and Michigan have hosted the previous 12 tournaments.

Below is a schedule of games for the Big Ten Tournament. All times listed are central.

Thursday, May 11

Game 1 - #2 Michigan vs. #7 Michigan State, 2 p.m.

Game 2 - #1 Northwestern vs. #8 Illinois, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 12

Game 3 - #3 IOWA vs. #6 Indiana, 9 a.m.

Game 4 - #4 Ohio State vs. #5 Penn State 11:30 a.m.

Game 5 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 3, 2 p.m.

Game 6 - Winner of Game 4 vs. Winner of Game 2, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Championship Game - 12 p.m. (Live on CSTV)

ON THE AIR

Should Iowa make it to the semifinals Friday or the championship game Saturday, AM-800 KXIC will broadcast the contests live. Steven Grace will handle play-by-play commentary.

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. NORTHWESTERN	16-3	40-11
2. MICHIGAN	13-4	37-13
3. IOWA	12-7	39-19
4. OHIO STATE	11-7	37-20
5. PENN STATE	10-10	37-14
6. MICHIGAN STATE	9-10	34-24
7. INDIANA	8-9	28-22-1
8. ILLINOIS	8-11	24-30
9. PURDUE	7-12	30-30
10. WISCONSIN	6-11	22-22
11. MINNESOTA	1-17	17-33

IOWA ON THE WEB

THE MEDIA AND PUBLIC CAN FIND A VALUABLE AND TIMELY SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT IOWA ATHLETICS AT ITS WORLD WIDE WEB SITE. THE ADDRESS FOR THE SITE IS: www.hawkeyesports.com

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HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to the Big Ten Tournament can access free live streaming video via www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the All-Access link at the top of the home page.

Live stats (gametracker) will be available for all Iowa games on www.hawkeyesports.com. Click on the gametracker link found on the front page or on the softball schedule page. Gametracker for all Big Ten Tournament games can be found on www.nusports.com.

HAWKEYES IN THE BIG TEN TOURNEY

The Iowa Hawkeyes have a 19-18 all-time record in the Big Ten Tournament.

The Hawkeyes have won two Big Ten Tournament titles, claiming the 2000 and 2003 titles. The 2003 tournament was held in Iowa City.

Last season, Iowa defeated Penn State (1-0) and Northwestern (2-1, eight innings), but fell to top-ranked Michigan (7-2) in the championship game.

ANOTHER MILESTONE APPROACHING

Iowa Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** is just one win shy of reaching 1,100 career victories and 800 wins at Iowa.

Blevins is in her 19th year as Iowa's head coach and her 26th season overall.

WEIL MAKING HER MARK

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Weil** is already making her mark in the Iowa softball record books. Her 246 strikeouts this season ranks fifth for single-season strikeouts and eighth in career strikeouts at Iowa. Weil has thrown 31 complete games this season, which also ranks second in school history.

In overall games, Weil leads the Big Ten in wins (27), innings pitched (271.1) and games started (34). In Big Ten games only, she leads the conference in innings pitched (119.2), games started (17) and batters struck out looking (30). Weil is tied for first in wins (12) and appearances (19).

DUCKS ON THE POND

The Hawkeyes might want sophomore **Emily Nichols** at the plate with runners on base. Nichols leads the team with 34 RBI and is batting .400 with runners in scoring position. She also has a .667 average with a runner on third and less than two outs.

CLOSING IN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** blasted her fifth home run of the season against Illinois on April 1. Nichols, who has 21 career home runs, only needs nine more to break the Iowa career home run mark of 29, set by Alicia Gerlach (1999-02).

Senior **Stacy May** has 51 career doubles, which is only one double shy of the career record of 52, held by Kari Knopf (1994-97).

WINNING WITH THE LONG BALL

The Hawkeyes are a combined 22-0 when either **Stacy May**, **Kylie Murray**, **Emily Nichols** or **Erin Riemersma** hits a home run.

Iowa is 6-0 when either May or Murray goes deep and 5-0 when Nichols or Riemersma clears the fence.

DOWN RIDING HIT STREAK

Sophomore **Summer Downs** brings a 10-game hitting streak into the Big Ten Tournament. Downs has collected 14 hits in her last 10 games, including a perfect 3-3 performance against South Dakota State.

LIKING THE ROAD

Both **Mindy Heidgerken** and **Stacy May** have batting averages over .300 in away games.

Heidgerken is batting .348 with two home runs, two doubles and 11 RBI, while May has a .324 average with one home run, five doubles and seven RBI.

