

IOWA HAWKEYES



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2006-07 SEASON SCHEDULE

5-0 Overall, 0-0 in the Big Ten

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/18	at Kaufman-Brand Open	3 champs
11/20	at NWCA All-Star Classic	
11/21	at Northern Iowa	W, 18-15
11/25	Arizona State	W, 39-3
12/3	Iowa State	W, 24-6
12/7	Coe	W, 50-0
	North Carolina State	W, 38-9
12/29-30	at Midlands Champ's (Evanston, IL)	All Day
1/13-14	at NWCA National Duals (Cedar Falls, IA)	All Day
1/19	at Oklahoma State (Stillwater, OK)	8 p.m.
1/21	at Northwestern (Rolling Meadows, IL)	2 p.m.
1/26	at Purdue (West Lafayette, IN)	6 p.m.
1/27	Wisconsin (Iowa City, IA)	7 p.m.
2/2	at Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)	6:30 p.m.
2/4	at Penn State (University Park, PA)	11 a.m.
2/11	Michigan State (Iowa City, IA)	2 p.m.
2/16	Ohio State (Iowa City, IA)	7 p.m.
2/18	Minnesota (Iowa City, IA)	6 p.m.
3/3-4	at Big Ten Champ's (East Lansing, MI)	All Day
3/15-17	at NCAA Champ's (Auburn Hills, MI)	All Day

All times are Central

THIS WEEK

Iowa will compete at the 44th annual Midlands Championships Friday and Saturday in Evanston, IL. The two-day, four session double-elimination tournament will be held in Welsh-Ryan Arena on the Northwestern University campus. Tickets can be purchased from the Northwestern University Athletic Ticket Office at (847) 491-2287. All-session passes are \$48 for reserved theater-style seats, \$36 for adult bleacher general admission and \$30 for student bleacher general admission. Session start times and individual session ticket prices are as follows:

Session	Day	Start Time	Ticket Prices (R/AB/SB)
Session I	Friday	9:30 a.m.	NA/\$8/\$6
Session II	Friday	7 p.m.	\$11/\$9/\$7
Session III	Saturday	Noon	\$13/\$10/\$8
Session IV	Saturday	7:00	\$15/\$12/\$9

R - reserved seating, AB - adult bleacher seating, SB - student bleacher seating

2006 MIDLANDS PREVIEW

Illinois enters the tournament as the defending team champion, having won the last three titles. In the tournament's 43-year history, only Iowa has won four-straight titles. Several top-ranked teams including Iowa, Iowa State, Michigan, Northwestern and Central Michigan will also make a run at the title.

Hawkeye junior **Mark Perry**, who won the 165-pound title in 2004 and placed second at 174 last season, looks to lead the field at 165. His top challengers will be defending 165-pound champion Nick Baima of Northern Iowa, Iowa State's Travis Paulson and Eric Tannenbaum of Michigan. Perry defeated Baima (3-0) and Paulson (6-4 SV-1) earlier this season in dual competition.

Several other Hawkeyes should also be in title contention. Junior **Matt Fields**, ranked fourth in the nation, may have to battle #2 Bode Ogunwolde of Harvard, #3 Dustin Fox of Northwestern and unattached Midlands veteran Brian Keck en route to the heavyweight title. Senior **Mario Galanakis** will have an opportunity to capitalize on a wide-open field at 133, while junior **Alex Tsirtsis** (149), redshirt freshman **Ryan Morningstar** (157) and senior **Eric Luedke** (174) have legitimate shots at a title at their respective weights.

2005 MIDLANDS REVIEW

The Hawkeyes placed fourth at the 2005 Midlands (83.0 points), crowning four place-winners. Senior **Joe Johnston** (157), sophomore **Mark Perry** (174) and sophomore **Matt Fields** (Hwt.) all placed second, while freshman **Daniel Dennis** (133) placed sixth. Illinois won the team title with 115.5 points in the closest team race in 19 years. Central Michigan placed second with 112.5.



HEAD COACH TOM BRANDS



Former Hawkeye wrestler Tom Brands, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist and four-time all-American is in his first season as head coach at Iowa. The three-time national champion and member of wrestling's Hall of Fame is only the eighth wrestling coach at the University of Iowa. He is 5-0 at Iowa, with a 22-20 career mark.

