THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



Iowa Softball News and Notes

NCAA Regional Tournament
May 19-21
Iowa City, IA
Pearl Field

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

39-20 Overall, 12-7 Big Ten

ı	39-20	Overall, 12-7 B	ig Ten
ľ	Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Class	sic
ı	Feb. 10	(Miami, FL) #10 Georgia	W, 6-5
ı		Florida International	W, 1-0
ı	Feb. 11	North Carolina Arkansas	W, 3-2 (8) L, 0-1
ı	Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
ı	Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic	
ı	Feb. 17	(Tempe, AZ) Illinois State	W, 9-3
ı	D 1 40	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
ı	Feb. 18	Illinois State #23 Arizona State	W, 10-2 (5) L, 7-10 (9)
ı	Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
ı	Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
ı	Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
ı	.Mar. 4-5	# 2 Tennessee at Coach B Classic	L, 2-11 (5)
ı	.14141. 4-3	(Carbondale, IL)	
ı	Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	L, 1-2
ı	Mar. 5	Northern Illinois Illinois-Chicago	W, 2-0 W, 4-3
ı	Mar. 10-12	at NIST	.,
ı	.Mar. 11	(San Jose, CA) St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
ı	.iviai. 11	San Jose State	W, 3-0 (3)
ı	Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
ı	Mar. 15	Santa Clara at Sacramento State	W, 6-5 W, 6-1
ı		at Sacramento State	L, 0-6
ı	Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
ı	Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
ı	Mar. 18	Nevada # 6 California	W, 5-0
ı	Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 0-1 L, 2-5
ı	Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic	
ı	Mar. 24	(Iowa City, IA) Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
ı	Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
ı	Mar. 26	North Dakota State Ball State	W, 3-0 W, 5-0
ı	Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	W, 8-0 (5)
ı	Mar. 31 Apr. 1	at Illinois at Illinois	W, 9-0 W, 7-4
ı	Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern	L, 1-3
ı	Apr. 2	#16 at Northwestern at Iowa State	L, 2-12 (5)
ı	Apr. 4 Apr. 7	Minnesota	W, 3-2 W, 2-0
ı	Apr. 8	Minnesota	W, 3-0
ı	Apr. 9 Apr. 9	North Dakota State North Dakota State	W, 4-0 W, 6-1
ı	Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	W, 5-2
ı	Apr. 14 Apr. 15	#12 Michigan #12 Michigan	L, 0-3 W, 1-0
ı	Apr. 16	Michigan State	W, 4-1
ı	Apr. 16	Michigan State at Drake	L, 4-8
ı	Apr. 18 Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	W, 4-2 W, 5-4
ı	Apr. 21	at Purdue	W, 8-1
ı	Apr. 22 Apr. 23	at Purdue at Indiana	W, 3-2 L, 4-12 (6)
ı	Apr. 23	at Indiana	W, 3-2
ı	Apr. 25 Apr. 28	Northern Iowa Ohio State	W, 11-0 (5) W, 5-2
ı	Apr. 30	Penn State	W, 4-3
	Apr. 30 May 3	Penn State South Dakota State	L, 0-1 W, 3-2
	May 3	South Dakota State	W, 3-2 W, 4-1
	May 6	at Wisconsin	W, 10-2
	May 7 May 11-13	at Wisconsin at Big Ten Tournament	L, 1-4
	-	(Evanston, IL)	,
	May 12 May 19-21	Indiana NCAA Regionals	l, 4-5 (8) TBA
	May 26-28	NCAA Regionals	TBA
	June 1-6	Women's College World Series	s TBA
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Probable lowa Lineup													
No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	59	.344	40	63	21	6	13	.514	5
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	59	.266	29	42	19	5	9	.456	9
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	So.	57	.320	26	56	34	5	14	.486	6
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	So.	53	.293	12	41	27	4	6	.421	2
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	59	.275	16	41	28	6	12	.490	2
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	59	.295	28	54	25	4	7	.432	9
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	53	.209	12	24	16	1	1	.243	2
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	48	.234	10	18	9	0	6	.312	5
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	53	.154	4	14	1	0	0	.154	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	SV	CG	SH	ERA	S0	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	27-14	35	1	32	7	2.38	259	103	279.1
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	12-6	24	0	8	5	2.70	99	40	111.2
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	0	0	0	0	5.73	2	1	3.2

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THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (39-20) will host the Region 10 NCAA Softball Tournament this weekend. No. 10 seed California, Nebraska and Illinois State will join the Hawkeyes in Iowa City.

