



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

at Drake (Apr. 18)
vs. Northern Illinois Apr. 19
at Purdue (Apr. 21 & 22)
at Indiana (DH, Apr. 23)

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

28-16 Overall, 6-4 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
	Florida International	W, 1-0
Feb. 11	North Carolina	W, 3-2 (8)
	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 17	Illinois State	W, 9-3
	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
	# 2 Tennessee	L, 2-11 (5)
.Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	W, 2-0
	Northern Illinois	L, 1-2
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
.Mar. 11	St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
	San Jose State	W, 3-2
Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
	Santa Clara	W, 6-5
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State	W, 6-1
	at Sacramento State	L, 0-6
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
Mar. 18	Nevada	W, 5-0
	# 6 California	L, 0-1
Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 2-5
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
	North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 26	Ball State	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	W, 8-0 (5)
Mar. 31	at Illinois	W, 9-0
Apr. 1	at Illinois	W, 7-4
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 1-3
Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 2-12 (5)
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	W, 3-2
Apr. 7	Minnesota	W, 2-0
Apr. 8	Minnesota	W, 3-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 4-0
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	W, 6-1
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	W, 5-2
Apr. 14	#12 Michigan	L, 0-3
Apr. 15	#12 Michigan	W, 1-0
Apr. 16	Michigan State	W, 4-1
Apr. 16	Michigan State	L, 4-8
Apr. 18	at Drake	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Purdue	12 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Indiana (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	5 p.m.
Apr. 28	Ohio State	6 p.m.
Apr. 29	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 30	Penn State	12 p.m.
May 3	South Dakota State (DH)	4 p.m.
May 6	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 7	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
May 12-14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	44	.346	30	46	13	4	10	.511	5
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	44	.289	21	39	23	4	5	.444	6
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	So.	42	.350	21	43	29	5	13	.577	5
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	44	.258	19	31	13	4	7	.433	6
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	44	.231	11	25	19	3	7	.351	1
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	So.	40	.253	8	25	16	2	5	.364	2
or 14	Brandi Sargent	DP/1B	L-L	Sr.	24	.207	0	6	3	0	0	.207	0
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	33	.222	5	10	5	0	4	.311	4
or 4	Quinn Morelock	LF/DP	R-R	Fr.	32	.250	5	13	8	1	1	.365	3
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	39	.207	9	17	12	1	0	.244	2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	40	.141	2	10	1	0	0	.141	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	19-10	23	21	7	1	2.41	200	72	200.1
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	9-3	21	6	4	0	91.0	80	35	91.0
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	7.88	2	1	2.2

THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (28-16, 6-4) will play two mid-week games before returning to Big Ten action. The Hawkeyes travel to Des Moines to take on Drake (17-23) Tuesday at 5 p.m. Iowa will host Northern Illinois (15-18) Wednesday at 5 p.m. before traveling to Purdue (26-24, 4-7) and Indiana (20-20-1, 3-8). The Hawkeyes and Boilermakers will play single games Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 12 p.m. Iowa and Indiana are scheduled for a doubleheader starting at 12 p.m. Sunday. All times listed are central.

ON THE AIR

Iowa's game against Drake on Wednesday will be broadcast live on AM-800 KXIC. Steven Grace will handle play-by-play commentary.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to Pearl Field can access livestats (gametracker) via www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the gametracker link found on the front page or on the softball schedule page.

Gametracker will not be available for Wednesday's game at Drake.

IOWA SPLITS THE WEEKEND

The Hawkeyes split each series against No. 12 Michigan and Michigan State last weekend. Iowa fell to Michigan, 3-0, in game one but defeated the Wolverines, 1-0 in game two. The Hawkeyes came out on top against the Spartans in game one of a doubleheader, 4-1, but fell in game two, 8-4.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. NORTHWESTERN	9-2	29-10
T2. MICHIGAN STATE	8-2	30-14
OHIO STATE	8-2	28-14
4. MICHIGAN	6-2	26-11
5. IOWA	6-4	28-16
6. ILLINOIS	5-6	19-24
7. WISCONSIN	3-5	17-16
8. PURDUE	4-7	26-24
9. PENN STATE	3-7	25-11
10. INDIANA	3-8	20-20-1
11. MINNESOTA	1-11	12-25

OVER 50 FREE

Men and women ages 50 and older will receive free admission to all softball and baseball games (non post-season events) played at Pearl Field and Banks Field during the month of May. This is part of an agreement with the Johnson County Chapter of AARP.

Individuals simply need to show proof of their age (AARP card or driver's license) upon arrival at the ticket gate.

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

MAY-DAY AGAINST MICHIGAN

Senior **Stacy May** hit a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning to help Iowa upset 12th-ranked Michigan last Saturday. The home run was May's fourth of the season.

With the wind blowing in from center field, May took the first pitch from relief hurler Jennie Ritter and blasted the home run over the left field fence.

