

IOWA HAWKEYES



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MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

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2014-15 SCHEDULE

| Date | Event /Location | Result |
|-----------|---|--------|
| 9/14 -16 | Golfweek Conference Challenge (Burlington, Iowa) | |
| 9/21-22 | Windon Memorial (Chicago, Ill.) | |
| 10/11 -12 | Myers Invitational (Durham, N.C.) | |
| 10/17-19 | U.S. Collegiate Championship (Atlanta, Ga.) | |
| 10/27-28 | Royal Oaks Intercollegiate (Dallas, Texas) | |
| 2/7 | Black and Gold Challenge (West Palm Beach, Fla.) | |
| 2/15 -16 | Big Ten Match Play Championship (Palm Coast, Fla.) | |
| 3/20-22 | Schenkel Invitational (Statesboro, Ga.) | |
| 3/28 | Arizona Match (Scottsdale, Ariz.) | |
| 4/2 -4 | ASU Thunderbird Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.) | |
| 4/18-19 | Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa) | |
| 4/24 -26 | Big Ten Championships (Evansville, Ind.) | |
| 5/14-16 | NCAA Regionals (TBD) | |

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

2014 QUICK FACTS

General Information

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 31,065
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine

Coaching Information

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: 1st
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Dan Holterhaus
Year at Iowa: 4th
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2008

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THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team begins the 2014-15 campaign this weekend, hosting the annual Golfweek Conference Challenge on Sept. 14-16 in Burlington, Iowa. The tournament will be held at Spirit Hollow Golf Course for the fifth consecutive season. The first round will begin on Sunday at 9 a.m. (CT), with the second round beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday. Tuesday's final round will begin via a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., and the Golfweek Awards Ceremony will follow. Teams will play 18 holes each day, and 54 total.

THE FIELD

Twelve teams will represent twelve conferences in the Golfweek Conference Challenge. Iowa (Big Ten), Austin Peay (OVC), Eastern Michigan (MAC), LSU (SEC), Oregon State (Pac 12), Richmond (Atlantic 10), San Jose State (Mountain West), Southeastern Louisiana (Southland), SMU (AAC), Texas State (Sun Belt), UTEP (Conference USA), and Xavier (Big East) make up the field.

THE LINEUP

Seniors Ian Vandersee and Brian Bullington, junior Nate Yankovich, and sophomores Raymond Knoll and Carson Schaake make up the lineup for Iowa this weekend.

THE COURSE

The 18-hole "Spirit Hollow" course at the Spirit Hollow Golf Course facility was ranked the No. 1 golf course in the state of Iowa in 2012. With 7,360 yards of golf from the tips, this par 72 has a course rating of 73.1 with a slope rating of 134 on Bent grass. Spirit Hollow opened in 2000 and was designed by Richard Jacobson (ASGCA). Spirit Hollow has played host to the 2007 U.S. Amateur qualifier, the 2009 Iowa Senior Amateur Championship, the 2010 U.S. Open Qualifier, the 2011 Iowa Match-Play Championship and the 2012 Iowa Amateur Championship. Spirit Hollow has served as the host of the Golfweek Conference Challenge since 2010. Iowa won the event in 2010, and finished tied for sixth last year.

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

The University of Iowa men's golf team is ranked 36th in the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) Preseason Poll. Iowa is the third-highest ranked Big Ten team in the poll.

6-STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last six seasons, joining Illinois and Northwestern as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last six seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last six years.

3 HAWKEYES ON BIG PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

Seniors Brian Bullington and Ian Vandersee, and sophomore Raymond Knoll have been selected to the 2014-15 Big Ten Men's Golfers to Watch List. Each member of the trio garnered PING All-Region honors last year.

NEW FACE AT THE HELM

Tyler Stith is in his first year as the head coach at the University of Iowa in 2014-15. Stith was named the UI head coach on Aug. 22, 2014. Stith, a former assistant coach and student-athlete at Iowa, served as assistant coach at Minnesota the last three years.

QUOTING COACH STITH

"There is a lot of opportunity this week because we're playing at a great golf course that we're familiar with against a top national field. This week gives us the ability to get off to a good start and pick up wins against quality competition."

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For an inside look at the men's golf program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" Hawkeye men's golf on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/hawkeyemensgolf>) and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter.

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes are back in action next weekend when they head to Chicago to compete in the Windon Memorial hosted by Northwestern University. The two-day tournament begins on Sunday, Sept. 21.

