

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 24
at Northern Iowa
4 p.m.

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

34-18 Overall, 9-5 Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	W, 11-0 (5)
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	W, 5-2
Feb. 10	at Stetson	L, 3-5
Feb. 11	at Stetson	W, 4-1
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	L, 5-10
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	L, 1-5
Feb. 17	at #2 Arizona State	L, 3-4
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	W, 10-4
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	W, 5-2
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	L, 3-7
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	W, 3-2 (8)
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Woodstock, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	L, 5-7
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 2-0
Mar. 4	vs. Troy	W, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 4	vs. #24 Georgia Tech	L, 0-6
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. #23 California	L, 1-4
Mar. 9	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 2-1
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	W, 9-8 (10)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-1 (9)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 4-5
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	W, 4-0
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 9-0 (6)
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	W, 13-6
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-1
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	L, 3-8
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	W, 4-1
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	W, 9-2
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	W, 4-2
Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	at Indiana	W, 9-0 (6)
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 6-1
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 3	Iowa State	W, 2-1
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 0-5
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	Cancelled
Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 2-3 (10)
Apr. 14	Michigan	L, 0-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 6-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 7-2
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	W, 10-0 (5)
Apr. 20	Penn State	W, 1-0
Apr. 21	Penn State	W, 7-0
Apr. 22	Ohio State	W, 7-3
Apr. 22	Ohio State	L, 0-1
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
May 2	Drake	5 p.m.
May 5	Illinois	12 p.m.
May 6	Illinois	1 p.m.
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 25-26	NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)	

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	51	.268	40	41	26	4	7	.392	16
10	Taylor Leichsenring	DP	L-R	Fr.	48	.313	19	31	7	0	0	.333	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	52	.413	35	71	47	12	14	.715	6
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Jr.	51	.289	13	43	25	5	11	.463	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	2B	R-R	So.	52	.346	20	54	24	3	14	.506	5
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	41	.289	7	22	18	1	4	.382	0
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	49	.330	32	36	10	2	2	.477	27
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	52	.208	13	22	12	1	1	.245	16
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	52	.221	6	27	18	0	5	.262	3

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	15-5	18	15	8	2	1.36	144	35	134
14	Amanda Züst	RHP	Fr.	10-7	20	8	3	0	2.27	144	87	129.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

HAWKEYES TRAVEL TO NORTHERN IOWA

The University of Iowa softball team (34-18, 9-5) travels to Cedar Falls Tuesday to face Northern Iowa. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeye-sports.com. Jerry Kiwala or Rob Brooks will handle play-by-play commentary.

The broadcasts are free and can be found in the Hawkeye All-Access section.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Iowa softball fans can follow the Hawkeyes every week with Gametracker at hawkeye-sports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

IOWA WINS TWO AGAINST PENN STATE

The Hawkeyes picked up two conference wins against Penn State last Friday and Saturday. Iowa won the first game, 1-0, and won game two, 7-0.

Iowa scored the only run of the contest in the bottom of the sixth. Junior **Emily Nichols** plated sophomore **Erin Riemersma** with an RBI single up the middle.

Eight different Hawkeyes collected a hit in game two against the Nittany Lions, including home runs by Nichols and fellow junior **Summer Downs**.

SPLIT AGAINST THE BUCKEYES

Iowa and Ohio State split a pair of games last Sunday at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes scored seven unanswered runs for a 7-3 win in game one, but fell in game two, 1-0.

In game one, Nichols capped Iowa's comeback with a three-run home run in the fifth to give the Hawkeyes their first lead of the game at 5-3. Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** and freshman **Taylor Leichsenring** each tallied two hits and scored a run.

Ohio State scored game two's lone run in the fifth off a sacrifice fly to manage the split.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
T1. MICHIGAN	8-2	37-8
OHIO STATE	8-2	27-15
3. NORTHWESTERN	11-3	36-10
4. IOWA	9-5	34-18
5. ILLINOIS	7-5	28-18
6. PURDUE	6-7	28-29-1
7. WISCONSIN	5-7	24-15
8. PENN STATE	3-5	21-17
9. MINNESOTA	2-5	19-17
10. MICHIGAN STATE	2-8	24-23
11. INDIANA	1-13	20-27

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Friday, April 27

Iowa at Northwestern

Purdue at Ohio State
Wisconsin at Michigan State
Indiana at Penn State
Minnesota at Michigan

Saturday, April 28

Iowa at Northwestern

Purdue at Ohio State
Wisconsin at Michigan State
Indiana at Penn State
Minnesota at Michigan

Sunday, April 29 (DH)

*Western Illinois at Iowa

Indiana at Ohio State
Minnesota at Michigan State
Purdue at Penn State
Wisconsin at Michigan
Illinois at Northwestern

* - single game

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

SCOUTING NORTHERN IOWA

The Northern Iowa Panthers are 18-27 overall and 4-12 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

Brittany Ruzicka has played in 22 games and has a .424 batting average. Jen Larsen has started 42 of 43 games and has a .347 batting average. Ashley Lepley leads the team with nine home runs and 30 RBI.

