

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Shane Sturtz, Men's Golf Contact



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Sept. 14, 2017

2017-18 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 10-12	Gopher Invitational	14th/16
Sept. 17	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Sept. 18	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Sept. 19	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Sept. 24	SMU Intercollegiate	All Day
Sept. 25	SMU Intercollegiate	All Day
Sept. 26	SMU Intercollegiate	All Day
Oct. 8	Windon Memorial	All Day
Oct. 9	Windon Memorial	All Day
Oct. 23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Oct. 24	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 10	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Mar. 16	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 17	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 18	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 26	Duck Invitational	All Day
Mar. 27	Duck Invitational	All Day
Apr. 14	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 16	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 21	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 22	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 29	Big Ten Championships	All Day

2017-18 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	Jr.	Clive, Iowa
Ryoto Furuya	So.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Jaewook Lee	Fr.	Langley, British Columbia
Sam Meuret	Sr.	Brunswick, Neb.
Alex Moorman	So.	Centerville, Iowa
Jake Rowe	Fr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Jack Simpson	So.	Aurora, Ontario
Matthew Walker	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	So.	Potomac, Md.

2017-18 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Ryoto Furuya	3	73	69	-----
Sam Meuret	3	76.67	73	-----
Alex Moorman	3	78.67	74	-----
Alex Schaake	3	73.67	72	-----
Matthew Walker	3	74.33	71	-----

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team returns to action as the host of the GolfWeek Conference Challenge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The event will be held at the Cedar Rapids Country Club (CRCC) for the first time ever and will take place Sunday through Tuesday. Admission is free to the public.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday -- 18 holes, tee times starting at 9:30 a.m. (CT) off holes 1 and 10
Monday -- 18 holes, tee time starting at 9:30 a.m. (CT) off holes 1 and 10
Tuesday -- 18 holes, shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. (CT)

FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting golfstat.com for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page on hawkeyesports.com.

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa men's golf program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" Hawkeye men's golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

THE FIELD

Iowa is joined by a strong 15-team field featuring teams from 15 different conferences. Campbell (Big South), Eastern Michigan (MAC), Furman (Southern), Georgia (SEC), Lipscomb (A-Sun), Louisiana-Monroe (Sun Belt), McNeese State (Southland), North Carolina State (ACC), Sacramento State (Big Sky), San Francisco (WCC), San Jose State (MWC), Southern Illinois (MVC), UNC-Wilmington (Colonial), and Washington State (Pac-12).

THE COURSE

The Donald Ross course at Cedar Rapids Country Club is a par-72 stretching 7,112 yards from the tips. Created in 1904 and most recently restored in 2015, the course, is ranked as the best golf course in Eastern Iowa, according to *Golf Digest*.

QUOTING COACH TYLER STITH

"This is our ninth season hosting the Golfweek Challenge. It's a huge opportunity for us to be able to compete close to home at a golf course we are familiar with. It's a privilege to bring so many top teams and showcase one of our great golf courses in Iowa. We're disappointed with how things finished up last weekend, but we're still confident going into the tournament this week. We have an opportunity to put that behind us and learn from the mistakes we made and get right back into competition again. My expectations are as high as they would be for any other tournament. We've played the golf course a bunch of times and guys have had a lot of success up there. I expect us to be in contention on the final round."

THE LINEUP

The Hawkeyes are still competing for the starting five. The lineup will become final on Saturday.

LAST TIME OUT

Iowa finished 14th in its season opening tournament at the Gopher Invitational in Independence, Minnesota. Ryoto Furuya led the Hawkeyes with a six-over-par and tied for 28th, followed by Alex Schaake at eight-over-par, and Mathew Walker at 10-over-par.

RYOTO FURUYA'S CAREER DAY AT GOPHER INVITATIONAL

In the third and final day of the tournament, Furuya fired an 18-hole career best two-under-par, 69, to secure a career low 54-hole total of 219. Furuya's tie for 12th place also set a best career finish in a tournament.



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 33,564
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: Fourth
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Jeff Schmid
Year at Iowa: Second
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1990

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DONALD ROSS COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	357	4
2	364	4
3	407	4
4	475	4
5	160	3
6	497	5
7	426	4
8	200	3
9	559	5
OUT	3,445	36
10	395	4
11	437	4
12	222	3
13	422	4
14	360	4
15	627	5
16	406	4
17	445	4
18	353	4
IN	3,667	36
TOTAL	7,112	72

HOME COOKIN'

In 2015, the Hawkeyes claimed the the Golfweek Conference Challenge with a 54-hole total of 842 (-22), which was the firth best 54-hole score in program history. At the time, the tournament was played at Burlington's Spirit Hollow Golf Course.

GOLFWEK NOTABLES

The Golfweek Conference Challenge has brought in big names such as 2017 U.S. Open Championship winner Brooks Koepka (Florida State), 2017 John Deere Classic winner Bryson DeChambeau (SMU), Max Homa (UC Berkley), Harold Varner (ECU), and Albin Choi (N.C. State).

WALKER, SCHAAKE, SIMPSON ON BIG PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

- Walker competed in every event for the second consecutive year, averaging 72.73 strokes per round as a sophomore. Last fall he led the Hawkeyes with four top-10 finishes and 16 rounds at or below par. Walker tied for 19th at the 2017 Big Ten Championships and tied for 46th place at the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional.
- Schaaque played in seven tournaments last year and posted a 75.1 stroke average per 18-holes. At the 2017 Big Ten Championships, Schaaque placed 29th after shooting a career-best 66 (-4).
- Simpson competed in six events, averaging 77.43 strokes-per-round with three rounds at or below par and two top-20 finishes. Simpson shined at the 2017 Big Ten Championships placing a team-best 16th place.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Iowa added two freshmen to its 2017-18 roster. Jaewook Lee (Langley, British Columbia) and Jake Rowe (Portadown, Northern Ireland).

WALKER IS A WORK HORSE

Junior Matthew Walker was the first true freshman to compete in every fall tournament for the Hawkeyes since Cole Peevler in 2015. Walker followed up his freshman season by competing in every event as a sophomore.

9 STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last nine seasons, joining Illinois as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last nine seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last eight years (2009, 2011, 2012).

2016-17 RECAP

- The Hawkeyes ended the spring season at the NCAA Regionals in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the program's ninth straight NCAA Regional appearance. The spring season was highlighted by a fourth place finish at the Big Ten Championships, in Baltimore, Maryland, which is the fourth straight year that Iowa placed fourth or better at the event.
- The highlight of the fall came at Iowa's annual Hawkeye Invitational, where the Hawkeyes finished second in a 14-team field and had four individuals place 15th or better. Two of the four top-finishers, Matthew Walker and Jack Simpson, shot a 54-hole score of 217 (+1), and return to the 2017 squad.
- As a team the Hawkeyes had a stroke average of 74.93 with 55 rounds at or below par. Alex Schaaque and Matthew Walker both shot a team low of 66.

LOOKING AHEAD

Following the Golfweek Conference Challenge, the Hawkeyes will play in the SMU Intercollegiate, Sept. 24-26, in Dallas, Texas.