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Men's Top 10 All-Time Best Performers

6,000 Meters

1. Eric MacTaggart 18:18 2005 Hawkeye Invite
2. Jeff Thode 18:21 2009 Hawkeye Invite
3. Dan Haut 18:24 2005 Hawkeye Invite
4. Jeff Kent 18:27 2005 Hawkeye Invite
5. Nick Holmes 18:30 2009 Hawkeye Invite
6. Adam Roche 18:33 2005 Hawkeye Invite
Sam Bailin 18:33 2009 Hawkeye Invite
Kevin Lewis 18:33 2013 Iowa Invite
9. Jesse Luciano 18:40 2008 Hawkeye Invite
10. Tommy Tate 18:41 at 2006 Early Bird Invite

8,000 Meters

1. Jesse Luciano 23:01 at 2008 Auburn Invite
2. Micah VanDenend 23:39 at 2006 Pre-Nationals
3. Eric MacTaggart 23:24 at 2008 Auburn Invite
4. Jeff Thode 23:27 at 2010 Bradley Classic
5. Sam Bailin 23:36 at 2008 Auburn Invite
6. Tommy Tate 23:46 at 2008 Auburn Invite
7. Mark Battista 23:48 at 2008 Auburn Invite
8. Andy Napier 23:56 at 2008 Auburn Invite
9. Brendan Camplin 24:01 at 2008 Auburn Invite
10. Bruce MacTaggart 24:04 at 2008 Auburn Invite

10,000 Meters

1. Jeff Thode 29:55 at 2010 NCAA Regional
2. Matt Esche 30:10 at 2002 NCAA Regional
3. Jesse Luciano 30:17 at 2008 NCAA Champ's
4. Micah VanDenend 30:26 at 2002 NCAA Regional
5. Kevin Herd 30:28 1993
6. Joe Welter 30:28 at 2002 NCAA Regional
7. Tony Rakaric 30:31 at 2002 NCAA Regional
8. Dan Haut 30:39 at 2002 NCAA Regional
9. Alex Webster 30:40 at 2006 NCAA Regional
10. Nick Holmes 30:43 at 2011 Chili Pepper Festival

Ashton Cross Country Course Records

Women's 3,000 Meters

Diane Nukuri, Iowa - Hawkeye Open - 9/9/06 9:47

Women's 4,000 Meters

Diane Nukuri, Iowa - Hawkeye Open - 9/15/07 13:14

Women's 6,000 Meters

Danette Doetzel, Michigan St. - Big Ten Champ's - 10/31/04.. 20:33

Men's 6,000 Meters

Eric MacTaggart, Iowa - Hawkeye Invitational - 9/2/05.....

Women's Top 10 All-Time Best Performers

3,000 Meters

1. Diane Nukuri 9:47 2006 Hawkeye Open
2. Meghan Armstrong 10:01 2006 Hawkeye Open
3. Brooke Eilers 10:15 2010 Iowa Invite
4. Besty Flood 10:18 2010 Iowa Invite
5. Amanda Hardesty 10:21 2009 Hawkeye Invite
Lauren Hardesty 10:21 2010 Hawkeye Invite
7. Kelsey Hart 10:22 2011 Iowa Invite
8. Shannon Stanley 10:25 2006 Hawkeye Open
Krista Anderson 10:25 2006 Hawkeye Open
Racheal Marchand 10:25 2008 Hawkeye Invite

4,000 Meters

1. Diane Nukuri 13:14 2007 Hawkeye Open
2. Kayla Beattie 13:41 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
3. Megan Ranegar 13:45 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
4. Meghan Armstrong 13:47 2007 Hawkeye Open
Mareike Schulle 13:47 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
6. Nicole Benson 13:52 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
7. Jolly Burke 14:03 2007 Hawkeye Open
8. Nikki Chapple 14:09 2004 Hawkeye Triangular
9. Krista Anderson 14:14 2007 Hawkeye Open
10. Lisa Gordon 14:17 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster

5,000 Meters

1. Diane Nukuri 15:55 at 2007 Auburn Invite
2. Racheal Marchand 16:15 at 2008 Auburn Invite
3. Meghan Armstrong 16:25 at 2007 Auburn Invite
4. Nan Doak 16:31 at 1983 Big Ten Champ's
5. Jolly Burke 16:33 at 2007 Auburn Invite
6. Jenny Spangler 16:34 at 1983 Big Ten Champ's
7. Renee Doyle 16:41 at 1986 Purdue Invite
8. Tracy Dahl 16:42 at 1991 Illinois St. Invite
9. Sarah Spencer Perry 16:50 at 2008 Auburn Invite
10. Brooke Eilers 16:53 at 2008 Auburn Invite

6,000 Meters

1. Diane Nukuri 19:37 at 2007 NCAA Regional
..... at 2007 Big Ten Champ's*
2. Mareike Schulle 19:43 at 2012 NCAA Champ's
3. Racheal Marchand 19:54 at 2008 NCAA Champ's
4. Meghan Armstrong 20:07 at 2007 NCAA Regional
5. Jolly Burke 20:20 at 2007 Big Ten Champ's
6. Betsy Flood 20:22 at 2010 NCAA Regional
7. McKenzie Melander 20:41 at 2011 Big Ten Champ's
8. Megan Ranegar 20:43 at 2012 NCAA Champ's
9. Kayla Beattie 20:54 at 2011 Wisconsin Invite
10. Nikki Chapple 21:04 at 2004 NCAA Regional

* - This time is also the Big Ten Championships Record.