Freshman **Brittany Weil** pitched a gem for the Hawkeyes, throwing a complete game one-hitter against the potent Wolverine offense. Michigan's only hit came in the bottom of the second inning.

In the first game of the series, Michigan scored all three runs in the first inning off a wild pitch, a hit batsmen and an infield single. The Hawkeye offense only collected two hits.

SPLIT WITH THE SPARTANS

Iowa overcame nearly two hours of rain delays to split the Sunday doubleheader with Michigan State.

In game one, Iowa scored three runs in the second inning off RBI singles by senior **Kylie Murray**, junior **Emily Gerlick** and sophomore **Stephanie Ackerson**. Junior **Sami Baugh** recorded a sacrifice fly in the sixth for the final Hawkeye run.

Weil improved her record to 19-9 with her 21st complete game of the season.

In a back and forth game, Michigan State took advantage of a Hawkeye throwing error in the fifth and a three-run sixth inning for the split. May and sophomore **Emily Nichols** each finished 2-3 at the plate.

SCOUTING DRAKE

The Drake Bulldogs are 17-23 overall and 7-8 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

Lindsey Larry leads the Drake offense with a .301 batting average. Jessica Hicks is 9-10 with a 3.21 ERA inside the circle.

The Bulldogs are coached by Rich Calvert. Iowa leads the all-time series, 28-5.

SCOUTING NORTHERN ILLINOIS

The Northern Illinois Huskies are 15-18 overall and 3-7 in Mid-American Conference action.

Bailey Ouellette is batting .313 to lead the Huskies at the plate. Taryn Hagemann is 6-9 with a 2.85 ERA for the Huskies in the circle.

Iowa was defeated by Northern Illinois, 2-1 earlier this season at the Coach B Classic in Carbondale, IL.

The Huskies are coached by Donna Martin. Iowa leads the all-time series, 18-17.

SCOUTING PURDUE

The Purdue Boilermakers are 26-24 overall and 4-7 in Big Ten play.

Ashley Hall leads the team with a .330 batting average. She is one of four Boilermakers with a batting average above .300

Diana LaRiva and Brooke Baker have split time in the circle. LaRiva is 10-10 with a 2.53 ERA while Baker is 13-12 with a 2.72 ERA.

The Boilermakers are coached by Kim Maher. Iowa leads the all-time series, 28-4.

SCOUTING INDIANA

The Indiana Hoosiers are 20-20-1 overall and 3-8 in Big Ten action.

Lauren Hines is batting .417 with eight home runs and 23 RBI for the Hoosiers. Mariangee Bogado is batting at a .349 clip with five home runs.

Bogado also leads the Hoosiers in the circle with a 1.64 ERA. She is 13-8 with 220 strikeouts.

The Hoosiers are coached by Stacy Phillips. Iowa leads the all-time series, 50-27-1.

NICHOLS FEELS RIGHT AT HOME

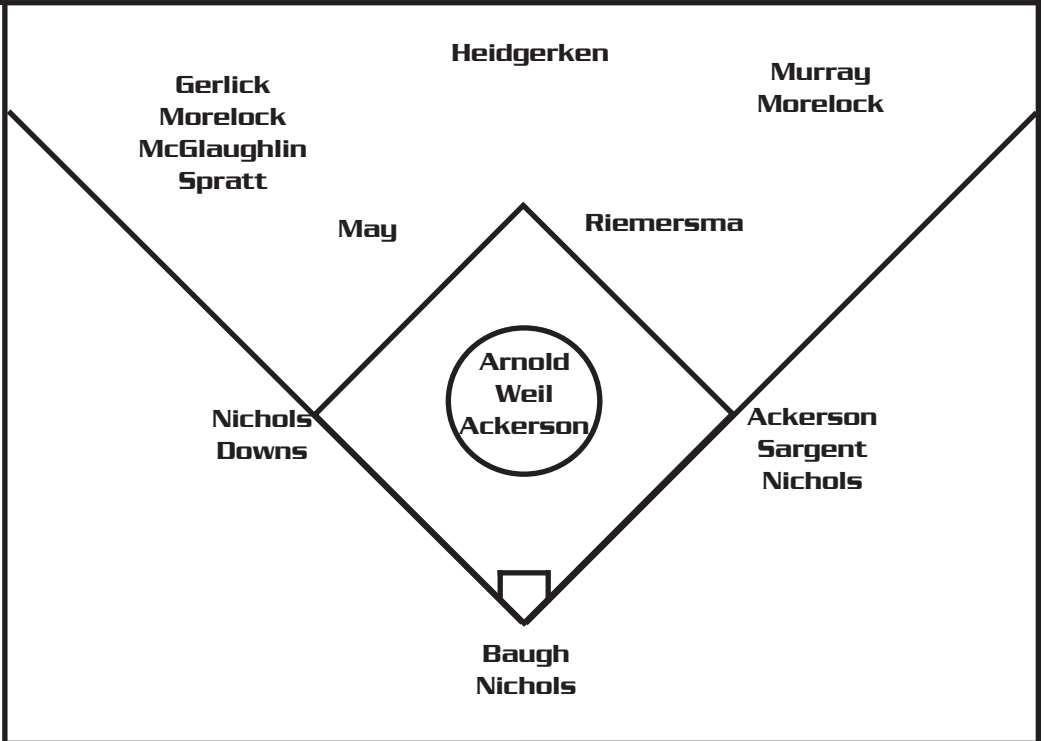
Sophomore **Emily Nichols** must like the surroundings at Pearl Field. The Portland, OR, native is batting .444 with two home runs, six doubles and 11 RBI in games played at Pearl Field. She also has a .778 slugging percentage and a .500 on base percentage in home games.

