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**IOWA SOFTBALL****HAWKEYES SPLIT PAIR OF GAMES AT HAWKEYE CLASSIC**

**IOWA CITY** – The University of Iowa softball team split a pair of games at the Hawkeye Classic Sunday at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes routed Ball State, 9-0 in five innings, then fell to Wisconsin, 2-1.

In game one, the Hawkeyes jumped out to a dominating 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning, sending ten batters to the plate in the process. Ball State made a pair of costly errors in the inning, and all six runs ended up being unearned.

Iowa added a run in the second, then another pair in the third to take a 9-0 lead. The combination of **Ali Arnold** and **Lisa Birocci** kept the Cardinals off the board the rest of the way and end the game by eight-run rule. Seven different Hawkeyes got a hit in the game, with **Amanda Hentges** leading the way by going 2-for-2 with two runs scored and an RBI.

In game two, the Hawkeyes scored first on an RBI single from **Stacy May** in the second inning. Birocci was throwing well until making one costly mistake when she gave up a two-run home run to Athena Vasquez in the top of the fifth.

**Kylie Murray** and **Natalie Johnson** each had a pair of hits against Wisconsin.

The Hawkeyes will return to action this Wednesday when they travel to Des Moines and take on Drake at 4 p.m.

**GAME SUMMARIES****IOWA**        **612 00 -- 9 8 1**Ball State    **000 00 -- 0 3 3**WP – **Ali Arnold** (10-6)

LP – Randi Freese

Wisconsin    **000 020 0 -- 2 8 0****IOWA**        **010 000 0 -- 1 7 0**

WP – Eden Brock (8-5)

LP – **Lisa Birocci** (8-8)

HR – Athena Vasquez

