



IOWA BASEBALL

Wiregrass Baseball Classic - Dothan, Alabama

Week One

February 22, 2005

Schedule/Results (0-0, 0-0)

2/25	vs. Troy*	6 pm
2/26	vs. Middle Tennessee St.*	2 pm
2/27	vs. Ohio State*	10 am
3/4	at Southwest Missouri St.	3 pm
3/5	at Southwest Missouri St.	2 pm
3/6	at Southwest Missouri St.	1 pm
3/12	vs. Toledo#	11 am
3/13	vs. Rider#	1:30 pm
3/14	vs. Rider%	4 pm
3/14	vs. North Florida%	7 pm
3/18	vs. Illinois-Chicago&	7 pm
3/19	vs. Illinois-Chicago&	7 pm
3/25	at Wichita State	7 pm
3/26	at Wichita State	2 pm
3/27	at Wichita State	1 pm
3/30	at Illinois State	6 pm
4/1	Michigan State	6 pm
4/2	Michigan State (DH)	2 pm
4/3	Michigan State	1 pm
4/6	at Nebraska	6:05 pm
4/8	at Michigan	3 pm
4/9	at Michigan (DH)	1 pm
4/10	at Michigan	12 pm
4/12	Northern Iowa	6 pm
4/13	Northern Illinois	6 pm
4/15	Indiana	6 pm
4/16	Indiana (DH)	2 pm
4/17	Indiana	1 pm
4/20	North Dakota State	6:30 pm
4/22	Penn State	6 pm
4/23	Penn State (DH)	2 pm
4/24	Penn State	1 pm
4/26	vs. Northern Iowa^	6:30 pm
4/27	Western Illinois	6 pm
4/29	at Northwestern	3 pm
4/30	at Northwestern (DH)	1 pm
5/1	at Northwestern	4 pm
5/4	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	6 pm
5/6	Minnesota	6 pm
5/7	Minnesota (DH)	2 pm
5/8	Minnesota	1 pm
5/13	at Purdue	3 pm
5/14	at Purdue (DH)	1 pm
5/15	at Purdue	4 pm
5/18	Illinois-Chicago	6 pm
5/20	at Illinois	6 pm
5/21	at Illinois (DH)	4 pm
5/22	at Illinois	1 pm
5/25-28	at Big Ten Tournament	
6/3-5	at NCAA Regionals	
6/10-12	at NCAA Super Regionals	
6/17-27	at College World Series	

BOLD - Home game

* at Wiregrass Baseball Classic (Dothan, AL)

at Jacksonville University (Jacksonville, FL)

% at North Florida University (Jacksonville, FL)

& Bradenton, FL

^Corridor Classic (Veterans Stadium - Cedar Rapids)

POTENTIAL IOWA LINEUP (2004 Statistics)

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GS	Avg.	H	2B	HR	RBI	SLG%	SB
14	Nathan Price	LF	L/L	JR				N/A				
or 7	Jesse Brownell	LF	R/R	SR	47	.271	46	8	3	26	.418	8-13
1	L.J. Mims	CF	R/R	JR	50	.264	43	5	0	21	.351	7-10
24	Nate Yoho	RF	L/R	SR	55	.312	63	15	4	48	.446	13-19
9	Andy Cox	3B	R/R	SR	33	.178	19	2	0	5	.215	3-3
or 8	Luis Andrulonis	3B	R/R	SR	32	.264	28	7	0	8	.330	0-1
5	Andy Lytle	SS	R/R	SR	39	.305	46	4	0	16	.344	4-10
2	Jason White	2B	L/R	SO	28	.225	18	2	1	13	.313	1-4
3	Dusty Napoleon	1B	L/R	FR				N/A				
or 44	Brian Burmester	1B	L/R	SO				N/A				
21	Kris Welker	C	R/R	SR	50	.284	50	9	3	32	.386	2-4
15	Boomer Engel	DH	L/R	SO	5	.250	5	1	0	4	.300	0-1

POTENTIAL STARTING PITCHERS (2004 Statistics)

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	W-L	ERA	App.	GS	CG	IP	K	BB
19	Tim Gudex	L	JR	3-2	3.89	23	0	0	34.2	30	16
17	Austin Seward	R	JR	1-5	5.21	13	13	0	67.1	39	32
32	Casey O'Rourke	R	SO	0-3	7.76	11	5	0	31.1	16	11
31	Luke O'Laughlin	R	JR			N/A					
40	Ryan Dupic	R	SO	1-6	10.00	11	8	0	36	20	16

THIS WEEK • The Hawkeyes will open the 2005 baseball season at the Wiregrass Baseball Classic in Dothan, AL. Iowa will take on host school Troy State Friday at 6 p.m., Middle Tennessee State Saturday at 2 p.m. and Ohio State Sunday at 10 a.m. The Classic is a round-robin, three-day tournament that will be held at Dothan's Northcutt Field. A three-day pass for the tournament is \$20 per person. Individual tickets for each day are \$10. Children under age 12 will be admitted at no charge.

