

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## Men's Tennis Weekly Release

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### 2014 Spring Schedule

2/1	Illinois State	W, 7-0
	Western Illinois	W, 7-0
2/11	UMKC	W, 7-0
2/14	Northern Illinois	W, 5-2
2/16	#39 Minnesota	W, 4-3
2/22	at Western Michigan	L, 3-4
2/26	at #65 Drake	L, 0-7
2/28	North Dakota	W, 7-0
	Creighton	W, 7-0
3/7	Bradley	W, 6-1
3/14	at #75 College of Charleston	L, 2-5
3/15	at The Citadel	W, 7-0
3/18	at Furman	L, 3-4
3/23	at Wisconsin	L, 2-5
3/29	at Michigan	12 pm
3/30	at Michigan State	12 pm
4/4	Purdue	2 pm
4/6	Indiana	12 pm
4/9	Nebraska	4:30 pm
4/11	Illinois	3 pm
4/13	Northwestern	12 pm
4/18	at Ohio State	6 pm
4/20	at Penn State	12 pm
4/24-27	at Big Ten Tournament (East Lansing, Mich.)	All Day

Home contests in **bold**

All times local

### 2013-14 Roster and Results (Singles/Doubles)

Brian Alden, Sr .....	7-5/8-5
Jonas Dierckx, Sr .....	10-4/6-5
Andres Estenssoro, Jr .....	0-0/0-0
Juan Estenssoro, Sr.....	8-5/6-4
Matt Hagan, Jr.....	7-4/9-1
Nils Hallestrand, Fr .....	5-1/4-1
Dominic Patrick, So.....	10-3/0-0
Michael Swank, Sr.....	7-6/7-6
Chase Tomlins, Sr .....	0-0/1-0
Joey White, Sr.....	1-0/11-2

### Hawkeye Quick Facts

2014 Record.....	9-5
2014 Big Ten Record .....	1-1
2014 Big Ten Standing .....	T-5th

### THIS WEEK

The No. 71 University of Iowa men's tennis team concludes its six-match road trip with a pair of matches in the state of Michigan. The Hawkeyes will face the No. 46 Michigan Wolverines Saturday before heading to East Lansing to take on Michigan State Sunday. Both matches will begin at noon locally.

### HAWKEYES FALL TO No. 58 BADGERS

The Hawkeyes re-opened conference play with a 5-2 loss to the Wisconsin Badgers at the Nielsen Tennis Center on Sunday afternoon. Iowa, 9-5 (0-1), opened play taking the doubles point for the 11th time this season, with Alden/Swank and Hagan/White both picking up tiebreaker victories to secure the point. However, for just the second time this year, Iowa was unable to win the match after winning the doubles point. Wisconsin took 5-of-6 singles matches en route to a 5-2 victory. Junior Matt Hagan picked up a 7-6 (8-6), 2-6, 7-6 (7-3) victory at No. 4 singles for the Hawkeyes.

### LIVE STATS

Live stats will be available for both the Michigan and Michigan State matches. Iowa-Michigan live stats can be found at (<http://www.mgoblue.com/livestats/m-tennis/index-m.html>) while Iowa-Michigan State live stats will be available at (<http://www.msuspartans.com/livestats/m-tennis/xlive.htm>).

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

Fans can follow along all season to the Hawkeyes and receive live match updates on Facebook ([facebook.com/IowaMensTennis](https://www.facebook.com/IowaMensTennis)) or on Twitter (@[IowaMensTennis](https://twitter.com/IowaMensTennis)).

### SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS

The Wolverines (9-8, 1-2) enter the match ranked No. 46 in the ITA rankings. Last time out, the Wolverines wrapped up their nonconference schedule with a 4-3 loss to No. 26 Louisville. In conference action, Michigan picked up a narrow 4-3 victory over Michigan State, while dropping matches to Ohio State (6-1) and Penn State (5-2). They are led by Alex Petrone and Vlad Stefan at the No. 1 and 2 singles positions, respectively, and by the team of Buzzi and Franks at No. 1 doubles.

