

IOWA HAWKEYES



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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

December 3, 2014

2015 SCHEDULE

12/16	Black & Gold Intrasquad	11 a.m.
1/9	at LSU	7:30 p.m.
1/18	Michigan State, Ball State	2 p.m.
1/24	at Ohio State	3 p.m.
1/30	Maryland	7 p.m.
2/7	at Nebraska	6 p.m.
2/14	Illinois	3 p.m.
2/21	at Denver, BYU	7 p.m.
2/27	at UC Davis	7 p.m.
3/6	Iowa State	7 p.m.
3/14	at Big Five Meet (vs. Michigan, Minnesota, Penn State, Rutgers)	TBA
3/21	Big Ten Championships (BTN)	TBA
4/4	NCAA Regionals	TBA
4/17-19	NCAA Nationals	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change -- **Home events in BOLD**

2015 ROSTER

Opua Calucag	Jr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Mollie Drenth	So.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	So.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Jr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hoerr	Sr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Maryah Huntley	Jr.	Van Meter, Iowa
Kadi Knuth	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo.
Amanda Kowalski	So.	Northville, Mich.
Caroline McCrady	So.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	So.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	So.	Caseyville, Ill.
Jori Robertson	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Caitlin Tanzer	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	Fr.	Darien, Ill.

2014 TEAM BESTS

Vault	49.025	at B1G Championships (3/22)
Uneven Bars	48.975	at Boise State(2/28)
Balance Beam	48.750	UIC (2/23)
Floor	49.225	at B1G Championships (3/22)

TODAY:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team will host the annual Black and Gold Intrasquad on Saturday at 11 a.m. (CT) inside the UI Field House. Admission is free.

THE TEAMS:

The GymHawks have been split in two, the black team and the gold team. The black team consists of seniors Sydney Hoerr and Caitlin Tanzer, juniors Opua Calucag and Maryah Huntley, sophomores Lexi Mura, Amanda Kowalski, Ashleigh Edlin, and Mollie Drenth, and freshmen Nikki Youd and Ashley Fischer. The gold team consists of senior Johanny Sotillo, junior Alie Glover, sophomores Angel Metcalf and Caroline McCrady, and freshmen Megan Ruzicka, Jori Robertson, Lanie Snyder, Melissa Zurawski and Kadi Knuth.

LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team concluded the 2014 season at NCAA Regionals in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as six Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Alie Glover, Angel Metcalf, and Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while Jordyn Doherty competed on vault and Mollie Drenth competed on floor. The competition took place April 5 in Minneapolis.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The majority of GymHawks are underclassmen, with seven freshmen, six sophomores and three juniors, and three seniors on the roster.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcome seven newcomers -- Ashley Fischer, Lanie Snyder, Melissa Zurawski, Nikki Youd, Kadi Knuth, Jori Robertson, and Megan Ruzicka -- to the 2015 squad. Iowa also welcomes new additions to the coaching staff. Assistant coach Jennifer Green comes to Iowa after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Missouri for two years and Caleb Phillips returns to Iowa, where he previously coached from 2008-13.

PRACTICE FACILITY RENOVATION:

The men's and women's gymnastics teams are amidst a practice facility renovation. The renovation will provide the gymnasts with more space to practice, include two new foam pits, and another pommel horse. The gym will help accelerate the gymnasts' skills and improve safety at the facility. The gym -- located in the UI Field House -- is scheduled to be completed in February 2015.

HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby enters her 11th year as head coach, and 15th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2014-15. In 2014, six Hawkeyes were selected for NCAA Regional competition. Alie Glover, Angel Metcalf, and Sydney Hoerr were selected as all-around competitors, while Jordyn Doherty competed on vault and Mollie Drenth competed on floor. Maryah Huntley was selected as the alternate behind Drenth on floor. Libby coached Hoerr to second team All-Big Ten honors, while Hoerr, Caitlin Tanzer and Glover earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

The University of Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host a 2016 NCAA Regional (April 2, 2016) in women's gymnastics. Iowa last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009.

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SEASON TICKETS:

Fans interested in attending 2015 home meets at Carver-Hawkeye Arena should visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$12 for adults; the price will jump to \$15 after Iowa's Intrasquad on Saturday. Fans purchasing season tickets will gain admission to four home competitions at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, including three against league opponents (Michigan State, Maryland, Illinois) and the home finale against in-state rival Iowa State. All youth, 18 and younger, and UI students are admitted free to all home matches.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive Twitter content live at every event this season via @iowaGymnastics. This feature gives die-hard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

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