HAWKEYES ON THE NET • Iowa baseball fans can follow the Hawkeyes this weekend, as live stats will be available on www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on both the front page and the baseball schedule page. Live stats are courtesy of the Hawkeyes' official scorer **Ray Gilmore**.

LOOKING BACK • The Hawkeyes finished the first year of the **Jack Dahm** era with a 20-35 record and a 12-20 mark in the Big Ten.

ALL-BIG TEN HONORS • A pair of Hawkeyes were honored by the Big Ten Conference last season. Starting pitcher Nathan Johnson was named to the all-Big Ten first team after leading the conference with 96 1/3 innings pitched. He was 6-4 overall with a 3.36 ERA and 73 strikeouts. Rightfielder **Nate Yoho** was named to the second team after knocking in 31 RBIs in conference play, good for second in the league.

SCOUTING TROY STATE • The Troy State Trojans enter the weekend with a 4-2 record after a three-game sweep of Samford last weekend. The Trojans are led by preseason all-Atlantic Sun Conference outfielder Adam Goodwin, who hit a team-best .384 last season

with 28 stolen bases. He has already swiped eight bags this year. Sophomore first baseman Clint Robinson is also enjoying a fast start, hitting .345 with a home run and seven RBIs.

On the mound, Troy State's ace is Landon Brazell, who heads into the weekend with a 1-0 record and 18 strikeouts. Last year, Brazell was 3-1 with a 3.65 ERA.

Troy State is coached by Bobby Pierce, who is 63-49 in two seasons with the Trojans.

SCOUTING MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE • The Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders come into the weekend with a 1-1 record. Last year, they went 40-22, winning the Sun Belt title and advancing to the NCAA Regional Tournament.

The Blue Raiders return a pair of first team all-Sun Belt infielders in shortstop Jeff Beachum and second baseman Eric McNamee. On the mound, Middle Tennessee State was hit hard with seven starters lost from last season.

The Blue Raiders are coached by Steve Peterson, who is 543-427-2 in his 18th season with the team. He is just four wins shy of his 700th career win (696-523-2).

SCOUTING OHIO STATE • The Ohio State Buckeyes will open its 2005 season at the Wiregrass Baseball Classic. They have been the Big Ten runner-up each of the last three seasons.

Leading the way for Ohio State will be 2004 Big Ten Player of the Year Steve Caravati, who has already been named a preseason first team all-American. Joining him in the outfield will be 2004 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Jacob Howell.

The Buckeyes return seven pitchers from last year, led by Mike Madsen and Trent Luyster.

Ohio State is coached by Bob Todd, who is in his 18th season with the team.

NON-CONFERENCE ACTION • Sunday's game between Iowa and Ohio State will not count in the Big Ten standings. This will be the only meeting between the two clubs, as the Buckeyes are off Iowa's Big Ten schedule this season.

IF SMOLTZ CAN DO IT • Junior **Tim Gudex** is making the move to the starting rotation after serving as the Hawkeye closer last season. He was 3-2 with four saves on the year and held opposing hitters to a team-low .258 batting average. He will be the Opening Day starter for Iowa this Friday.

DOUBLE PLAY COMBO • The Hawkeyes figure to be solid up the middle with the return of shortstop **Andy Lytle** and second baseman **Jason White**. The two split time at second base last season, but both will see the field at the same time this year with Lytle's move to shortstop.

FRESH FACES AT FIRST • The Hawkeyes will have a newcomer at first base this year, with freshman **Dusty Napoleon** and sophomore transfer **Brian Burmester** battling for playing time. Napoleon is a talented youngster who was named Chicago *Sun-Times* Athlete of the Year as a high school senior, while Burmester was an all-NWAACC pick at Edmonds Community College last season.

Big Ten Standings

2005 TEAMS	Big Ten W-L PCT.	Overall W-L PCT.
Northwestern	0-0 0.000	1-3 1.000
Illinois	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Indiana	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
IOWA	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Michigan	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Michigan State	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Minnesota	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Ohio State	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Purdue	0-0 0.000	0-0 0.000
Penn State	0-0 0.000	0-1 0.000

Feb. 22	DePauw at Indiana	3:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	Illinois vs. Kent State	11:30 a.m.
	Indiana vs. Indiana State	1:00 p.m.
	Iowa vs. Troy State	6:00 p.m.
	Michigan vs. Illinois-Chicago	7:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Centenary College	4:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Arkansas	2:35 p.m.
	Ohio State vs. Middle Tennessee State	2:00 p.m.
	Penn State at UNC-Wilmington	3:00 p.m.
	Purdue at Florida Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	Illinois vs. Winthrop	2:30 p.m.
	Indiana vs. Memphis	4:00 p.m.
	Iowa vs. Middle Tenn. St.	2:00 p.m.
	Michigan vs. Illinois-Chicago	2:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Centenary College	1:00 p.m.
	Minnesota at Arkansas	1:05 p.m.
	Northwestern vs. TBA	TBA
	Ohio State vs. Troy State	6:00 p.m.
	Penn State vs. George Mason	11:00 a.m.
	Purdue at Florida Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	Illinois vs. Wagner	10:00 a.m.
	Indiana vs. Navy	9:00 a.m.
	Iowa vs. Ohio State (non-conference)	10:00 a.m.
	Michigan vs. Illinois-Chicago	12:00 p.m.
	Michigan State at Centenary College	11:00 a.m.
	Minnesota at Arkansas	1:05 p.m.
	Northwestern vs. TBA	TBA
	Penn State vs. James Madison	10:00 a.m.
	Purdue at Florida Atlantic	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 28	Michigan vs. Florida Atlantic	7:00 p.m.
	Northwestern vs. TBA	TBA

YOHO PACES THE TEAM • Last season, Hawkeye outfielder **Nate Yoho** led the Iowa offense in nine offensive categories, including games started (55), at bats (202), hits (63), doubles (15), home runs (4), RBIs (48), total bases (90), stolen base attempts (19) and sacrifice flies (6).

