

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## Men's Tennis Weekly Release

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### 2009-10 Schedule

O 2-4 at Northwestern Invite  
O 2-4 at All-American Tournament  
O 10-11 at Purdue Invite  
**O 22-26 at ITA Regionals**  
O 30-N 2 at Big Ten Singles

J 29-31 Kickoff Classic (Waco, TX) TBA  
F 5 Memphis ..... TBA  
F 7 Northern Illinois ..... TBA  
F 21 at Western Michigan ..... TBA  
F 24 at Drake ..... TBA  
F 28 DePaul ..... TBA  
M 6 vs. Sacramento State ..... TBA  
M 7 at Denver ..... TBA  
M 17 at UNLV ..... TBA  
M 19 vs. Wichita State ..... TBA  
M 20 at Pacific ..... TBA  
M 27 at Michigan State ..... TBA  
M 28 at Michigan ..... TBA  
A 2 Ohio State ..... TBA  
A 4 Penn State ..... TBA  
A 10 at Indiana ..... TBA  
A 11 at Illinois ..... TBA  
A 16 Wisconsin ..... TBA  
A 18 Northwestern ..... TBA  
A 23 at Purdue ..... TBA  
A 25 Minnesota ..... TBA  
A 29 - M 2 Big Ten Tournament  
(Bloomington, IN)

### 2009-10 Roster/Records

Mitch Beckert.....	Fr .....	3-4
Marc Bruche.....	So .....	0-1
Garret Dunn .....	Fr .....	1-2
Patrick Dwyer .....	Sr .....	1-3
Connor Gilmore .....	Fr .....	1-1
Reinoud Haal .....	Sr .....	0-3
Austen Kauss .....	Jr .....	2-5
Tommy McGeorge .....	Sr .....	1-1
Tom Mroziewicz .....	So .....	1-4
Christopher Speer.....	So .....	---
Will Vasos .....	So .....	1-1
Nikita Zotov .....	Jr .....	0-1

**THIS WEEK** -- The University of Iowa men's tennis team travels to Tulsa, OK, this week to compete in the Wilson ITA Regional Championships. Competition will begin Thursday and conclude Monday at the Case Tennis Center in Tulsa.

**HAWKEYE COMPETITORS** -- Marc Bruche, Reinoud Haal, Will Vasos, Nikita Zotov, Tommy McGeorge, Tom Mroziewicz, Patrick Dwyer and Garret Dunn will all travel to Tulsa to compete in the ITA Regionals this week.

**HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS** -- The Hawkeyes have three newcomers on the squad this fall (sophomore **Marc Bruche** and freshmen **Garret Dunn** and **Connor Gilmore**). Bruche competed last season with the Baylor Bears. He saw his first action as a Hawkeye at the ITA All-American Championships. Dunn recorded his first career collegiate victory at the Wildcat Invite and Gilmore recorded his first career victory last time out at the Purdue Fall Invitational.

**2009 - A SOLID YEAR** -- The Hawkeyes finished 12-9 overall and 4-6 in Big Ten Conference play in 2009. Iowa was ranked 60th nationally in the final ITA Division I poll and was ranked as high as 52nd during the year. As a team, Iowa defeated five ranked opponents. Senior Christian Bierich, nationally ranked throughout the season, finished with a singles record of 11-9 and a doubles record of 10-10. Bierich, the fall Big Ten Singles champion, was a first team all-Big Ten selection. The honor marked the second-straight season a Hawkeye was named to the all-conference squad (Bart van Monsjou, 2008).

**HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON** -- Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten tennis coaches, is in his 29th year as head coach of the Hawkeyes. He has compiled a career record of 310-318 (.494), recording the most wins of any coach in Iowa men's tennis history. Houghton recorded his 300th win at Indiana State Feb. 6, 2009. His best season came in 1984 when Iowa won a school-record 21 matches and two Hawkeyes earned all-Big Ten honors. Four of Houghton's athletes have also been selected Big Ten Sportsman of the Year. He became the winningest coach in Iowa tennis history in 1992 and is a member of the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame. While playing at Iowa, Houghton had a career winning percentage of .727 (40-15), second best in Iowa history.

### Hawkeye Quickfacts

2009 Record: .....	12-9
2009 Big Ten Record: .....	4-6
2009 Big Ten Finish.....	T-7th

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