COMING ON STRONG

In the last 12 games of the regular season, senior **Kylie Murray** recorded a .394 batting average and belted three of her six home runs. She also tallied three doubles and three RBI.

REACHING 40 WINS

The Hawkeyes need just one more victory to reach the 40 win mark. Iowa has eclipsed 40 victories 11 times in school history, all of which came under Head Coach **Gayle Blevins**.

Iowa has qualified for the NCAA Tournament nine of the previous 11 seasons it has won over 40 games.

1	EMILY NICHOLS
2	SUMMER DOWNS
3	ALI ARNOLD
4	QUINN MORELOCK
5	JENNA SPRATT
6	RACHEL WEST
7	BRITTANY WEIL
8	ERIN RIEMERSMA
9	LINDSEY EMERY
10	STACY MAY
11	MINDY HEIDGERKEN
12	COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
13	SAMI BAUGH
14	BRANDI SARGENT
15	CALLIE ADREON
17	KYLIE MURRAY
22	EMILY GERLICK
24	STEPHANIE ACKERSON

HEAD COACH

GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH

AMANDA SCOTT**BIG TEN TOURNAMENT CHAMPS**

1982 - Northwestern
 1995 - Michigan
 1996 - Michigan
 1997 - Michigan
 1998 - Michigan
 1999 - Michigan
 2000 - Michigan
2001 - Iowa
 2002 - Michigan
2003 - Iowa
 2004 - Michigan State
 2005 - Michigan

SCOUTING No. 1 NORTHWESTERN

The 12th-ranked Northwestern Wildcats are 40-11 overall and 16-3 in conference play.

The potent Wildcat offense is led by Garland Cooper, who is the reigning Big Ten Player of the Year. Cooper is batting .386 with eight home runs, 20 doubles and 36 RBI. Tammy Williams tallied a team-best 12 home runs during the regular season.

Both Eileen Canney and Courtney Foster have sub-two ERA's. Canney is 20-5 with a 1.00 ERA and has 298 K's. Foster is 20-6 with a 1.75 ERA.

Iowa trails the all-time series, 41-43. Northwestern swept a doubleheader against Iowa this season in Evanston.

SCOUTING No. 2 MICHIGAN

The 13th-ranked Michigan Wolverines enter the Big Ten Tournament with a 37-13 overall mark with a 14-4 Big Ten record. Michigan defeated Iowa to claim the 2005 Big Ten Tournament title.

The Wolverine offense boasts four players with a .300 average or better, led by Becky Marx who has a .336 average. Marx also leads the team with 11 home runs and 41 RBI.

Michigan's tandem of Jennie Ritter and Lorilyn Wilson have combined for 486 strikeouts, 351 of which have come from Ritter. She has a 24-6 record with a 0.70 ERA.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 51-44-1. The Hawkeyes and Wolverines split a pair of games earlier this season in Iowa City.

SCOUTING No. 4 OHIO STATE

The Ohio State Buckeyes are 37-20 overall and 11-7 in Big Ten action.

Brittany Vanerink has a .350 batting average to pace the Buckeyes. Both Chelsea Baker and Courtney Pruner have seven home runs, while Billie Carder has a team best 34 RBI.

Kim Reeder and Jamee Juarez have seen the majority of time in the circle. Reeder has compiled a 16-9 record with a 1.69 ERA. Juarez is 16-10 and leads the staff with 185 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 56-29. Iowa defeated Ohio State, 5-2 at Pearl Field. Game two of the series was rained out.

SCOUTING No. 5 PENN STATE

The Penn State Nittany Lions enter the postseason with a 37-14 overall record with a 10-10 Big Ten mark.

Ashley Esparza has a .321 batting average to lead the Nittany Lions at the dish. Penn State has two players with five and four home runs, respectively.

Missy Beseres is 19-7 with 223 strikeouts to pace the Nittany Lion pitching staff. Both Beseres and Jenn Reynolds have a 1.13 ERA.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 34-11. Penn State and Iowa split a doubleheader at Pearl Field this season.

SCOUTING No. 6 INDIANA

The Indiana Hoosiers are 28-22-1 overall and 8-9 in conference action.

Lauren Hines boasts a .417 batting average. She also leads the team with nine home runs and 27 RBI.

Mariangee Bogado is the leading Hoosier hurler with a 19-8 record and 274 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series 51-28-1. The Hawkeyes and Hoosiers split a doubleheader this season in Bloomington.

SCOUTING No. 7 MICHIGAN STATE

The Michigan State Spartans travel to Evanston with a 34-24 overall record, including a 9-11 Big Ten mark.

