## THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



# Women's Gymnastics

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#### 2005 GYMHAWK SCHEDULE

Super Six Chall6th, 190.725
DenverL, 195.1-191.8
Illinois-Chicago .L, 191.125-190.325
Jan. 28 Iowa State 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 Illinois
Feb. II Hearts Invite7 p.m.
Feb. 19. Iowa State 8 p.m.
Feb. 26 Minnesota 7 p.m.
Mar. 4 Michigan 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 12 Auburn2 p.m.
Mar. 26 Big Ten Champs 6 p.m.
Apr. 9 NCAA Regionals TBA
Apr. 21 NCAA Champs TBA

- \* Home meets in bold
- \*Times are local to site and subject to change.

#### 2005 Individual/Team Bests

Individual Bests
Vault: 9.900
Kortny Williamson at Denver (1/15)
Uneven Bars: 9.775
Annie Rue at Denver (1/15)
Balance Beam: 9.725
Danielle Legeai & Kortny Williamson
Floor Exercise:9.800
Liz Grajewski vs III-Chicago (1/23)
All-Around:38.750
Liz Grajewski at Denver (1/15)
Team Bests
Vault: 48.875
at Denver (1/15)
Uneven Bars: 48.550
at Super Six Challenge (1/7)
Balance Beam: 47.750
(1/22)
vs Illinois-Chicago (1/23)
Floor Exercise:48.475
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#### IOWA ON THE WEB



# **GYMHAWKS TAKE ON IOWA STATE**

#### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to Iowa State Friday. Competition will take place at Hilton Coliseum beginning at 7 p.m.

#### THE IOWA STATE CYCLONES

The No. 10 Cyclones return 13 letterwinners from last season, including all-Americans Erin Dethoff and Janet Anson.

lowa State is ranked eighth in the nation on beam, 11th on floor and 14th on vault. Additionally, Anson is ranked eighth in the all-around.

The Cyclones are 2-I this season. They beat Missouri and Minnesota, outscoring both teams in every event. Iowa State's loss came against Alabama. Even in the loss, the Cyclones took the top three places on beam.

#### LAST SEASON AGAINST THE CYCLONES

Last season, the GymHawks competed against the Cyclones twice. lowa lost both contests.

#### Iowa's Series Against Iowa State

The GymHawks' record against lowa State is 20-28. The last time lowa beat the Cyclones was in 2003. The last time lowa State beat the GymHawks was in 2004.

#### THE HY-VEE CY-HAWK SERIES

Hy-Vee, Inc., in conjunction with Hawkeye Sports Properties, a division of Learfield Communications and Cyclone Sports Marketing, a division of Clear Channel and ESPN

Regional, has reached an agreement with lowa State University and the University of lowa to serve as the title sponsor for the schools' Cy-Hawk Series - the name given to the collection of regular-season, head-to-head intercollegiate athletic events featuring Cyclone and Hawkeye teams.

A point system is tracking each institution's performance and will culminate in one institution winning the annual trophy for the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series. Intercollegiate athletic teams from lowa and lowa State will square off in head-to-head competition nine different times during the 2004-05 academic year. The competition this year is in football, men's basketball, women's basketball, wrestling, women's gymnastics, soccer, softball and women's swimming and diving. Additional points will are available for each school based on successful performance in the classroom by student-athletes.

An institution will be awarded two points if the student-athlete graduation rate for all student-athletes is greater than the national average for all student-athletes.

### Noteworthy Against Illinois-Chicago

The GymHawks broke two team event bests for the season. On beam, lowa had a season-high 47.75, while posting a 48.475 on floor. Iowa also scored an individual season-high on floor with Liz Grajewski's 9.8, while Danielle Legeai tied the beam season-high score of 9.725.

#### GYMINFO TOP 25 POLL

January 17, 2005 - by Total Season Avg.

Tea	<u>ım</u>	Season Avg
1.	UCLA	196.500
2.	Utah	196.433
3.	Michigan*	196.000
4.	Alabama	195.675
5.	Florida*	195.650
6.	Georgia*	195.500
7.	LSU	195.467
8.	Brigham Young	195.092
9.	Denver*	194.850
10.	Iowa State*	194.842
11.	Oklahoma	194.767
12.	Arkansas	194.483
13.	Auburn*	194.375
	Oregon State	194.108
15.	Michigan State*	194.075
16.	Southern Utah	194.050
17.	Arizona State	193.983
18.	Kentucky	193.917
19.	Penn State*	193.892
20.	Arizona*	193.567
21.	Ohio State*	193.500
22.	Washington	193.500
23.	Nebraska	193.425
24.	Minnesota*	193.392
25.	Central Michigan	193.200

<sup>\* -</sup> GymHawks 2005 opponents (includes dual and Big Ten Championships)

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#### GYMHAWKS INFORMATION

Head CoachLarissa Libby
Alma Mater/Year:LSU/1996
Record at Iowa/Years:First Year
Overall Record/Years:First Year
Assistant Coach: Derek May
Assistant Coach:Steve Biondo
Gymnastics Secretary:Irene Pearson
Office Phone:(319) 335-9741
2004 Record: 9-6
2004 Conference Record:2-0
2004 Conference Finish: 3rd
2004 Postseason: NCAAs/12th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/6
Newcomers: 4

# Hawkeye Gymnastics Continued...

Grajewski won floor, took second in the all-around (38.25) and third on bars (9.625). Legeai placed first on beam in her first meet of the season. Kortny Williamson scored a 9.75 on vault to finish second, while Katie Burke tied for third on beam with a 9.65.

#### **HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY**

Larissa Libby is in her first season as head coach of the GymHawks. Last season, Libby served as associate head coach after three years as an assistant. Libby has already made a lasting impact on the GymHawks as the team's choreographer and beam coach. The top 10 school beam performances have all been under her guidance, including the school record of 49.425. Libby coached four gymnasts to score a 9.9 or higher on beam in 2004. She also guided sophomore **Danielle Legeai** to tie for second on beam at NCAA regionals last season.

## **2005 Iowa Gymnastics Roster**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Katie Burke	5-3	Fr.	Palatine, IL
Beth Dilick	5-3	So.	King George,VA
Liz Grajewski	5-4	Jr.	Covington,WA
Tiffany Kwan	5-3	Jr.	Unionville, Ontario
Danielle Legeai	4-11	So.	New Orleans, LA
Mindi Levitz	5-0	Sr.	Sunnyvale, CA
Romina Mazzoni	5-5	So.	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Natalie Padilla	5-3	Fr.	Bonita, CA
Amanda Rudolph	5-4	Fr.	West Bend,WI
Annie Rue	5-4	Sr.	Reisterstown, MD
Kortny Williamson	5-4	Jr.	Manheim, PA
Bobbie Zimmerman	5-5	So.	Naperville, IL
Ally Zipse	5-5	Fr.	Fort Wayne, IN

Head Coach: Larissa Libby (first season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Derek May (fourth season)

Steve Biondo (first season)