Brands served as head coach at Virginia Tech for two seasons (2005-06), recording a 17-20 dual mark. In his first season with the Hokies, Brands led the team to the 2005 regular season Atlantic Coast Conference title, set a school record for dual meet wins (16) and had a school-record five wrestlers qualify for the NCAA meet. During his tenure, Virginia Tech crowned five conference champions and two all-Americans. Prior to taking the helm at Virginia Tech, Brands was an assistant coach at Iowa for 12 seasons (1993-2004). He helped the Hawkeyes to a 177-27 dual record, seven NCAA and eight Big Ten titles, while crowning 23 NCAA Champions, 73 all-Americans and 36 Big Ten Champions. He was the 2000 National Wrestling Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year.

As a competitor, Brands won the 1996 Olympic freestyle gold medal at 136.5 pounds in Atlanta, GA. He also won a gold medal at the 1993 World Freestyle Championships in Toronto, two World Cup gold medals (1994, 1995) and was the 1995 Pan American Games champion. He won four U.S. Nationals titles (1993-96) and made four straight U.S. World or Olympic teams (1993-96). Along with his twin brother, Terry, Tom was named 1993 USA Wrestling Athlete of the Year, the 1993 John Smith Outstanding Freestyle Wrestler and 1993 *Amateur Wrestling News* Man of the Year. He was inducted into wrestling's Hall of Fame in 2001. Brands was a four-time all-American at Iowa (1989-92). During his Hawkeye career, he won three NCAA titles and was named Outstanding Wrestler of the 1992 NCAA Championships. Also a three time Big Ten champion, Brands won 95 percent of his matches at Iowa. His career mark of 158-7-2, included an undefeated season in 1991 (45-0).

MIDLANDS HISTORY AND HONORS

Iowa has won the most team titles (18) in the 43 years of Midlands history. The Hawkeyes won their first team title in 1974, and proceeded to win nine of the next 11 tournaments. Iowa also won team titles in 1990, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2002. Other team winners include Iowa State (6), Michigan State (3), Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club (3), Illinois (3), Michigan (2), Arizona State (1), Minnesota (1), North Carolina (1) and Oklahoma State (1). Team scores were not kept at four tournaments (1991, 1993, 1994, 1995.)

Seven former Hawkeyes are enshrined in the Midlands Hall of Fame. They are **Ed Banach**, **Chris Campbell**, **Steve Combs**, **Tim Cysewski**, **Barry Davis**, **Randy Lewis** and **Chuck Yagla**. Hawkeye Assistant Coach **Dan Gable** is also a Midlands Hall of Fame member.

Former Hawkeye **Joe Williams** holds the most individual titles in Midlands history, winning 10. Other former Hawkeyes to win at least three titles are **Tim Cysewski** (5), **Mark Ironside** (4), **Royce Alger** (3), **Ed Banach** (3), **Jim Heffernan** (3), **Randy Lewis** (3) and **Chuck Yagla** (3). Several Hawkeyes also hold Midlands weight class records. **Ironside** has the most wins (27) at 141 pounds, and he and **Cysewski** hold the most titles (4 each) at that weight. **Jim Heffernan** holds the most titles (3) at 157, while **Joe Williams** holds the most wins (35) and titles (6) at 174. **Pat Kennedy** holds the fastest fall (11 seconds) at 165. Hawkeye Assistant Coach **Dan Gable** holds the most titles (3) and falls (13) at 149 pounds.

HAWKEYES WIN 800TH DUAL

Iowa scored its 799th and 800th dual victories Dec. 7 with wins over Coe (50-0) and North Carolina State (38-9) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa's overall dual meet record is now 800-209-30 (.785) in 95 seasons of competition. Iowa's win over Coe marked the first time in over three years the Hawkeyes shut out an opponent and scored 50 points in a dual meet. The Hawkeyes improved to 5-0 on the season with the wins.

Eight Iowa wrestlers went 2-0 on the night, and Iowa recorded six pins. Individual highlights included junior **Mark Perry** (165) scoring two first period pins, sophomore **Charlie Falck** (125) recording two technical falls and senior **Mario Galanakis** winning two major decisions.

