

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 6-7
at Minnesota
April 8 (DH)
at Wisconsin

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

28-13 Overall, 4-0 Big Ten

Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (DeLand, FL)	
Feb. 9	vs. Howard	W, 11-0 (5)
Feb. 9	vs. Marist	W, 8-0 (5)
Feb. 10	vs. Marist	W, 5-2
Feb. 10	at Stetson	L, 3-5
Feb. 11	at Stetson	W, 4-1
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis	W, 9-1
Feb. 16	vs. North Carolina	L, 5-10
Feb. 17	vs. Illinois State	L, 1-5
Feb. 17	at #2 Arizona State	L, 3-4
Feb. 18	vs. Idaho State	W, 10-4
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)	
Feb. 24	vs. Kent State	W, 5-2
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	L, 3-7
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	W, 3-2 (8)
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Woodstock, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Gardner-Webb	W, 5-3
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	L, 5-7
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	W, 1-0
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 2-0
Mar. 4	vs. Troy	W, 10-2 (6)
Mar. 4	vs. #24 Georgia Tech	L, 0-6
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. #23 California	L, 1-4
Mar. 9	vs. UC Riverside	L, 5-7
Mar. 10	vs. Cal Poly	L, 0-6
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	W, 2-1
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	W, 9-8 (10)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 0-1 (9)
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	L, 4-5
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	W, 4-0
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	W, 9-0 (6)
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	W, 13-6
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	W, 3-1
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	L, 3-8
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	W, 4-1
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	W, 9-2
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 2-0
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	W, 4-2
Mar. 30	at Indiana	W, 4-0
Mar. 31	at Indiana	W, 9-0 (6)
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 6-1
Apr. 1	at Purdue	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 3	Iowa State	W, 2-1
Apr. 6	at Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
Apr. 13	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 20	Penn State	6 p.m.
Apr. 21	Penn State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Ohio State	2:15 p.m.
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	2 p.m.
May 2	at Drake	5 p.m.
May 5	Illinois	12 p.m.
May 6	Illinois	1 p.m.
May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals (TBA)	
May 25-26	NCAA Super Regionals (TBA)	

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
8	Erin Riemersma	SS	R-R	So.	40	.246	30	30	22	3	5	.361	11
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	Fr.	37	.338	16	23	2	0	0	.338	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	41	.432	30	60	34	9	14	.741	4
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	41	.281	10	34	18	3	9	.430	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	3B	R-R	So.	41	.349	20	44	22	3	10	.516	5
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	39	.364	30	32	47	10	1	.534	22
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	41	.220	4	22	17	0	5	.270	3
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	41	.188	8	15	10	1	0	.225	12
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	28	.236	9	13	4	0	2	.273	9

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	11-1	10	8	6	1	1.00	103	24	77.1
14	Amanda Züst	RHP	Fr.	8-6	17	7	2	0	2.51	2	75	111.1
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	9-5	13	5	2	0	1.88	70	37	82.0
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-1	1	0	0	0	5.25	3	8	8.0

HAWKEYES RETURN TO BIG TEN ACTION

The University of Iowa softball have won 10-straight games and will hit the road this weekend for games against Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes face Minnesota Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at Noon. Iowa then travels to Wisconsin for a doubleheader starting at 12 p.m.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeye-sports.com. Jerry Kiwala or Rob Brooks will handle play-by-play commentary.

The broadcasts are free and can be found in the Hawkeye All-Access section.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Iowa softball fans can follow the Hawkeyes every week with Gametracker at hawkeye-sports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

BROWN HELPS IOWA CLINCH HY-VEE CY-HAWK SERIES

Freshman **Katie Brown** recorded a pinch-hit, two-RBI double to help Iowa defeat Iowa State, 2-1 Tuesday at Pearl Field. The win helped the University of Iowa clinch the 2006-07 Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series.

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** doubled in the bottom of the fourth to get things started for Iowa. Sophomore **Rachel West** followed with a single, moving McGlaughlin to third. West then stole second and Brown followed with her second double of the season.

WEIL NAMED BIG TEN PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week for her efforts during Iowa's five-game road trip last week. This is the first time Weil has earned the award.

Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings pitched last week. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
T1. IOWA	4-0	28-13
OHIO STATE	4-0	21-13
PENN STATE	2-0	16-12
4. NORTHWESTERN	3-1	28-7
T5. ILLINOIS	2-2	23-14
MICHIGAN	1-1	28-6
T7. INDIANA	1-3	18-16
PURDUE	1-3	19-24-1
T9. MICHIGAN STATE	0-2	19-17
MINNESOTA	0-2	13-14
WISCONSIN	0-4	17-11

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Friday, April 6

Iowa at Minnesota
 Northwestern at Purdue
 Ohio State at Michigan State
 Penn State at Michigan
 Illinois at Wisconsin

Saturday, April 7

Iowa at Minnesota
 Northwestern at Purdue
 Ohio State at Michigan State
 Penn State at Michigan
 Illinois at Wisconsin

Sunday, April 8 (DH)

Iowa at Wisconsin
 Northwestern at Indiana
 Ohio State at Michigan
 Penn State at Michigan State
 Illinois at Minnesota

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

SCOUTING MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Golden Gophers are 13-14 overall and 0-2 in Big Ten action.