Iowa opens regional action Friday at 4:30 p.m. against Nebraska. Below is a schedule of the Iowa City region. The tournament format is double elimination.

Friday, May 19

Game 1 - Nebraska vs. Iowa, 4:30 p.m.

Game 2 - #10 California vs. Illinois State, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Game 3 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 2 p.m.

Game 4 - Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2, 4:30 p.m.

Game 5 - Loser of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

Game 6 - Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 5, Noon

Game 7 - Winner of Game 6 vs. Loser of Game 6, 2:30 p.m. (if neccessary)

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2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS Hawkeye Softball Notes

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		CONF.	Overali
1.	Northwestern	16-3	40-11
2.	Michigan	13-4	37-13
3.	IOWA	12-7	39-19
4.	OHIO STATE	11-7	37-20
5.	PENN STATE	10-10	37-14
6.	MICHIGAN STATE	9-10	34-24
7.	Indiana	8-9	28-22-1
8.	Illinois	8-11	24-30
9.	PURDUE	7-12	30-30
10.	Wisconsin	6-11	22-22
11.	MINNESOTA	1-17	17-33

IOWA ON THE WEB

The media and public can find a valuable and timely source of information about Iowa athletics at its world wide web site. The address for the site is:

www.hawkeyesports.com

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HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to Pearl Field can access free audio broadcasts of all Iowa games via the All-Access page on www.hawkeyesports.com.

Fans can also check out the NCAA Regional page found on www.hawkeyesports.com. Live stats (gametracker), box scores, game stories and other updates will be available for all tournament games.

IOWA IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Hawkeyes hold a 29-27 all-time record in the NCAA Tournament, including a 24-19 mark in regional action.

Iowa has advanced to the College World Series four times (1995-97, 2001) and holds a 5-8 record at the CWS.

HOME SWEET HOME

Iowa is hosting an NCAA regional for the seventh time in school history and the first time since 2002.

The Hawkeyes hold a 12-6 record in regional games played in Iowa City and advanced to the College World Series three times (1996-97, 2001) out of the Iowa City regional.

HAVEN'T WE MET?

Iowa is 8-10 all-time vs. Nebraska and California, while the Hawkeyes hold a 30-14 advantage over Illinois State.

The Hawkeyes faced both California and Illinois State earlier this season. Iowa defeated Illinois State twice (9-3, 10-2) but fell to California (1-0).

In addition, Iowa is 2-3 all-time vs. Nebraska in the NCAA Tournament and 1-0 vs. California.

Tough Schedule in '06

The Hawkeyes posted an 8-13 record against 13 teams that were selected for the NCAA Tournament.

Iowa is 2-0 vs. Illinois State, 1-0 vs. Georgia, North Carolina and Nevada, 1-1 vs. Michigan, Indiana and Penn State, 0-1 vs. Tennessee, Southern Illinois, Long Island and California, 0-2 vs. Northwestern and 0-4 vs. Arizona State.

BIG TEN ACCOLADES

Six Hawkeyes were selected to all-Big Ten teams. Sophomore **Summer Downs** was named first team all-Big Ten as the designated player. Senior **Stacy May** earned second team honors at shortstop. Freshmen **Erin Riemersma** and **Brittany Weil**, sophomore **Emiy Nichols** and junior **Mindy Heidgerken** were all third team selections. Riemersma was chosen at second base, Weil at pitcher, Nichols at third and Heidgerken in center field.

