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IOWA SOFTBALL

HAWKEYES TOP PENN STATE, 8-0 IN SIX INNINGS

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa softball team completed a sweep of the Penn State Nittany Lions with an 8-0, five inning win Saturday at Pearl Field. Iowa moves its record to 32-17 overall with a 10-2 mark in the Big Ten. Penn State falls to 19-28, 4-10 in the conference.

The Hawkeyes took advantage of five Nittany Lion errors, while starting pitcher **Lisa Birocci** silenced the Penn State bats for the second-straight day. The junior allowed only one hit, while striking out seven and walking just three.

Iowa exploded in the third inning for seven runs off five hits and a Penn State error. **Sarah Thomson, Sami Baugh (2), Laura Chipman, Natalie Johnson** and **Kylie Murray** all picked up RBIs in the inning.

In the top of the sixth, Iowa loaded the bases with one out, and scored on a wild play that began with a run-scoring sacrifice fly by **Emily Gerlick** and ended with **Mindy Heidgerken** doubled off at third.

Birocci then shut down the Penn State bats in the bottom of the inning, ending the game via eight-run rule.

The Hawkeyes will return to action Sunday with a doubleheader against Ohio State. Game one is set to start at noon.

GAME SUMMARY

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WP – **Lisa Birocci** (15-9)

LP – Marisa Hanson (5-11)

