

IOWA FIELD HOCKEY



at Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI



2009 SCHEDULE

(2-5, 0-0)

8/29..... #2 Wake Forest ^..... L, 2-3
 8/30..... #4 North Carolina ^..... L, 0-5
 9/5..... at #17 Massachusetts..... L, 3-4
 9/7..... Boston (N)..... W, 3-1
 9/11..... Virginia Commonwealth..... L, 2-3
 9/13..... Stanford..... L, 2-3 (OT)
 9/19..... Saint Louis..... W, 12-0
9/25..... at Michigan*!..... 2 pm
 10/2..... #17 Indiana*..... 5 pm
 10/4..... California..... 2 pm
 10/11..... at #20 Ohio State*..... noon
 10/16..... #8 Michigan State*..... 4 pm
 10/18..... Penn State*!..... 1 pm
 10/23..... at #18 Northwestern*..... 3 pm
 10/25..... #16 Louisville..... 1 pm
 10/30..... #13 James Madison (N)..... 1 pm
 10/31..... at #19 American University..... noon

11/5-8.. Big Ten Tournament (East Lansing)

11/14-15 at NCAA (1st & 2nd Rds.)

11/20-22 at NCAA (Final Four)

All games listed are central time
 N=Neutral

^ Big Ten/ACC Challenge

* Big Ten Conference Games

! Televised by Big Ten Network

ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Geena Lesiak	MF	Fr.	Voorhees, NJ/Eastern Regional
4	Becca Spengler	F/MF	So.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
5	Sarah Drake	MF	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI/Pioneer
8	Jessica Barnett	B	Fr.	North Vancouver, CN/Handsworth Secondary
13	Jess Werley	MF/F	Sr.	Allentown, PA/Emmaus
15	Meghan Beamesderfer	B/MF	Sr.	Lititz, PA/Warwick
16	Sarah Pedrick	B/MF	Fr.	New Castle, DE/Archmere Academy
19	Grace Dolfi	MF	Fr.	Chapel Hill, NC/East Chapel Hill
20	Hailey Chadbourne	F	Fr.	Pittston, ME/Gardiner Area
21	Tricia Dean	MF	Sr.	Bear, DE/William Penn
22	Sarah Pergine	F	Jr.	Collegeville, PA/Perkiomen Valley
24	Chelsea Miller	B/MF	Jr.	Dallas, TX/Hockaday School
25	Leslie Pyle	B	So.	Lafayette Hill, PA/Plymouth Whitmarsh
28	Kelsey Boyce	GK	Fr.	Califon, NJ/Voorhees
31	Kathleen McGraw	GK	Fr.	Atherton, CA/Saint Francis
32	Tori Garifo	GK	So.	Red Lion, PA/Red Lion

Head Coach: Tracey Griesbaum

Associate Head Coach: Lisa Cellucci

Assistant Coach: Caroline Blaum

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Lauren Pfeiffer

NFHCA RANKINGS

No.	Team	Points
1.	Maryland (48)	1084
2.	North Carolina* (5)	1020
3.	Wake Forest*	953
4.	Virginia (1)	942
5.	Connecticut	855
6.	Syracuse (1)	802
7.	Princeton	767
8.	Michigan State*	677
9.	Boston College	601
10.	Massachusetts*	510
11.	Drexel	455
12.	Duke	452
13.	Stanford*	424
14.	James Madison*	385
15.	Old Dominion	326
16.	Louisville*	275
17.	Indiana*	234
18.	Northwestern*	152
19.	Providence	147
20.	American*	134

* - 2009 Opponents

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa field hockey team begins Big Ten play this weekend. Iowa, the defending three-time Big Ten Tournament champion and 2008 NCAA Final Four participant, will travel to Ann Arbor, MI, to face Big Ten foe Michigan Friday. The Black and Gold (2-5) will face the Maize and Blue at 3 p.m. central time.

The match will be shown on the Big Ten Network as a tape-delayed broadcast Sunday at 5 p.m. central time. Leah Secondo and Kara Lentz will call the action.

A LOOK AT MICHIGAN

Michigan is 2-6 on the season and 1-1 at home. All six of the Wolverines' losses have come at the hands of ranked opponents. The Maize and Blue were the other Big Ten squad that participated in the annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge earlier this season. They lost to North Carolina (2-1) and Wake Forest (2-1). Both matches were played in Iowa City.