The Spartan offense is sparked by Nikki Nicosia and Dayna Feenstra. Nicosia tops the team with a .303 batting average, while Feenstra leads the team with nine home runs and 41 RBI.

Rachel Turney and Lesley Noel split time in the circle. Turney has tallied 135 strikeouts with a 17-12 record while Noel has a team-best 2.15 ERA.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 59-27. Michigan State and Iowa split games this season in Iowa City.

SCOUTING No. 8 ILLINOIS

The Illinois Fighting Illini are 24-30 overall and 8-11 in Big Ten play.

Jenna Hall has a .484 batting average with 13 home runs and has drawn 59 walks.

Claire DeVreese and Kacey Coonce have each seen time in the circle. DeVreese is 18-18 with a 4.17 ERA.

Iowa leads the all time series, 9-6. Iowa won a pair of games over Illinois this season in Champaign.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	13-5
2-RUN GAMES	4-1
3+-RUN GAMES	22-13
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD	18-3
ON THE ROAD	10-10
AT NEUTRAL SITE	11-6
DAY GAMES.....	28-17
NIGHT GAMES.....	11-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	32-4
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	7-15
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	31-4
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	8-15
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	2-10
ARNOLD STARTS.....	15-8
WEIL STARTS.....	24-11
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	20-3
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	10-13
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	30-3
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	3-15
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	6-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	31-5
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	5-10
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	3-4
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	10-5
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	19-4
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	10-10
FLYING TO GAME.....	11-11
BUSING TO GAME	12-5
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	7-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	25-7
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	5-5
IN IOWA	19-3
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	5-3
IN CALIFORNIA.....	5-5
IN ILLINOIS.....	3-1
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	1-1
ON SUNDAY	9-10
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	2-0
ON WEDNESDAY	7-1
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-4
ON SATURDAY	13-4

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO...

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	7
LONGEST LOSING STREAK	4
CURRENT STREAK	LOST 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (TWICE, LAST VS. ARIZONA STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES	5 (AT ILLINOIS)
MOST TRIPLES.....	2 (AT PURDUE)
MOST HOME RUNS....	3 (THREE TIMES, LAST VS. UNI)
MOST STOLEN BASES ..	4 (TWICE, LAST AT SAC. STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ...	4 (VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED ...	12 (BY N'WESTERN/INDIANA)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.335 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED	58 (FOUR TIED)
GAMES STARTED	58 (FOUR TIED)
AT BATS.....	180 (HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	39 (MAY)
HITS	60 (MAY)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	3 (HEIDGERKEN & RIEMERSMA)

HOME RUNS	6 (MAY & MURRAY)
RBI.....	34 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	91 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.508 (MAY)
WALKS	21 (MAY & MURRAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	7 (MAY)
STRIKEOUTS.....	41 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.425 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	5 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	13 (HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASES	15 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	22 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.32 (WEIL)
WINS.....	27 (WEIL)
LOSSES	6 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT.675 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	48 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	34 (WEIL)
COMPLETE GAMES	31 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	7 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	271.1 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	246 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE176 (ACKERSON)

Hawkeye Big Ten Tournament History (19-18 all time)

1982 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 2, Michigan State 0
Michigan 5, Iowa 1
Indiana 5, Iowa 0

1995 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 7, Northwestern 5
Michigan 5, Iowa 1
Michigan 3, Iowa 2

1996 (AT MICHIGAN)

Minnesota 8, Iowa 6
Iowa 2, Indiana 0
Minnesota 3, Iowa 0

1997 (AT IOWA)

Iowa 2, Purdue 0
Michigan 3, Iowa 2
Iowa 4, Michigan State 3
Michigan 4, Iowa 2

1998 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 5, Northwestern 2
Iowa 1, Michigan 0
Michigan 6, Iowa 1
Michigan 5, Iowa 1

1999 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 5, Michigan State 3
Michigan 8, Iowa 0
Penn State 1, Iowa

2000 (AT IOWA)

Iowa 2, Northwestern 0
Iowa 3, Michigan 2
Michigan 2, Iowa 0

2001 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 8, Wisconsin 0
Michigan 6, Iowa 1
Iowa 11, Illinois 2
Iowa 2, Michigan 1

2002 (AT MICHIGAN)

Illinois 3, Iowa 2
Penn State 6, Iowa 0

2003 (AT IOWA)

Iowa 3, Illinois 2
Iowa 2, Northwestern 1
Iowa 2, Northwestern 0

2004 (AT MICHIGAN)

Ohio State 5, Iowa 1

2005 (AT MICHIGAN)

Iowa 1, Penn State 0
Iowa 2, Northwestern 1
Michigan 7, Iowa 2

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