- 1 **EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2 **SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3 **ALI ARNOLD**
- 4 **QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5 **JENNA SPRATT**
- 6 **RACHEL WEST**
- 7 **BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8 **ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9 **LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10 **STACY MAY**
- 11 **MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12 **COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13 **SAMI BAUGH**
- 14 **BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15 **CALLIE ADREON**
- 17 **KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22 **EMILY GERLICK**
- 24 **STEPHANIE ACKERSON**

HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



PLENTY OF CONNECTIONS

Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** will see a familiar face across the field at Drake. Bulldog Head Coach Rich Calvert served as an assistant under Blevins at Iowa from 1996-02.

Bulldog pitcher Kristin Birocci is the sister of former Hawkeye all-American pitcher Lisa Birocci. Kristin Birocci holds a 3-2 record with a 3.61 ERA.

Blevins will return to her coaching roots this weekend in Bloomington. Iowa's head coach began her coaching career at Indiana and compiled a 301-146 record in eight seasons. She guided the Hoosiers to the College World Series three times and was recently inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame.

CALL HER CLUTCH

Junior **Mindy Heidgerken** might be the person that the Hawkeyes want in the box with runners on base. She is batting .375 with runners in scoring position and .556 with a runner on third and less than two outs. Heidgerken is also batting .405 with two outs in the inning and .600 with the bases loaded.

MAY SELECTED IN NPL DRAFT

Shortstop **Stacy May** was drafted by the Comcast Chicago Bandits, a member of the National Professional Fastpitch League (NPF). May was selected with the fourth pick in the second round. She was the Bandits' first pick overall.

May has started every game in her career so far at Iowa and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. She was also named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003. She joins current Akron Racer **Kristin Johnson** as the second Hawkeye to be a member of the NPF.

MAKING THE MOST OF HER AB'S

Sophomore **Summer Downs** has tallied 16 RBI on 25 hits this season.

The San Diego, CA, native is batting .253 with five doubles.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	8-4
2-RUN GAMES	3-1
3+-RUN GAMES	17-11
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD	11-2
ON THE ROAD	6-8
AT NEUTRAL SITE	11-6
DAY GAMES.....	22-14
NIGHT GAMES.....	6-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	24-4
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	3-12
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	22-3
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	6-13
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	2-10
ARNOLD STARTS.....	13-8
WEIL STARTS.....	15-8
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	13-3
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	7-10
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	21-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	2-13
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	4-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	22-5
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	4-7
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	2-4
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	8-4
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	12-4
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	8-8
FLYING TO GAME.....	11-11
BUSING TO GAME.....	6-3
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-3
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	17-5
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	5-5
IN IOWA	12-2
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN GEORGIA	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	5-3
IN CALIFORNIA.....	5-5
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	7-7
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-0
ON WEDNESDAY	3-1
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	6-4
ON SATURDAY	11-4

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	7
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	LOST 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS.....	38 (TWICE, LAST VS. ARIZONA STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES	5 (AT ILLINOIS)
MOST TRIPLES..	1 (FOUR TIMES, LAST VS. MINNESOTA)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3 (TWICE, LAST AT ILLINOIS)
MOST STOLEN BASES...	4 (TWICE, LAST AT SAC. STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ...	3 (VS. UIC/SAC. STATE)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	12 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	16 (BY NORTHWESTERN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

HOME RUNS	5 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	27 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	66 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.574 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	18 (MURRAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	6 (MAY)
STRIKEOUTS.....	30 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.423 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	4 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	10 (HEIDGERKEN & BAUGH)
STOLEN BASES	10 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	14 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.344 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED	41 (FOUR TIED)
GAMES STARTED	41 (FOUR TIED)
AT BATS.....	125 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	27 (MAY)
HITS	43 (MAY)
DOUBLES	12 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	1 (FOUR TIED)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.46 (WEIL)
WINS.....	17 (WEIL)
LOSSES	6 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT.654 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	34 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	21 (WEIL)
COMPLETE GAMES	19 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	182.0 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	185 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE222 (WEIL)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th 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. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 788-354-3 (.690)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,088-502-5 (.684). 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	28-16	.636
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				