WELKER BEHIND THE PLATE • Iowa will once again look to senior **Kris Welker** to handle the catching duties this season. Last year, Welker strapped on the gear for 50 of Iowa's 55 games. He hit .284 and scored a team-high 35 runs.

FREE PASS • Centerfielder **L.J. Mims** led the team with 19 walks last season. He made the free passes count, scoring 32 runs and stealing seven bases.

Head Coach Jack Dahm



Jack Dahm enters his second season as the head coach of the University of Iowa baseball team.

In his first year, the Hawkeyes went 20-35 with a very challenging schedule, and finished eighth in the Big Ten with a 12-20 record.

Before coming to Iowa City, Dahm spent 18 years as a member of the Creighton Bluejays baseball program. He left the Bluejays as the winningest coach in school history, having compiled 283 wins against 276 losses in 10 seasons as a head coach.

Dahm went to Creighton in 1986 to play under Hendry and spent four years as a student-athlete from 1986-89. In 1990, Dahm accepted a position as a graduate assistant coach for Hendry and spent four years helping build Creighton into a Missouri Valley Conference power.

In 1991, Dahm was promoted to a full-time assistant as he helped the Bluejays reach the College World Series. That Creighton squad ended the season as the second-highest hitting club in the nation, batting .355 as a team. The team's 60 triples in 1991 led the nation and remain a school record.

In October of 1993, Dahm was hired as Creighton's head coach, becoming the youngest head coach in Division I at the age of 25. For the next ten years, five of Dahm's ten teams would finish in the top three of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Dahm earned two Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year awards in his tenure at Creighton, along with guiding the Blue Jays to the NCAA Tournament twice.

The 38-year old Dahm and his wife, Lynn, have been married for 11 years. The couple has three children - sons Casey and Tyler and daughter Lyndsey.

ONLY ON THE MOUND • Last season, **Kevin Sunderman** was the only Hawkeye to pitch and play the field. This year, Sunderman will give up his third baseman's glove and concentrate solely on pitching. He will be looked to in short relief for the Hawkeyes.

TRITON CONNECTION • The Hawkeyes have forged a strong connection with JuCo power Triton Junior College. **Nathan Price**, **Luke O'Loughlin** and **Brian Furlong** all came to Iowa via Triton. First base coach **Grady Symonds** also played two years at Triton and coached there before joining the Hawkeyes. His father, Bob, is the Titans' head coach.

RECRUITS RANKED • The University of Iowa baseball team's 2004 recruiting class has been ranked as the top class in the Big Ten Conference and 45th in the country by the *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* (www.baseballnews.com).

LSU had the No. 1 class in the nation, while Arizona State, Texas, Oklahoma State and Tulane rounded out the top five. Other Big Ten schools ranked were Minnesota (No. 51), Michigan (No. 52), Ohio State (No. 63) and Illinois (No. 65).

The 2004 Hawkeye recruiting class included **Danny Bales**, **Brian Burmester**, **T.J. Cataldo**, **David Conroy**, **Ryan Considine**, **Ben**

Geelan, **Kody McManis**, **Dusty Napoleon**, **Luke O'Loughlin**, **Nate Price**, **Travis Sweet** and **Josh Wheatly**.

HAWKEYE SIGN FOUR FOR 2006 • After a banner recruiting year in 2004, the Hawkeyes kept the ball rolling by signing four prep stand-outs to National Letters of Intent this spring. **Jordan Auerbach**, **Wes Freie**, **Ryan Gryzwa** and **Kevin Hoef** all signed National Letters of Intent to attend the University of Iowa this fall.

JOHNSON IN THE DRAFT • Former Hawkeye pitcher Nathan Johnson was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 20th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft. Johnson, a first team all-Big Ten pick in 2004, was the 602nd player chosen overall.

ACADEMIC AWARDS • Eight Hawkeyes earned Academic all-Big Ten honors last season for their work in the classroom. **Tim Gudex**, **Aaron Reasland**, **Austin Seward**, **Ryan Dupic** and **Mike Mogard** earned spots on the team, along with Brent Jackson, Nathan Johnson and Jim Reid.

HOMEGROWN HAWKEYES • Twenty-two of the 41 players on the 2005 Hawkeye team are native Iowans. Then next closest state is Illinois, with seven.