SOLID IN THE CLASSROOM

Stacy May and **Mindy Heidgerken** were both named to the *ESPN the Magazine* District 7 All-American team.

Heidgerken boasts a 3.84 grade point average and is majoring in Journalism and Mass Communications along with art. She finished the regular season with a .300 batting average with four home runs, seven doubles, three triples and 25 RBI.

May, who has a 3.38 grade point average, is majoring in accounting and physics. She leads the team in batting average (.344), runs (40), hits (63) and home runs (6). Both May and Heidgerken have started all 59 games for the Hawkeyes.

Another Milestone Approaching

Iowa Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** is just one win shy of reaching 1,100 career victories and 800 wins at Iowa.

Blevins is in her 19th year as Iowa's head coach and her 26th season overall.

WEIL MAKING HER MARK

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Weil** is already making her mark in the Iowa softball record books. Her 259 strikeouts this season ranks fourth for single-season strikeouts and eighth in career strikeouts at Iowa. Weil has thrown 32 complete games this season, which also ranks second in school history.

In overall games, Weil leads the Big Ten in wins (27), innings pitched (279.1) and games started (35). In Big Ten games only, she leads the conference in innings pitched (119.2), games started (17) and batters struck out looking (30). Weil is tied for first in wins (12) and appearances (19).

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Hawkeye Softball Notes

REGION 1 - LOS ANGELES, CA

#1UCLA vs. Missouri State Long Beach State vs. San Diego State

Region 16 - Gainsville, FL

North Carolina vs. South Florida Florida Atlantic vs. #16 Florida

REGION 9, ANN ARBOR, MI

#9 Michigan vs. Youngstown State Kent State vs. Oklahoma

REGION 8, KNOXVILLE, TN

Virginia Tech vs. Louisville Tennessee Tech vs. #8 Tennessee

REGION 5, TUSCALOOSA, AL

#5 Alabama vs. Mississippi Valley Florida A&M vs. Georgia Tech

REGINO 12, FRESNO, CA

Cal State Fullerton vs. Fresno State Tulsa vs. #12 Stanford

REGION 13, AMHERST, MA

#13 Texas A&M vs. Lehigh Albany (NY) vs. Massachusetts

REGION 4, EVANSTON, IL

Notre Dame vs. UC Santa Barbara Southern Illinois vs. #4 Northwestern

REGION 3, AUSTIN, TX

#3 Texas vs. Texas-San Antonio Utah vs. Indiana

REGION 14, PROVO, UT

Kansas vs. Brigham Young Southern Utah vs. #14 Washington

REGION 11, ATHENS, GA

#11 Georgia vs. Georgia Southern Coastal Carolina vs. Florida State

REGION 6, HEMPSTEAD, NY

Penn State vs. Hofstra Long Island vs. #6 Arizona State

REGION 7, CORVALLIS, OR

#7 Oregon State vs. Nevada Portland State vs. Baylor

REGION 10, IOWA CITY, IA

Nebraska vs. Iowa Illinois State vs. #10 California

REGION 15, BATON ROUGE, LA

#15 LSU vs. Princeton Louisiana-Lafayette vs. N.C. State

REGION 2, TUCSON, AZ

Auburn vs. Ohio State Marist vs. #2 Arizona

Ducks on the Pond

The Hawkeyes might want sophomore **Emily Nichols** at the plate with runners on base. Nichols leads the team with 34 RBI and is batting .393 with runners in scoring position. She also has a .625 average with a runner on third and less than two outs

CLOSING IN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** blasted her fifth home run of the season against Illinois on April 1. Nichols, who has 21 career home runs, only needs nine more to break the Iowa career home run mark of 29, set by Alicia Gerlach (1999-02).

Senior **Stacy May** has 51 career doubles, which is only one double shy of the career record of 52, held by Kari Knopf (1994-97).

