# IOWA HAWKEYES

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# **Men's Tennis Weekly Release**

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# **2011 Fall Schedule** S 23 ......All Day S 23 ......H-E-B Tournament ..... All Day S 24 ......All Day S 24 ......H-E-B Tournament ..... All Day S 25 ......All Day S 25 ......H-E-B Tournament ..... All Day O 3.......All Day O 21......All Day O 21......Northwestern Invite ..... All Day O 22...... Northwestern Invite ..... All Day O 23......Northwestern Invite ..... All Day 0 28-31 ... Big Ten Singles/Doubles All Day .....at Iowa City, Iowa

### 2011-12 Roster and Results (Singles/Doubles)

Mitch Beckert, Jr	3-2/0-2
Marc Bruche, Sr	
Jonas Dierckx, So	
Garret Dunn, Jr	0-2/1-1
Andres Estenssoro, Fr	0-0/0-0
Connor Gilmore, Jr	1-1/0-2
Matt Hagan, Fr	2-1/3-1
Tom Mroziewicz, Sr	0-0/0-0
Alejandro Rios, Fr	0-0/0-0
Christopher Speer, Sr	5-1/3-0
Michael Swank, So	0-0/0-0
Chase Tomlins, So	1-2/3-1
Will Vasos, Sr.	0-0/0-0
Joey White, So	1-2/3-0
TEAM	15-12/7-4
Hawkeye Quickfacts	

2011 Record .......8-12

2011 Big Ten Record ......2-8

2011 Big Ten Standing...... 10 (tie)

#### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's tennis team will be busy this weekend. Head coach Steve Houghton will take a group to the Drake Invitational while assistant coach Steve Nash takes two players to the Baylor-HEB Invitational.

#### DRAKE INVITATIONAL

The Drake Invitational is Friday through Sunday in Des Moines at the Roger Knapp Tennis Center. Action begins Friday at 3 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. the following days. There will be six teams at the event.

#### **BAYLOR-HEB INVITATIONAL**

Seniors Marc Bruche and Will Vasos will compete in Waco, Texas, at the 11th annual Baylor-HEB Invite. Action begins at 8 a.m. each day. Sixteen schools are represented in the field, which consists of a 64-player singles draw and a 32-team doubles bracket. Bruche and Vasos are the second highest ranked doubles team in the field at No. 41 nationally.

#### LAST WEEK

The Hawkeyes opened the fall season at the Purdue Invitational. Iowa fared well, going 15-12 in singles and 7-4 in doubles. In the Flight A singles main draw, sophomore Jonas Dierckx led Iowa with two straight wins. Freshman Matt Hagan won his first two collegiate matches, making it to the Flight B singles round of 16. Hagan and sophomore Chase Tomlins made it to the finals in the Flight B doubles main draw. Senior Christopher Speer won five straight matches after an opening round loss to win the Flight B singles consolation bracket. Speer and sophomore Joey White also won the Flight C doubles main draw.

#### SPEER MAKES MOST OUT OF FIRST ACTION

Playing in his first collegiate match, senior Christopher Speer provided the Hawkeyes with a big lift. Speer rallied to win the Flight B singles consolation bracket with five straight wins. Speer beat Western Michigan's Aaron Wong in the finals. In the Flight C doubles main draw, Speer and White won three straight matches to take the crown. The duo defeated Toledo's Terrence Weigand and Garret Cona 8-1 in the finals. Speer, from Vernon Hills, Ill., currently has the best singles and doubles record on the team.

## **HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON**

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten tennis coaches, is in his 31st year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 331-341 (.493), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history.

#### **HOUGHTON ON TOURNAMENTS**

"This weekend gives us a great opportunity for a variety of guys throughout our lineup to get experience. As for Marc and Will, they have a big chance to show themselves at a highly competitive tournament."

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