Larsen is also the teams leading pitcher. She is 9-13 with a 4.42 earned run average. Lepley is 8-11 with a 4.80 earned run average and has a team-best 67 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 23-14.

FAMILIAR FACES AT NORTHERN IOWA

Northern Iowa Head Coach Christy Hebert and assistant coach Tammy Utley both played at Iowa.

Hebert was a two-time All-American and was a part of Iowa's three-straight Women's College World Series teams (1995-97).

Utley was an all-regional selection and a member of the 1996 and 1997 Women's College World Series teams.

WEIL SHUTS DOWN PENN STATE

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** threw 14 innings of shutout softball against Penn State last weekend.

Weil threw a pair of five-hitters and struck out a total of 14 batters and walked only four.

ZUST PICKS UP FIRST BIG TEN WIN

Freshman **Amanda Zust** threw five innings in relief in game one of a doubleheader against Ohio State to record her first career Big Ten win.

Zust shut down the potent Buckeye offense, allowing no runs on three hits while striking out five.

TALK ABOUT CLUTCH

Junior **Emily Nichols** helped Iowa to a 3-1 record against the top two teams in the Big Ten heading into last weekend.

Nichols plated the game-winning run with an RBI single in Friday's game against Penn State and gave Iowa an early lead with a solo home run in the third inning of Saturday's matchup against the Nittany Lions.

The Portland, OR, native capped Iowa's comeback in game one against Ohio State with a three-run home run to give Iowa its first lead of the game at 5-3.

HAWKEYES IN BIG TEN STATS

Here is a list of where different Hawkeyes rank in the top five of different categories.

All Games

Player	Category	Rank
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.36)	1st
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (123)	2nd
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (27)	2nd
Emily Nichols	RBI (47)	T2nd
Emily Nichols	Batting Avg. (.413)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Hits (71)	3rd
Brittany Weil	Saves (2)	T3rd
Rachel West	Triples (4)	T3rd
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (16)	T4th
Mindy Heidgeken	Stolen Bases (16)	T4th
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (40)	5th
Emily Nichols	Doubles (14)	T5th
Colleen McGlaughlin	Doubles (14)	T5th

Big Ten Games

Player	Category	Rank
Amanda Zust	ERA (0.75)	1st
Brittany Weil	Innings Pitched (80.1)	1st
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (21)	1st
Brittany Weil	Starts (11)	1st
Brittany Weil	Appearances (14)	1st
Brittany Weil	Wins (8)	T1st
Brittany Weil	Strikeouts (64)	2nd
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.48)	3rd
Brittany Weil	Saves (1)	T3rd
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (8)	1st
Summer Downs	Doubles (5)	T1st
Mindy Heidgeken	Stolen Bases (7)	2nd
Erin Riemersma	Runs Scored (13)	T2nd
Emily Nichols	RBI (15)	3rd
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (4)	T4th
Summer Downs	RBI (13)	5th
Summer Downs	Total Bases (29)	T5th
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (29)	T5th