Mandy Valadez is batting .323 with four home runs, four doubles and 13 RBI. Megan Higginbotham has started all 27 games and leads the team with 15 home runs and seven doubles.

Briana Hassett is 7-5 with a 2.14 ERA and leads the team with 80 strikeouts. Katie Dalen is 3-3 with a 3.31 ERA and Rene Konderik is 3-6 with a 4.11 ERA.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 48-36.

SCOUTING WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Badgers are 17-11 overall and 0-4 in Big Ten play.

Katie Hnatyk leads Wisconsin at the plate. She is batting .374 (34-91) with 10 home runs, five doubles and 29 RBI. Ricci Robben, Alexis Garcia and Samantha Polito are all batting over .300.

Eden Brock is 9-6 with a 2.10 ERA to lead the Badgers inside the circle. Brock also leads the team with 121 strikeouts and has walked only 24 batters in 100 innings of work.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 21-5.

NICHOLS BREAKS HOME RUN MARK

Junior **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's career home run record with a two-run home run against Indiana on March 31. Nichols' home run cleared the center field fence and gave Iowa a 9-0, six-inning win over the Hoosiers.

Nichols passed former Hawkeye Alicia Gerlach, who hit 29 career home runs from 1999-02.

Nichols set Iowa's single-season home run mark with 16 long balls as a freshman along with five as a sophomore. She currently has nine home runs this season.

IOWA STARTS BIG TEN SEASON 4-0

The Hawkeyes opened Big Ten play with four road wins. Iowa defeated Indiana (4-0, 9-0 in six innings) and Purdue (6-1, 4-3 in nine innings).

The last time Iowa opened the Big Ten season with four-straight wins was in 2003, defeating Minnesota and Wisconsin twice.

TIMELY HIT FOR BROWN

Freshman **Katie Brown** tallied her first career RBI in dramatic fashion, plating sophomore **Rachel West** with a deep single to send Iowa's second game against Purdue into extra innings.

WEIL DOMINATES HOOSIERS

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** turned in two impressive performances against Indiana last weekend. Weil threw 13-consecutive scoreless innings and did not allow a walk in the two-game series. She also struck out 12 batters and gave up only six hits.

HAWKEYES CRUISING FOR A WEIL

Iowa is 14-3 since sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** returned to the Iowa lineup against Colorado State. The Hawkeyes are currently on a nine-game winning streak and have won 14 of their last 15 contests.

Weil is 11-1 overall with a 1.00 earned run average and 103 strikeouts. The Garden Grove, CA, native is 4-0 with a 0.59 earned run average in conference play.

HEATING UP IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Sophomores **Erin Riemersma** and **Colleen McGlaughlin** along with junior **Summer Downs** started the conference season on fire at the plate.

Riemersma batted .500 (7-14) with two home runs, two doubles and five RBI. McGlaughlin and Downs each batted .429 (6-14). Downs tallied one home run and six RBI, while McGlaughlin recorded one RBI.

HEIDGERKEN SOLID AGAINST PURDUE

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** led the Hawkeyes at the plate in their two-game series at Purdue last Sunday. Heidgerken went a combined 3-5 and knocked in the winning run on a sacrifice fly in Iowa's 4-3, nine-inning win against the Boilermakers. She also had one sacrifice bunt and stole three bases.

DUCKS ON THE POND

The Hawkeyes would like either junior Emily Nichols or sophomore Erin Riemersma at the plate with runners on base.

Nichols is batting 1.000 (4-4) with the bases loaded, .514 (18-35) with runners in scoring position and .615 (8-13) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

Riemersma is batting .900 (9-10) with a runner on third and less than two outs.

PINCH-HIT SPECIALIST

Sophomore **Quinn Morelock** is batting .625 (5-8) as a pinch-hitter for the Hawkeyes. Morelock has also recorded six of her 16 RBI as a pinch-hitter.