THE ASSISTANT COACHES • Head Coach **Jack Dahm** will be assisted by batting coach **Ryan Brownlee** and pitching coach **Nick Zumsande**, along with volunteer assistant coach **Grady Symonds** and undergraduate assistant **Chris Maliszewski**.

Brownlee, who also serves as the teams recruiting coordinator, is in charge of the Hawkeye hitters and infield play. Before coming to Iowa, Brownlee was an assistant at James Madison for four years. His father, James, is the head coach at Illinois State.

Zumsande enters his second year as the Iowa pitching coach. Before joining the Black and Gold, he was an assistant at Indiana State and Iowa State, while serving as the head coach at Muscatine Community College.

Symonds is in his first year with the Hawkeyes after working for his father, Bob, at Triton Junior College. He will be Iowa's first base coach.

Maliszewski will make the transfer to the coaching ranks after pitching for the Hawkeyes for four years. He will serve as the team's bullpen coach and assist with the pitching staff.

THE NEXT GENERATION • Hawkeye assistant coaches **Ryan Brownlee** and **Grady Symonds** are the sons of extremely successful coaches. Brownlee's father Jim coached the Evansville Purple Aces for 23 years before taking over the job at Illinois State in 2003. He has won 745 games in his career.

Symonds is the son of Bob Symonds, the head coach at Triton Junior College, where he has been for 33 years. He is a member of the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY • Hawkeye baseball ties run deep, and it shows in the support staff. Baseball administrator Fred Mims and baseball academic advisor Troy Wulf are both former Iowa baseball players.

Iowa's Record When...

1-RUN GAMES	0-0
2-RUN GAMES	0-0
5+RUN GAMES	0-0
EXTRA INNINGS.....	0-0
HOME GAMES	0-0
ROAD GAMES.....	0-0
NEUTRAL SITE GAMES.....	0-0
DAY GAMES.....	0-0
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-0
SHUTOUTS	0-0
IOWA SCORES FIRST	0-0
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-0
IOWA SCORES LAST	0-0
OPPONENT SCORES LAST	0-0
GIVING UP 3 RUNS OR LESS	0-0
GIVING UP 4+ RUNS	0-0
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-0
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN.....	0-0
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	0-0
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	0-0
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	0-0
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	0-0
NO IOWA ERRORS.....	0-0
IOWA COMMITS AN ERROR	0-0
FLYING TO GAME.....	0-0
BUSING TO GAME.....	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE	0-0
ON MONDAY	0-0
ON TUESDAY.....	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY	0-0
ON SATURDAY	0-0
ON SUNDAY	0-0



Iowa Baseball By the Numbers

LONGEST WINNING STREAK.....	
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY.....	
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT	
MOST AT-BATS	
MOST RUNS SCORED	
MOST HITS.....	
MOST RBI	
MOST DOUBLES.....	
MOST TRIPLES	
MOST HOME RUNS	
MOST STOLEN BASES	
MOST STRIKEOUTS.....	
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	
MOST RUNS ALLOWED.....	
MOST HITS ALLOWED	
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	

Iowa's Individual Team Batting Leaders

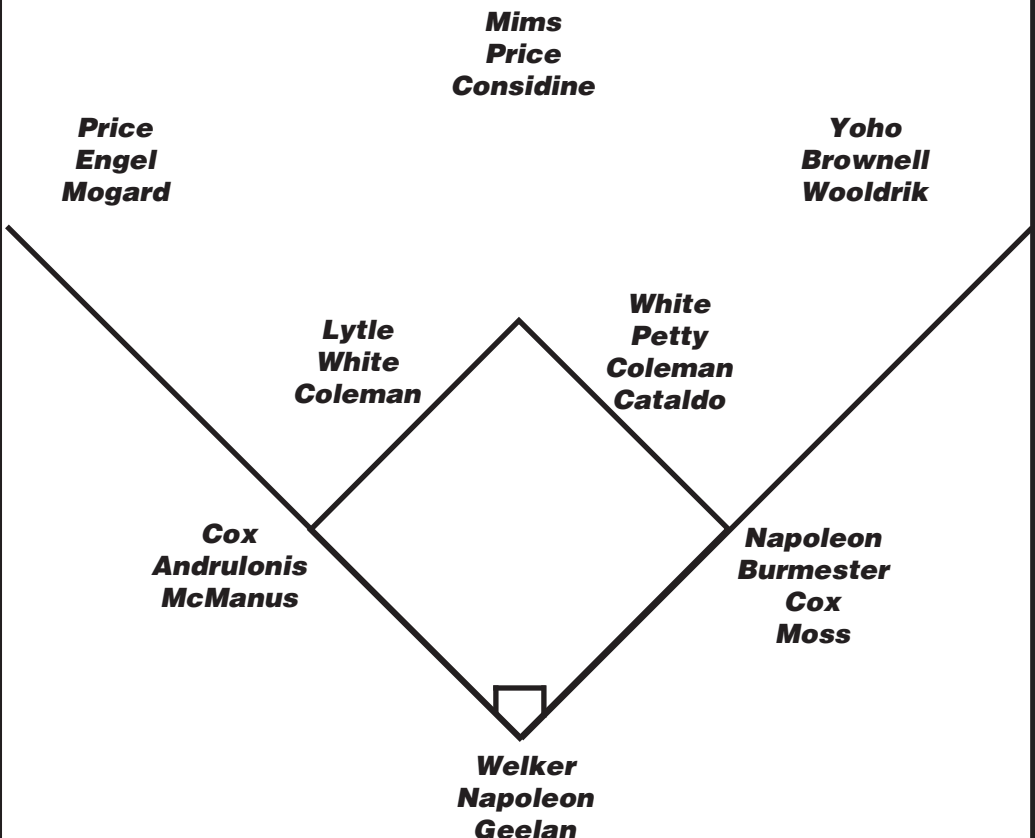
BATTING AVE.	REID (.317)
GAMES.....	WELKER, YOHO (55)
GAMES STARTED	YOHO (55)
AT BATS	YOHO (202)
RUNS.....	WELKER (35)
HITS.....	YOHO (63)
DOUBLES.....	YOHO (15)
TRIPLES	BROWNELL, GREMLEY (4)
HOME RUNS	YOHO (4)