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HAWKEYES SIGN TWO

Iowa signed two student-athletes to national letters of intent in the early signing period. **Jordan Johnson** of Bettendorf, IA and **Brodie Ambrose** of Eldridge, IA, are Tom Brands' first signings as Iowa's head coach.

Johnson won the 2006 Class AA Illinois state heavyweight state title at Naperville North High School. He moved to Bettendorf, IA, and will be competing for Bettendorf High School this season.

Ambrose placed third at 171 pounds at the 2006 Class 3A state tournament for North Scott Eldridge High School. He will compete at 189 pounds this season and is a projected 197-pounder for the Hawkeyes. Ambrose also is a 189-pound Fargo freestyle all-American.

IOWA WRESTLING HISTORY

Iowa's overall dual meet record is 800-209-30 (.785) in 95 seasons. The Hawkeyes have won 20 national titles, including nine of the last 16, and 31 Big Ten titles. Iowa's 47 NCAA champions have won a total of 73 NCAA individual titles, crowning six three-time and 13 two-time champions. The Hawkeyes' 99 Big Ten Champions have won a total of 180 conference titles. There have been seven four-time, 18 three-time and 24 two-time Iowa winners. Iowa's 129 all-Americans have earned all-America status 263 times, including 16 four-time, 27 three-time and 32 two-time honorees.

CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

Carver-Hawkeye Arena has been the home of Iowa wrestling since 1983. The Hawkeyes are 154-15 (.911) in the arena, which includes a record 10 victories during the 1986 season. Iowa has recorded 16 undefeated seasons in the arena, with the most recent (8-0) occurring in 2002-03. The dual wrestling attendance record for Carver-Hawkeye Arena is 15,291, set when Iowa defeated Iowa State on February 22, 1992. The arena seats 15,500 for a dual wrestling meet. Iowa's meet with Iowa State earlier this year drew 13,732.

NEXT COMPETITION

Iowa will compete at the 2007 N.W.C.A./Cliff Keen National Duals January 13-14 in Cedar Falls, IA. All matches will be held in the UNI-Dome on the University of Northern Iowa campus. The annual tournament features teams from NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA, NCWA and women's wrestling.

TEAM RANKINGS

USA Today/Intermat/NWCA Top 25 Coaches Poll (12/18/06)

1. Missouri
2. Minnesota
3. Hofstra
4. Oklahoma State
5. **Iowa**
6. Oklahoma
7. Iowa State
8. Northwestern
9. Penn State
10. Central Michigan
11. Michigan
12. Edinboro
13. Cornell
14. Pennsylvania
15. Illinois
16. Indiana
17. Nebraska
18. Tennessee-Chattanooga
19. Ohio State
20. Wisconsin
21. Cal Poly
22. Michigan State
23. Lehigh
24. Pittsburgh
25. West Virginia

W.I.N. Magazine Top 25 (12/18/06)

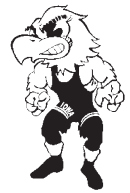
1. Minnesota
2. Missouri
3. Oklahoma State
4. **Iowa**
5. Iowa State
6. Hofstra
7. Oklahoma
8. Central Michigan
9. Michigan
10. Cornell
11. Penn State
12. Northwestern
13. Indiana
14. Pennsylvania
15. Wisconsin
16. Ohio State
17. Illinois
18. Tennessee-Chattanooga
19. Edinboro
20. Nebraska
21. Michigan State
22. Cal Poly
23. Lehigh
24. Pittsburgh
25. West Virginia

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Here is how each Hawkeye wrestler is currently ranked in the most recent polls:

	N.W.C.A./Intermat/		
	A.W.N.	N.W.M.A.	W.I.N.
Mario Galanakis (133)	#7	#6	#8
Alex Tsirtsis (141)	#8	#10	#9
Ryan Morningstar (157)	#11	#12	#14
Mark Perry (165)	#2	#2	#2
Eric Luedke (174)	#12	#5	#6
Phillip Keddy (184)	#19	#12	#17
Matt Fields (Hwt.)	#5	#4	#4

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2006-07 Individual Season Statistics