WINNING WITH THE LONG BALL

The Hawkeyes are a combined 22-0 when either **Stacy May**, **Kylie Murray**, **Emily Nichols** or **Erin Riemersma** hits a home run.

Iowa is 6-0 when either May or Murray goes deep and 5-0 when Nichols or Riemersma clears the fence.

Downs and Nichols Love Pearl

Summer Downs and **Emily Nichols** must like the surroundings at Pearl Field. Downs is batting .419 with two home runs and eight RBI in 15 home games. Nichols has a .365 batting average to go along with two home runs, seven doubles and 15 RBI in 21 games played at Pearl Field.

IF HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF...

The Hawkeyes are hoping **Stacy May** can repeat her performance at the 2005 NCAA Tournament. May batted .583 and collected seven of Iowa's 12 total hits in the 2005 tournament. She also scored all of Iowa's runs, including a game-winning, solo home run against Nebraska in an elimination game.

DOWNS RIDING HIT STREAK

Sophomore **Summer Downs** brings an 11-game hitting streak into the NCAA Regional Tournament. Downs has collected 15 hits in her last 11 games, including a perfect 3-3 performance against South Dakota State.

SCOUTING NEBRASKA

The 14th-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers are 42-10 overall and 13-4 in the Big 12 Conference.

The Cornhusker offense is led by Lizzy Aumua, who is batting .385 with three triples, six doubles and 16 RBI. Crystal Carwile supplies the power to Nebraska's offense with 12 home runs and 42 RBI.

Ashley DeBuhr and Molly Hill have split time in the circle for the Cornhuskers. DeBuhr has started 28 games with a 24-8 record. She also has a team-best 1.38 ERA and 272 strikeouts. Hill is 18-2 with a 1.83 ERA and 169 strikeouts.

Nebraska and Iowa have eight common opponents this season. The Cornhuskers are 3-0 vs. South Dakota State, 2-0 vs. Northern Iowa, 1-0 vs. Nevada and Illinois, 1-1 vs. Iowa State and 0-1 vs. North Carolina and Indiana.

SCOUTING CALIFORNIA

The sixth-ranked California Golden Bears enter the NCAA Tournament as the No. 10 seed with a 44-12 overall record and a 12-9 record in Pac-10 play.

Lindsay James leads the Golden Bears with a .383 batting average. Haley Woods has a team-best 14 home runs, 14 doubles and 51 RBI.

Kristina Thorson paces the Golden Bears in the circle with a 32-8 record. Thorson also has a 0.82 ERA with 399 strikeouts.

California and Iowa have 10 common opponents this season. The Golden Bears are 2-0 vs. Illinois, Santa Clara and Sacramento State, 1-0 vs. Florida International, Southern Illinois, North Dakota State, Long Island and Penn State, 1-2 vs. Arizona State and 0-1 vs. Northwestern.

SCOUTING ILLINOIS STATE

The Illinois State Redbirds are 37-14 overall and 19-4 in the Missouri Valley.

Tricia Gaither is batting .344 to lead the Redbird offense while Amber Smith leads the team with 17 home runs and 50 RBI.

Stacy Birk and Shannon Nicholson have each seen time in the circle. Birk is 21-9 with a 2.32 and a team-high 160 K's. Nicholson is 16-5 with 91 strikeouts.

Iowa and Illinois State have seven common opponents this season. The Redbirds are 3-1 vs. Drake, 1-0 vs. Western Illinois and Illinois, 0-1 vs. Tennessee and 0-3 vs. Arizona State.