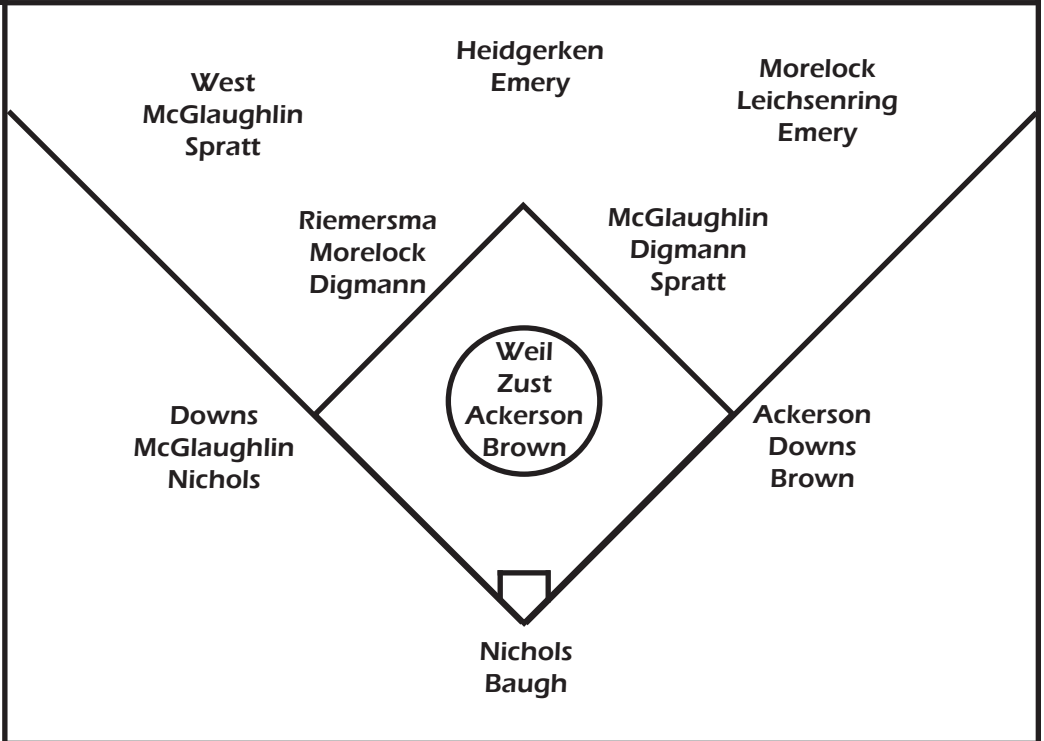
RIEMERSMA LIKES THE BIG TEN

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** leads the Hawkeyes with a .372 batting average in Big Ten play. Riemersma has 16 hits along with three home runs, three doubles, six RBI and 13 runs scored in 14 conference games.

MCGLAUGHLIN OVER THE WEEKEND

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** batted .625 (5-8) with a double and a walk in Iowa's games against Penn State and Ohio State. McGlaughlin also recorded four sacrifice bunts.

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 KATIE BROWN
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 6 RACHEL WEST
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY
- 10 TAYLOR LEICHSENRING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 101 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 27 stolen bases, followed by sophomore **Erin Riemersma** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken**, each with 15.

Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 11-11 on the basepaths this season.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes have scored 108 of their 234 runs in the first three innings of games this season.

Iowa is outscoring their opponents in every inning except the third inning.

WEIL NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for her efforts during Iowa's five-game road trip March 28-April 1. This was the first time Weil earned the award.

Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior **Emily Nichols'** school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped at the Capital Classic March 16. Nichols failed to collect a hit against Mercer, ending her streak at 28 games.

NICHOLS BREAKS HOME RUN MARK

Junior **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's career home run record with a two-run home run against Indiana on March 31. Nichols' home run cleared the center field fence and gave Iowa a 9-0, six-inning win over the Hoosiers.

Nichols passed former Hawkeye Alicia Gerlach, who hit 29 career home runs from 1999-02. Nichols currently has 32 career home runs.

ACKERSON NO-HITS HOWARD IN SEASON OPENER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** took full advantage of her first career start in the circle, tossing a five-inning no-hitter in Iowa's season opener against Howard. The Clive, IA, native allowed only four Howard baserunners and struck out five.

Prior to the start against Howard, Ackerson had only thrown 11 innings in relief.

WEATHER LINE

Fans of Iowa softball can now call to check if a home game is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather. The number to call is (319) 335-9450.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	7-5
2-RUN GAMES	5-4
3+-RUN GAMES	22-9
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-2
AT PEARL FIELD	11-3
ON THE ROAD	7-4
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	33-17
NIGHT GAMES.....	1-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	25-6
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	9-11
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	6-10
SCORING 3+ RUNS	28-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	28-3
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	6-15
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-5
WEIL STARTS.....	12-6
ZUST STARTS.....	14-7
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	15-6
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	6-10
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	31-3
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-14
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	28-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	6-10
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	10-6
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	10-8
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	14-4
FLYING TO GAME.....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME.....	7-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	12-5
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	8-2
IN FLORIDA	7-2
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA.....	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-0
IN INDIANA	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-2
ON SUNDAY	11-4
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	2-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	9-5
ON SATURDAY	10-7

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	LOST 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT...6 (VS. GA TECH, CAL POLY)	
MOST AT-BATS.....	41 (VS. SAN JOSE STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST HITS.....	19 (VS. MERCER)
MOST RBI	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (TWICE, LAST VS. TROY)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (SEVEN TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2 (SEVEN TIMES)
MOST STOLEN BASES	7 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	15 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (VS. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (VS. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (VS. MICHIGAN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	413 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	52 (4 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	52 (4 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	172 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	40 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS	71 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS & MCGLAUGHLIN)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	12 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	47 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	123 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	715 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	22 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	28 (WEST)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	461 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	11 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES	27 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	30 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.36 (WEIL)
WINS.....	15 (WEIL)
LOSSES	5 (WEIL & ACKERSON)
APPEARANCES.....	28 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	20 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	15 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	8 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	2 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	134 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	144 (ZUST & WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE210 (WEIL)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 20th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005. In her 19 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 833-378-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,133-526-5 (.682). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	34-18	.654
TOTALS						1,133-526-5	.682