RBI.....	YOHO (48)
TOTAL BASES.....	YOHO (90)
SLUGGING PCT.....	REID (.495)
WALKS.....	MIMS (19)
HIT BY PITCH	WELKER (17)
STRIKEOUTS.....	BROWNELL (42)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE	REID (.405)
OPS.....	REID (.900)
SACRIFICE FLIES.....	YOHO (6)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	FOUR TIED (5)
STOLEN BASES.....	GREMLEY (14)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	GREMLEY, YOHO (19)

Iowa's Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	JOHNSON (3.39)
WINS	JOHNSON (6)
LOSSES.....	DUPIC (6)
WINNING PCT.....	JOHNSON (.600)
APPEARANCES.....	GUDEX (23)
GAMES STARTED	JOHNSON (14)
COMPLETE GAMES.....	JOHNSON (5)
SHUTOUTS	JOHNSON (1)
SAVES.....	GUDEX (4)
INNINGS PITCHED	JOHNSON (96 1/3)
STRIKEOUTS.....	JOHNSON (73)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE	GUDEX (.258)
WHIP	JOHNSON (1.32)

Hawkeye Defensive Depth Chart



University of Iowa baseball coach Jack Dahm heads into his second season with the Hawkeyes with a seasoned squad and sense of optimism.

"We are really looking forward to our second season here," Dahm said. "We've made a lot of strides since last year. We have so much more competition within our program and a much better work ethic. I truly feel that we are headed in the right direction and that we will continue to build the foundation of a successful program."

PITCHING

The pitching staff will have a host of new faces after the Hawkeyes lost three of their top four starters from a year ago to graduation. The biggest shoes to fill will be those left by first team all-Big Ten selection Nathan Johnson, who was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies after his senior season.

"There is no way to replace a pitcher the caliber of Nathan Johnson," Dahm said. "He was a real luxury last year, knowing that every Friday he was going to go out there and give us a chance to win."

While the Hawkeyes will enter the season without a clear-cut ace on the staff, the coaches are excited about the potential of this group of arms from top to bottom. Seven hurlers will come into the season battling for starts.

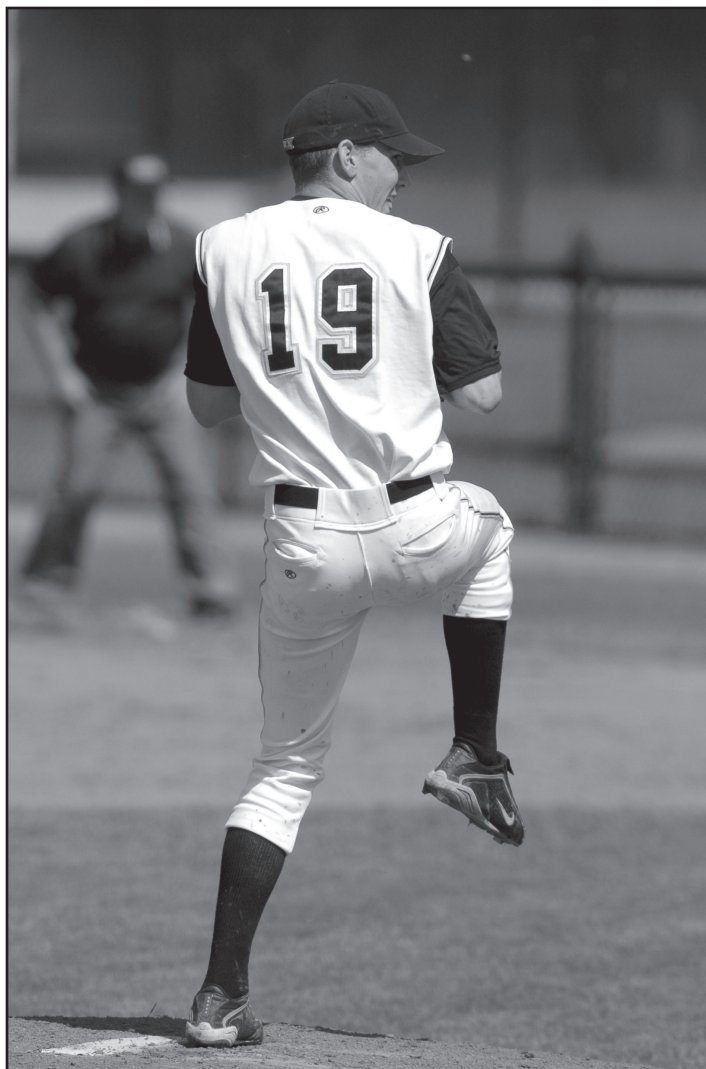
"We need guys to step up and establish themselves early in the season," Dahm said. "There is a lot of competition that we didn't have last year."