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IOWA'S RECORD WI	HEN.
1-Run Games	
2-Run Games	
3+-Run Games	
Extra Innings	
At Pearl Field	
At Neutral Site	
DAY GAMES	
Night Games	
Iowa Scores First	
Opponent Scores First	.7-15
Giving Up 2 Runs Or Less	
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	
Vs. Ranked Opponents	
Arnold Starts	
Weil Starts	
Opponent hits a homerun	
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT	
Opponent Outhits Iowa	
Equal Number of Hits	
Iowa Pitchers Record More K's.	
Opponent Pitchers Record More K's.	5-10
Equal Number of Strikeouts .	
Wearing White Uniforms	
Wearing Black Uniforms	
Wearing Grey Uniforms Flying To Game	
Busing To Game	
In Eastern Time Zone	
In Central Time Zone	
In Mountain Time Zone	
In Pacific Time Zone	
In Iowa	
In Florida	
In Arizona	
In Georgia	
In Illinois	
In Illinois	
In Indiana	
In Wisconsin	
On Sunday	.9-10
On Monday	
On Tuesday	
On Wednesday	
On Thursday	
On Friday On Saturday	
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IOWA'S RECORD WHEN..

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO...

Iowa's Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	2.38 (WEIL)
WINS	27 (Weil)
Losses	6 (Arnold)
WINNING PCT	667 (Arnold)
Appearances	49 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	35 (Weil)
Complete Games	32 (WEIL)
Shutouts	7 (WEIL)
Saves	\ /
INNINGS PITCHED	279.1 (WEIL)
Strikeouts	259 (WEIL)
Opponent Batting Average	176 (Ackerson)

Hawkeye NCAA Tournament History (29-27 all time)

1989 (IOWA CITY)

Toledo 1, Iowa 0 Creighton 6, Iowa 1

1991 (Iowa City)

Iowa 2, Southern Illinois 0 Missouri 2, Iowa 0 Missouri 4, Iowa 0

1993 (TALLAHASSE, FL)

Kansas 3, Iowa 1 Florida State 5, Iowa 3 (15)

1995 (SACRAMENTO, CA)

Iowa 3, Cal St. Sac. 0 Iowa 1, Fresno State 0 Fresno State 1, Iowa 0 Iowa 2, Fresno State 1 (9) *UCLA 2, Iowa 1 *Iowa 9, Michigan 7 (14) *Iowa 6, Cal St. Full. 5 (9) *UCLA 5, Iowa 0

1996 (Iowa City)

Iowa 8, UNLV 0 Iowa 1, Oklahoma 0 Iowa 7, Oklahoma 2 Michigan 5, Iowa 1

- *Arizona 5, Iowa 2
- *Iowa 3, Michigan 2
- *Iowa 1, Cal 0
- *Arizona 10, Iowa 2

1997 (IOWA CITY)

Iowa 2, DePaul 1 Iowa 3, Utah 1 Iowa 6, DePaul 2 *Iowa 3, Michigan 2 *Washington 5, Iowa 1 *Fresno State 7, Iowa 6

1998 (LINCOLN, NE)

Iowa 5, Oregon 2 Nebraska 1, Iowa 0 Oregon 10, Iowa 9

2000 (Los Angeles, CA)

Iowa 9, Bethune-Cookman 1 Florida State 4, Iowa 1 Iowa 2, Canisius 1 Florida State 4, Iowa 2

2001 (Iowa City)

Iowa 2, Illinois State 1 Iowa 7, DePaul 4 Iowa 6, Notre Dame 0 Iowa 6, Notre Dame 2 *UCLA 2, Iowa 0 *LSU 2, Iowa 1

2002 (Iowa City)

Notre Dame 3, Iowa 2 Iowa 3, Illinois-Chicago 1 Nebraska 3, Iowa 0

2003 (LINCOLN, NE)

Iowa 5, Pacific 0 Iowa 3, Hofstra 0 Washington 11, Iowa 0 Iowa 2, Nebraska 1 Washington 11, Iowa 0

2004 (LINCOLN, NE)

Mississippi State 2, Iowa 1 (8) Iowa 2, Maine 0 Creighton 8, Iowa 4 (10)

2005 (LINCOLN, NE)

Nebraska 4, Iowa 0 Iowa 2, Creighton 1 Iowa 1, Nebraska 0 Washington 2, Iowa 0

* - College World Series