

IOWA FIELD HOCKEY



Saint Louis
Iowa City, IA



2009 SCHEDULE

(1-5, 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..... 1 pm
 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

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NFHCA

RANKINGS

No.	Team	Points
1.	Maryland (52)	1182
2.	North Carolina* (7)	1136
3.	Wake Forest*	1042
4.	Princeton (1)	988
5.	Virginia	929
6.	Connecticut	911
7.	Syracuse	836
8.	Michigan State*	717
9.	Boston College	602
10.	Duke	577
11.	Massachusetts*	541
12.	Drexel	515
13.	James Madison*	423
14.	Stanford*	415
15.	Old Dominion	362
16.	Louisville*	273
17.	Indiana*	258
18.	Northwestern*	140
19.	American*	100
20.	Ohio State*	98

* - 2009 Opponents

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 Whitemarsh
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

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa field hockey team returns to Iowa City this weekend. Iowa, the defending three-time Big Ten Tournament champion and 2008 NCAA Final Four participant, will host Saint Louis Saturday. The Black and Gold (1-5) will face the Billikens at 1 p.m. at Grant field. Admission is free.

A LOOK AT SAINT LOUIS

Saint Louis is 1-4 on the season. The Billikens have defeated Robert Morris and lost to Kent State, Ohio State, Missouri State and Louisville. The Hawkeyes will play both Ohio State and Louisville later this season.

Saint Louis is led by Head Coach Lauren Bruce. She is in her first year at the helm of the program.

The Billikens finished 4-13 overall and 0-6 in Atlantic-10 last season. They return 11 letterwinners and seven starters from last year's squad.

**IOWA HAWKEYE
FIELD HOCKEY**

THIS WEEK IN BIG TEN

Friday	Missouri State at N'western Vermont at Ohio State
Saturday	Ball State at Indiana Saint Louis at IOWA Michigan vs. Syracuse Mich. St. at James Madison
Sunday	Michigan State at Virginia Saint Joseph's at N'western West Chester at Penn State Michigan at Louisville Central Michigan at Ohio St.

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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 LAST TIME

The Hawkeyes have not faced Saint Louis since 2001, winning 5-0. The Black and Gold are 14-5-1 all-time against the Billikens.

FRESHMEN SEE ACTION

Seven freshmen have seen action this season for the Hawkeyes. Geena Lesiak, Sarah Drake, Jess Barnett, Grace Dolfi, Hailey Chadbourne, Sarah Pedrick 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 leads the Black and Gold in goals scored (5). 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.

Friday, Dolfi recorded her first career goal against VCU.

ONE FINAL TUNE UP

Saturday's match against Saint Louis will be the final nonconference match for the Hawkeyes before Big Ten conference play begins next week. The Hawkeyes will begin conference play at Michigan Sept. 25.

The match against the Billikens will not be the final nonconference match for Iowa. The Black and Gold will face California and Louisville at home and will face American and James Madison away from Iowa City.

IN THE RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are receiving votes in the latest NFHCA rankings. Iowa will play 11 of the current NFHCA top 20 this season. In addition, the Hawkeyes will play five of the teams receiving votes in the latest poll.

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

2008 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Iowa had quite the season in 2008, finishing 18-5 overall and 4-2 in Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes won their third-straight Big Ten Tournament Championship, reached their 20th NCAA Tournament in program history and advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the 11th time in program history.

The Black and Gold defeated nine nationally-ranked opponents during the season and Head Coach Tracey Griesbaum was named NFHCA West Region Coach of the Year.

Five Hawkeyes were named all-Big Ten. Lauren Pfeiffer, Roz Ellis and Caroline Blaum were all named to the first team. Meghan Beamesderfer and Lissa Munley were named to the second team.

Pfeiffer and Tricia Dean were each named to the Big Ten Tournament Team, as Pfeiffer took MVP honors.

Six Hawkeyes were named West Region all-Americans. First team honorees included Blaum, Ellis, Munley, Pfeiffer and Beamesderfer. Katie Naughton was named to the second team.

Pfeiffer and Ellis were named to the NCAA Tournament all-tournament team for their efforts in Iowa's run to the Final Four.

Additionally, three Hawkeyes garnered national all-American honors. Blaum, now an assistant coach on the Iowa staff, and Pfeiffer, now a volunteer coach at Iowa, were named to the first team. Ellis was named to the second team. Pfeiffer also won the Big Ten Medal of Honor and was named a finalist for the Honda Award.