Michigan State (6-10, 0-3) will host No. 58 Nebraska Friday evening prior to facing the Hawkeyes. The Spartans come off a pair of conference losses last week, dropping a 4-3 decision to Penn State and fell to Ohio State by a 5-2 final. Drew Lied and Arron Pfister lead a Spartan team that has claimed the last three meetings between the two schools.

### HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are ranked 71st in the most recent ITA national rankings, released on March 25. Iowa is one of 11 Big Ten teams ranked in the polls along with Ohio State (2), Illinois (10), Penn State (23), Northwestern (28), Purdue (41), Michigan (46), Minnesota (50), Nebraska (58), Wisconsin (62), and Indiana (65).

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## Big Ten Standings

Ohio State.....	19-2 (4-0)
Illinois.....	13-5 (3-0)
Penn State.....	15-2 (2-1)
Minnesota.....	8-7 (2-1)
Purdue.....	9-3 (1-1)
<b>IOWA.....</b>	<b>9-5 (1-1)</b>
Nebraska.....	9-7 (1-1)
Northwestern.....	12-7 (1-2)
Wisconsin.....	9-7 (1-2)
Michigan.....	9-8 (1-2)
Indiana.....	10-10 (0-2)
Michigan State.....	6-10 (0-3)

*(results through March 27)*



### HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON

Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten coaches, is in his 33rd year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 345-381 (.475), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history.

In the past four seasons, Iowa has defeated 21 nationally-ranked teams, including 14 opponents in the nationally recognized Big Ten Conference. Houghton also has guided his athletes to success off the court recently as the 2011 Iowa team earned the ITA All-Academic Team Award.

Houghton has coached 19 All-Big Ten performers and his players have received 93 Academic All-Big Ten accolades. He has coached Big Ten singles champions and ITA Regional singles champions, and several of his players have played professional tennis, including Tyler Cleveland, who reached the top 300 ATP in the world.

An Iowa City native, Houghton was a nationally ranked junior player at City High School. He earned his bachelor's (1971) and master's (1973) degrees from the University of Iowa.

Houghton was born January 9, 1949. Steve and his wife, Leora, have four children: Cari, Jeff, Jon and Scott.

### IOWA DOUBLES STREAKING

The Hawkeyes have excelled in doubles play this season. In 11-of-14 matches this season, the Hawkeyes have claimed the doubles point. Senior Joey White leads the way with an 11-2 record at the No. 3 spot, having been paired with both junior Matt Hagan and freshman Nils Hallestrand. Junior Matt Hagan is currently riding a six match winning streak in doubles action, while redshirt senior Brian Alden was won six of his last seven doubles matches. Iowa is 9-2 overall when winning the doubles point, while holding an 0-3 mark when failing to claim the point.

### HAWKEYES STARTING STRONG

The Hawkeyes are off to a hot start in 2014, posting a 9-5 record through their first 13 matches. The nine wins tops Iowa's win total from a year ago, when the Hawkeyes finished 7-17. Senior Jonas Dierckx and sophomore Dominic Patrick are leading the attack in singles action. Dierckx (10-4) has won six of his last seven matches, while Patrick started the season winning 10 of his first 11 matches.

### HOME COOKING

Iowa has been stellar at home this season, posting a perfect 8-0 record in matches played at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. The Hawkeyes are 1-0 against Big Ten teams at home, and 1-0 against ranked teams played in Iowa City.

### FRESHMAN SHINES IN DEBUT

Making his college dual debut, freshman Nils Hallestrand delivered, posting two singles and two doubles wins to help the Hawkeyes sweep Illinois State and Western Illinois. He won a pair of doubles matches in the No. 3 spot with teammate Joey White, while also picking up victories in the No. 5 and No. 6 singles spot. This spring, Hallestrand is 5-1 in singles play and 4-1 in doubles.

### NEW ASSISTANT COACH ROSS WILSON

Ross Wilson is in his first year as an assistant coach after serving last season as an assistant coach at San Diego. Wilson was named the 2012 ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year and ITA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2011 after he helped guide San Diego to a third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Wilson was a two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion during his playing days at Ohio State.

### NEXT TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes return home for the first two matches of five straight matches in Iowa City. Iowa will host Purdue on Friday, March 4, with a 2 p.m. (CT) start time and will then face Indiana on Sunday, March 6, at noon. Both matches will take place at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex and are free to the public.