Wrestler, Wt.	Career Record	Overall Record	Collegiate Record	Dual Record	Big 10 Dual Record	Dual Pts. Scored	SV W-L	TB W-L	MD W-L	TF W-L	Pins W-L	Fastest Fall
Charlie Falck, 125	18-12	4-1	4-1	4-1	0-0	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	----
Lucas Magnani, 125	24-23	4-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Daniel Dennis, 133*	15-18	9-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	----
Mario Galanakis, 133	25-10	9-1	8-1	5-0	0-0	23	0-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	2:45
Billy Murphy, 133*	0-0	15-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Joe Slaton, 133*	0-0	15-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Travis Blasco, 141*	0-0	4-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Derek Coorough, 141	9-8	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	5:16
Dan LeClere, 141*	0-0	13-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Alex Tsirtsis, 141	51-24	8-2	7-2	4-1	0-0	16	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0:57
Matt Ballweg, 149*	0-0	11-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Alex Grunder, 149	22-13	4-4	4-4	1-2	0-0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	2:54
Brooks Kopsa, 149*	0-0	4-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Brent Metcalf, 149*	0-0	10-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Brett Stedman, 149	11-20	7-5	5-5	1-1	0-0	4	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	3:14
Brad Medchill, 157	5-11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	----
Ryan Morningstar, 157	8-3	8-3	8-3	4-1	0-0	15	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1:03
Mike Fahrer, 165*	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Aaron Janssen, 165*	0-0	8-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Jake Kerr, 165*	0-0	11-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
T.H. Leet, 165*	0-0	6-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Mark Perry, 165	53-9	9-1	5-0	5-0	0-0	21	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0:47
Jay Borschel, 174*	0-0	13-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	----
Eric Luedke, 174	30-16	11-1	7-1	3-0	0-0	10	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	5:10
Ben Stedman, 165/174	20-27	4-2	4-2	1-0	0-0	6	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	3:24
Joe Uker, 165/174	18-21	5-5	4-4	0-1	0-0	0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	----
Phillip Keddy, 184	6-3	6-3	6-3	3-2	0-0	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0:48
Rick Loera, 184	3-1	3-1	3-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	----
Dan Erekson, 197	20-20	11-2	8-1	4-1	0-0	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2:40
Matt Fields, Hwt.	47-19	12-1	8-1	5-0	0-0	21	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	2:26
Totals	385-258	228-80	85-34	40-10	0-0	169	4-4	1-1	10-2	3-0	17-4	

* - redshirting and competing unattached for the 2006-07 season
SV - sudden victory, TB - tiebreak, MD - major decision, TF - technical fall

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2006-07 Dual Team Points Scored By Weight

Opponent	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
Northern Iowa	0	6	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	18
Arizona State	3	6	3	5	0	3	4	6	3	6	39
Iowa State	3	3	3	0	3	3	3	0	3	3	24
Coe	5	4	4	4	6	6	6	3	6	6	50
North Carolina State	4	4	6	0	3	6	0	6	6	3	38
Totals	15	23	16	9	15	21	16	15	18	21	169

INDIVIDUAL DUAL RECORD BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
4-1	5-0	4-1	2-3	4-1	5-0	4-1	3-2	4-1	5-0	40-10

DUAL PINS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	9-1

DUAL TECHNICAL FALLS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0

DUAL MAJOR DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
0-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0

DUAL DECISIONS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
2-1	1-0	2-1	0-3	3-1	3-0	2-0	1-2	2-1	3-0	19-9

DUAL FORFEITS/INJURY DEFAULTS BY WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-0

TEAM RECORD AT DUAL STARTING WEIGHT

125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	Hwt.	Total
3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0



2006-07 Dual Meet Results

Iowa 18, N. Iowa 15 - Nov. 21, 2006 - Cedar Falls, IA (5,831)

125 - Kyle Anson (UNI) dec. **Charlie Falck (I)**, 9-4
133 - **Mario Galanakis (I)** pinned Brett Robbins (UNI), 2:50
141 - C.J. Ettleson (UNI) dec. **Alex Tsirtsis (I)**, 5-2
149 - Charlie Ettleson (UNI) dec. **Alex Grunder (I)**, 3-2
157 - **Ryan Morningstar (I)** dec. Moza Fay (UNI), 5-3 SV-1
165 - **Mark Perry (I)** dec. Nick Baima (UNI), 3-0
174 - **Eric Luedke (I)** dec. Alex Dolly (UNI), 7-4
184 - Danny Dunning (UNI) dec. **Phillip Keddy (I)**, 6-4
197 - Andrew Anderson (UNI) dec. **Dan Erikson (I)**, 7-5
Hwt. - **Matt Fields (I)** dec. Tyler Rhodes (UNI), 5-0