The top question for Dahm and pitching coach Nick Zumsande is where they are going to use talented and versatile southpaw Tim Gudex. The junior served as the Hawkeye closer last season, but has the tools to be an effective starter in the Big Ten.

"Gudex isn't overpowering, but he is a great competitor and always gives you a chance to win in whatever situation you put him in," Dahm said. "He has three quality pitches he can go to, and could be very valuable in a number of roles as a lefthander."

With a strong showing in the fall, sophomore Casey O'Rourke has made a strong case for a spot at the top of the rotation. The Williamsburg, IA, native appeared in 11 games last year and made five starts in mid-week games.

"Casey has established himself as someone who should be considered as a weekend starter for us," Dahm said. "He likes to have the ball in his hand in big games, which is exactly what we look for in a starter."



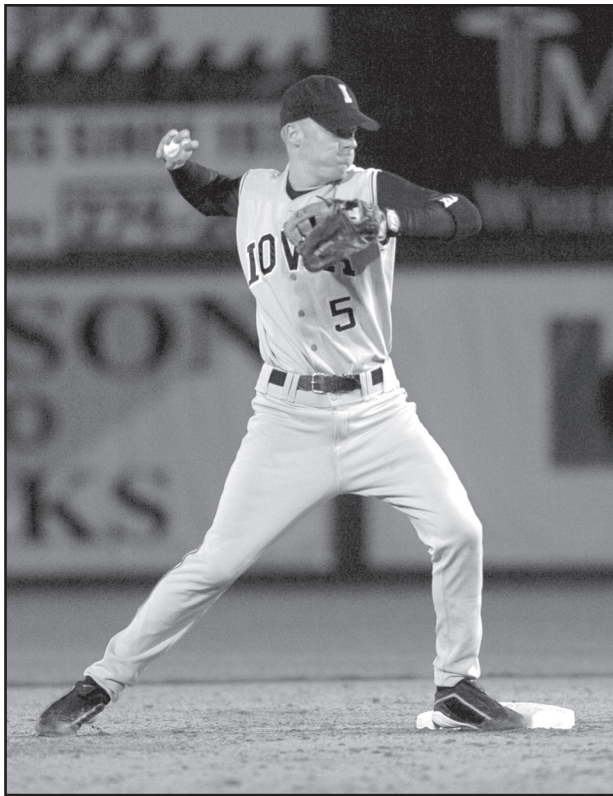
Tim Gudex

Two other pitchers that had solid falls and should be in the mix as starters are sophomore Ryan Dupic and junior Austin Seward. Dupic made eight starts last season as a freshman, while Seward made 13, posting a 5.21 ERA.

The coaching staff will also have a lot of options with their newcomers, led by 6-5 junior Luke O'Laughlin, who comes from Triton Junior College. David Conroy and Travis Sweet are also talented freshmen who could battle for starts.

In the Hawkeye bullpen, Scott Brune and Kevin Sunderman will be looked at in short relief. Sunderman, who split time between third base and the mound last year, will become a full-time pitcher this year.

"Both Brune and Sunderman have stepped up during the off-season," Dahm said. "They give us good options in short relief, as both can close the door."



Andy Lytle

In long relief, Aaron Reasland has experience and should provide solid innings for the Hawkeyes. Cory Dawson, Brian Furlong and Andrew Sparks will also be counted on in long relief.

The status of Jeff Maitland, who is still recovering from the elbow injury that caused him to miss all of last season, is uncertain for this season. Iowa will be without the services of Danny Bales and Josh Wheatly, who will miss the season with arm injuries.

INFIELD

The infield should be a strength of the 2005 Hawkeye team after returning quite a bit of experience from last season. With a young pitching staff, strong infield play will be paramount for the Hawkeyes.

"We will need to be one of the top defensive teams in the league to be successful, because we don't have a lot of strike-out pitchers," Dahm said. "We will have to be able to catch the ball well, and I have confidence that we will. We're trying to build the program around pitching and defense."

The double play combination of shortstop Andy Lytle and Jason White returns for another season and could end the year as one of the best combos in the conference. Lytle hit .305 last year and has all the tools to succeed in the Big Ten.

"Lytle is an extremely talented offensive and defensive player," Dahm said. "I believe he can develop into one of the better infielders in the Big Ten. He has an above average arm, speed, and he is a good hitter. He was also one of our most consistent players last year."

At second base, White is an explosive athlete that gained valuable experience last year and pushed Lytle for the starting shortstop spot in the fall.