Michigan is led by head coach and former Hawkeye standout Marcia Pankratz. She is in her second stint as head coach of the Michigan program. She served as head coach from 1996 to 2004 and returned this season. Pankratz led Michigan to the 2001 NCAA title.

**IOWA HAWKEYE
FIELD HOCKEY**

THIS WEEK IN BIG TEN

Friday	IOWA at Michigan N'western at Michigan State Indiana at Miami (OH)
Saturday	Northwestern vs. Maine
Sunday	Indiana at Ohio State Maine at Michigan State Penn State at Michigan

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IOWA ON THE WEB

The media and public can find a valuable and timely source of information about Iowa athletics on the world wide web. The address for the Iowa site is:



MEDIA INFORMATION

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE - All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. However, media must inform Patrick Sojka of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at Grant Field.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Patrick of the sports information office. Please contact Patrick (319-335-9411) so that he may set a time which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

The former Hawkeye is tied for third all-time in goals scored at Iowa. A two-time U.S. Olympian, Pankratz was a two-time all-American at Iowa and was named to the 1980's first team Big Ten all-Decade team.

THE LAST TIME

The Hawkeyes defeated Michigan last season in Iowa City, 3-0. Michigan and Iowa are familiar foes, having met 51 times. The Black and Gold lead the all-time series, 37-14.

FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

All eight freshmen have seen action this season for the Hawkeyes. Geena Lesiak, Sarah Drake, Jess Barnett, Grace Dolfi, Hailey Chadbourne, Sarah Pedrick, Kelsey Boyce and Kathleen McGraw all have seen game action.

Lesiak recorded her first career goal Aug. 30 against Wake Forest. McGraw saw her first career game action in goal Aug. 31 against North Carolina, playing the second half. McGraw recorded her first career win at Boston Sept. 6.

Drake is tied for the team lead in goals scored with six. She recorded her first career goals with two Sept. 5 at UMass and added another Sept. 6 against the Terriers. She was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week for her efforts.

Dolfi recorded her first career goal against VCU Sept. 11. Boyce recorded her first career game action Saturday against Saint Louis. She played the second half and recorded two saves.

HAWKEYES DOMINATE BILLIKENS

The Hawkeyes defeated Saint Louis Saturday at Grant Field, 12-0. The 12 goals are the most scored by Iowa since 1997 when the Hawkeyes defeated Saint Louis, 13-0.

Six Hawkeyes recorded at least one goal in the contest. Seniors Tricia Dean and Jess Werley each recorded their first career hat tricks. In addition, freshman Geena Lesiak (1), sophomore Becca Spengler (1), freshman Sarah Drake (2) and senior Meghan Beamesderfer (2) tallied goals. Werley and Beamesderfer were also credited with assists.

The Hawkeyes dominated possession during the contest. Iowa had 25 shots, compared to four for Saint Louis. In addition, the Hawkeyes were awarded ten penalty corners, compared to only two for the Billikens.

IOWA READY FOR BIG TEN PLAY

Friday's match at Michigan marks the first game of conference action for the Hawkeyes. After playing at Michigan, Iowa will face Indiana, Michigan and Penn State at home and will travel to Ohio State and Northwestern.

Last season, Iowa finished 4-2 in conference action. The 4-2 finish placed Iowa in second behind regular season champion Penn State. The Hawkeyes last won the regular season championship in 2004, finishing 5-1.

IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are receiving votes in the latest NFHCA rankings. Iowa will play 10 of the current NFHCA top 20 this season. In addition, the Hawkeyes will play six of the teams receiving votes in the latest poll.

The Big Ten Conference currently has three teams ranked in the top 20. Michigan State sits at eighth in the latest rankings. Joining the Spartans is Indiana (No. 17) and Northwestern (No. 18). All Big Ten teams are at least receiving votes as Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan are also receiving votes.

HAWKEYES ON THE BIG TEN NETWORK

The Iowa field hockey team appeared on the Big Ten Network more than any other conference school last season - six times.

Iowa's games at Michigan Friday and against Penn State Oct. 18 will both be televised by the Big Ten Network this season. Both games will be shown on a tape-delayed basis in Big Ten Network (HD).

Friday's match can be seen Sunday at 5 p.m. central time.