Iowa 39, Arizona St. 3 - Nov. 25, 2006 - Iowa City, IA (4,905)

174 - **Eric Luedke (I)** maj. dec. Alex Pavlenko (ASU), 12-1
184 - **Phillip Keddy (I)** pinned Greg Gifford (ASU), 0:48
197 - **Dan Erikson (I)** dec. Jason Trulson (ASU), 3-2
Hwt. - **Matt Fields (I)** won by forfeit
125 - **Charlie Falck (I)** dec. Tyler Bowles (ASU), 15-9
133 - **Mario Galanakis (I)** pinned Shawn Jones (ASU), 2:45
141 - **Alex Tsirtsis (I)** dec. Pat Payne (ASU), 6-2
149 - **Alex Grunder (I)** tech. fall Cameron Smith (ASU), 22-7
157 - Brian Stith (ASU) dec. **Ryan Morningstar (I)**, 3-1 SV-1
165 - **Mark Perry (I)** dec. Patrick Pitsch (ASU), 8-4

Iowa 24, Iowa St. 6 - Dec. 3, 2006 - Iowa City, IA (13,732)

165 - **Mark Perry (I)** dec. Travis Paulson (ISU), 6-4 SV-1
174 - **Eric Luedke (I)** dec. David Bertolino (ISU), 6-4
184 - Jake Varner (ISU) dec. **Phillip Keddy (I)**, 6-2
197 - **Dan Erikson (I)** dec. Kurt Backes (ISU), 11-9
Hwt. - **Matt Fields (I)** dec. David Zabriskie (ISU), 6-5
125 - **Charlie Falck (I)** dec. Nick Fanthorpe (ISU), 6-5
133 - **Mario Galanakis (I)** dec. Nick Gallick (ISU), 6-1
141 - **Alex Tsirtsis (I)** dec. Mitch Mueller (ISU), 4-1
149 - Cyler Sanderson (ISU) dec. **Alex Grunder (I)**, 9-8
157 - **Ryan Morningstar (I)** dec. Trent Paulson (ISU), 3-2

Iowa 50, Coe 0 - Dec. 7, 2006 - Iowa City, IA (4,446)

125 - **Charlie Falck (I)** tech. fall Brian Clement (C), 21-6
133 - **Mario Galanakis (I)** maj. dec. Gannon Hjerleid (C), 10-1
141 - **Alex Tsirtsis (I)** maj. dec. Jared Creason (C), 17-5
149 - **Brett Stedman (I)** maj. dec. Tyler Baker (C), 10-1
157 - **Ryan Morningstar (I)** pinned Ryan Vogel (C), 1:03
165 - **Mark Perry (I)** pinned Bryon Grothus (C), 2:56
174 - **Ben Stedman (I)** pinned Marcus Schneider (C), 3:24
184 - **Phillip Keddy (I)** dec. Greg Lalla (C), 13-7
197 - **Dan Erikson (I)** pinned Rob Kramer (C), 2:40
Hwt. - **Matt Fields (I)** pinned Jared Carder (C), 2:26

Iowa 38, N. Carolina St. 9 - Dec. 7, 2006 - Iowa City, IA (4,446)

125 - **Charlie Falck (I)** tech. fall Taylor Cummings (N), 26-11, 4:53
133 - **Mario Galanakis (I)** maj. dec. Garrett Cummings (N), 14-3
141 - **Alex Tsirtsis (I)** won by forfeit
149 - Joe Caramanica (N) dec. **Brett Stedman (I)**, 8-2
157 - **Ryan Morningstar (I)** dec. Kody Hamrah (N), 5-3
165 - **Mark Perry (I)** pinned Obie Simpson (N), 0:47
174 - Rick Brownlee (N) pinned **Joe Uker (I)**, 6:28
184 - **Phillip Keddy (I)** won by injury default over Mark Jahad (N)
197 - **Dan Erikson (I)** won by forfeit
Hwt. - **Matt Fields (I)** dec. Jainor Palma (N), 7-3