Senior Andy Cox will split time at both corner infield spots, and Coach Dahm likes his work ethic and defensive abilities at both third base and first base.

Luis Andrulonis will see action at the hot corner after an injury plagued season last year in which he started 32 games and hit .264.

They will be challenged by freshmen Travis Sweet and Kody McManis. Sweet will also see action on the mound this season, while McManis can play second base as well.

Splitting time with Cox at first base will be freshman Dusty Napoleon. Brian Burmester and Skylar Moss should also challenge for playing time.

Neal Coleman, T.J. Cataldo, Justin Petty and Luke Sassano will provide quality depth in the infield.

CATCHER

Senior Kris Welker returns after a solid season behind the dish for the Hawkeyes in which he hit .284 and was second on the team with 50 hits and 32 RBIs.

"Welker is the leader of the team," Dahm said. "He is a competitive kid who takes charge of things on the field with his fiery personality. He runs the staff really well and is a good middle of the order hitter."



Kris Welker

A pair of talented youngsters will provide depth behind the plate in Dusty Napoleon and Ben Geelan.

"We are not only excited about having Welker back, but we are really excited about the future of the position with Dusty and Ben," Dahm said. "Both of these players have a chance to be special."

The Hawkeyes also have Tom Moreland, Chase Metzger and John Suvada ready to step up and play.

OUTFIELD

The Hawkeye outfield will be anchored by all-Big Ten rightfielder Nate Yoho, who returns after a breakout year in 2004. Yoho led the Hawkeyes in hits (63), doubles (15), home runs (4) and RBIs (48).

"Yoho is the leader in the outfield," Dahm said. "He is a talented five-tool player who continues to improve. He has gotten more consistent throughout his career and should have a great senior season."

In centerfield, L.J. Mims returns after a productive offseason that should set the stage for successful junior season.

"L.J. had one of the best falls of anyone on our team," Dahm said. "He's worked very hard and has much more confidence. He was a bit overpowered last year, but he gained strength in the offseason and is ready to dive into the leadoff spot."

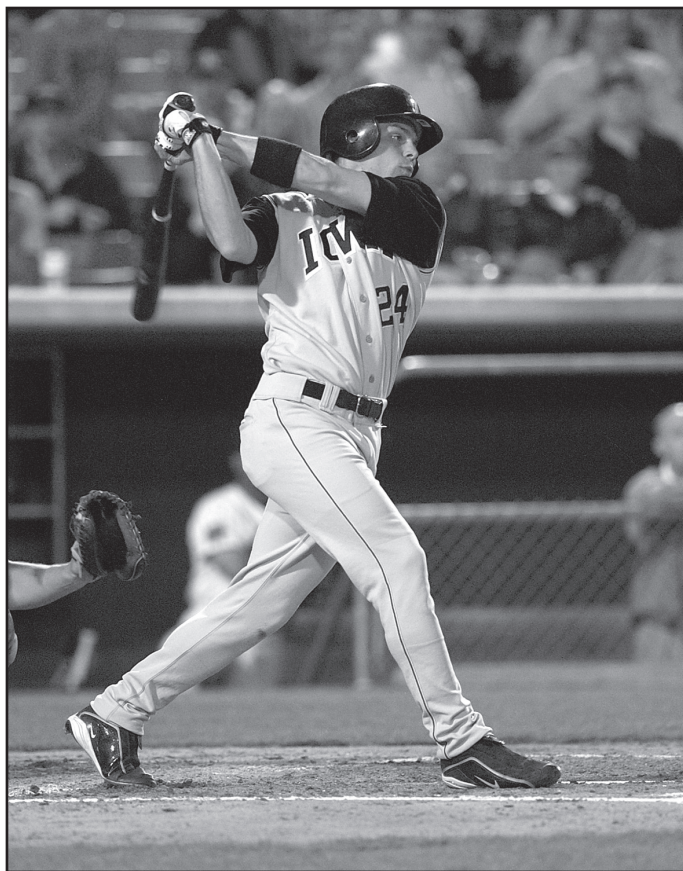
In leftfield, the Hawkeyes have plenty of options, led by Nate Price and Jeff "Boomer" Engel.

Price is a 6-2 lefty with speed that Dahm says reminds him of Steve Finley. He can play center or left, along with being a designated hitter.

Engel is coming off a strong fall and can also DH when not playing the field.

"Boomer is a big strong kid who brings a real physical presence to the lineup," Dahm said. "He's even stronger than he was last year, and should be a good, solid player for us."

Jesse Brownell and Mike Mogard will also challenge for starts in the outfield. Dahm says Brownell is the best defensive outfielder on the team, while Mogard is the hardest worker of the Hawkeyes.



Nate Yoho

Matt Wooldrick, Skylar Moss, Marcus Thompson and Ryan Considine will add depth to the outfield and should challenge for playing time throughout the year.

"We are going to play a lot of guys early, and whoever steps up will play during the season," Dahm said. "It's nice to have options like that, but we do need guys to step up and establish themselves."

SCHEDULE

The Hawkeyes will play a demanding schedule that starts with their season opening tournament in Alabama, a three-game series with 2003 College World Series participant Southwest Missouri State and a spring trip to Florida. Iowa will face the top teams in the Midwest, including Wichita State, Nebraska, and the annual Corridor Classic with Northern Iowa.

"We have one of the toughest schedules an Iowa team has had in a while," Dahm said. "We're going to be challenged early, but that will prepare us for the Big Ten season. We will play all the NCAA Qualifying teams from the Midwest, and it will be good to see how we stack up against them."

2005 ROSTER

No.	NAME	Yr.	Pos	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
1	L.J. Mims	JR	OF	R/R	5-11	168	Cedar Rapids, IA (Central Arizona College)
2	Jason White	SO	IF	L/R	6-1	163	Fort Collins, CO (Rocky Mountain)
3	Dusty Napoleon	FR	1B/C	L/R	6-2	208	Wilmette, IL (New Trier)
4	Mike Mogard	SO	OF	R/R	5-11	180	Marshalltown, IA (Marshalltown)
5	Andy Lytle	SR	IF	R/R	6-1	171	Denver, CO (Highlands Ranch)
6	Skylar Moss	JR	OF	L/L	5-10	177	Iowa City, IA (City)
7	Jesse Brownell	SR	OF	R/R	6-1	192	Casper, WY (Lamar CC)
8	Luis Andrulonis	SR	3B	R/R	5-11	198	Miami Lakes, FL (Christopher Columbus)
9	Andy Cox	SR	IF	R/R	6-4	184	Scottsdale, AZ (Horizon)
12	T.J. Cataldo	FR	IF	L/R	6-0	183	Carlisle, IA (Carlisle)
13	Justin Petty	SR	IF	R/R	6-0	180	Carlisle, IA (Marshalltown CC)
14	Nathan Price	JR	OF	L/L	6-2	177	Palm Harbor, FL (Triton Junior College)
15	Jeff Engel	SO	OF	L/R	6-3	206	Minnetonka, MN (Minnetonka)
17	Austin Seward	JR	P	R/R	6-3	201	Cedar Rapids, IA (Washington)
18	Neal Coleman	FR	IF	R/R	6-1	185	Cedar Rapids, IA (Xavier)
19	Tim Gudex	JR	P	L/L	6-0	159	Appleton, WI (Appleton North)
20	Aaron Reasland	JR	P	R/R	6-0	191	Lisbon, IA (Mount Vernon)
21	Kris Welker	SR	C	R/R	6-0	203	Missoula, MT (Southern Idaho)
23	Travis Sweet	FR	P	R/R	6-0	183	Cedar Rapids, IA (Xavier)
24	Nate Yoho	SR	OF	L/R	5-11	197	Des Moines, IA (Valley)
25	Ryan Considine	FR	OF	L/L	5-9	152	Byron, IL (Byron)
26	Matt Wooldrik	SO	OF	R/R	5-1	179	Iowa City, IA (City)
27	Kody McManis	FR	IF	R/R	6-0	190	Bozeman, MT (Bozeman)
28	Scott Brune	SO	P	R/R	6-1	194	Peosta, IA (Dubuque Wahlert)
29	Ben Geelan	FR	P/C	R/R	6-2	183	Algona, IA (Bishop Garrigan)
30	Josh Wheatley	FR	P	R/R	6-1	185	Palmer, IA (Pocahontas Area)
31	Luke O'Loughlin	JR	P	R/R	6-4	187	Chicago, IL (Triton Junior College)
32	Casey O'Rourke	SO	P	R/R	6-5	190	Williamsburg, IA (Williamsburg)
33	Danny Bales	FR	P	L/L	6-4	199	Cedar Rapids, IA (Kennedy)
34	Andrew Sparks	FR	P	R/R	6-2	230	Kirksville, MO (Kirksville)
35	David Conroy	FR	P	R/R	6-5	192	Lisbon, IA (Mount Vernon)
37	Jeff Maitland	JR	P	L/L	6-2	193	Palatine, IL (Fremd)
38	Luke Sassano	FR	P/IF	R/R	6-2	188	Naperville, IL (Waubonsie Valley)
40	Ryan Dupic	SO	P	R/R	6-4	203	Emmetsburg, IA (Emmetsburg)
41	Kevin Sunderman	JR	P	R/R	6-2	195	Papillion, NE (Iowa Western CC)
42	Cory Dawson	FR	P	L/L	6-2	185	Altoona, IA (Southeast Polk)
43	Chris Zinn	SO	P	L/R	5-10	165	Carol Stream, IL
44	Brian Burmester	SO	1B/C	L/R	6-1	201	Olympia, WA (Edmonds CC)
45	Brian Furlong	SR	P	R/R	6-3	207	Iowa City, IA (Triton Junior College)
	Chase Metzger	FR	C	R/R	5-11	175	Elgin, IA (Valley Community)
	Tom Moreland	JR	OF	L/L	6-2	229	Shorewood, WI (Methodist College)
	John Suvada	JR	C	R/R	5-11	179	Shaumburg, IL (Oakton CC)
	Marcus Thompson	FR	OF	R/R	6-1	184	Runnells, IA (Southeast Polk)