Iowa Hawkeye
Softball

- 1 EMILY NICHOLS
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS
- 3 KATIE BROWN
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK
- 5 JENNA SPRATT
- 6 RACHEL WEST
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY
- 10 TAYLOR LEICHSENRING
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN
- 13 SAMI BAUGH
- 14 AMANDA ZUST
- 15 CALLIE ADREON
- 17 HEIDI DAUMEN
- 22 LINDSEY DIGMANN
- 24 STEPHANIE ACKERSON

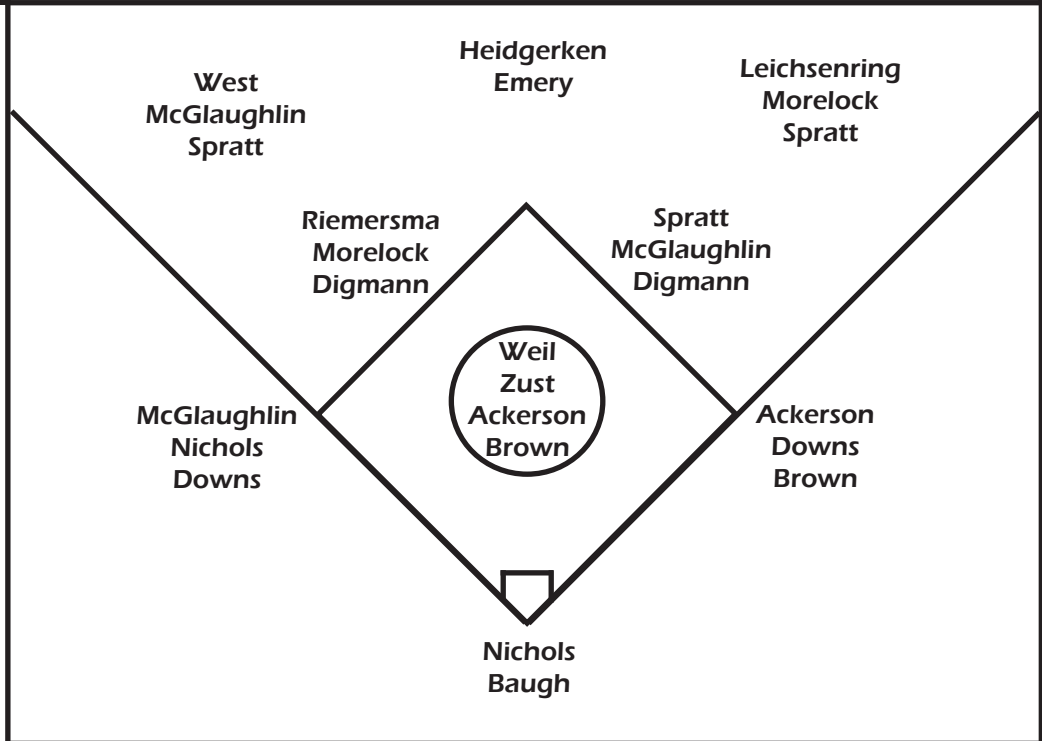
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JEN FRIED

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STACY MAY



LEADING...EVERYTHING

Junior **Emily Nichols** leads the Hawkeyes in virtually every offensive category. Her team-best numbers include at bats (139), runs (30), hits (60), doubles (14), home runs (9), RBI (34), total bases (103), slugging percentage (.741) and on-base percentage (.467).

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 80 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 22 stolen bases followed by senior **Mindy Heidgerken** with 12 and sophomore **Erin Riemersma** with 11.

Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 9-9 on the basepaths this season.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

Junior **Emily Nichols'** school and Big Ten record hitting streak was snapped at the Capital Classic. Nichols failed to collect a hit against Mercer on March 16, ending her streak at 28 games.

Her 28-game hitting streak is also the seventh longest in NCAA history.

ACKERSON THROWS NO-HITTER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** took full advantage of her first career start in the circle, tossing a five-inning no-hitter in Iowa's season opener against Howard. The Clive, IA, native allowed only four Howard baserunners and struck out five.

IOWA EXTENDS BLEVINS' CONTRACT

University of Iowa Athletic Director **Gary Barta** announced that **Gayle Blevins'** contract has been extended thru June 30, 2011.

Blevins is the all-time winningest coach in Iowa softball history and has led the Hawkeyes to four College World Series appearances, five Big Ten regular season titles and two Big Ten Tournament championships..

HAWKEYES ADD FIVE FRESHMEN

Iowa welcomes a class of five freshmen to the 2007 squad. **Katie Brown**, **Lindsey Digmann**, **Taylor Leichsenring**, and **Amanda Zust** hail from Iowa while walk-on **Heidi Daumen** is from Illinois.

Brown and Zust will see time in the circle while Digmann will play second base. Leichsenring is an outfielder and Daumen is a utility player who can catch or play first base.

FRESHMEN WIN RAINBOW CLASSIC

Four of Iowa's freshmen were members of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii over the summer. Those freshmen include **Katie Brown** (Spirit Lake), **Lindsey Digmann** (Marion), **Taylor Leichsenring** (Amana) and **Amanda Zust** (Des Moines).

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	6-3
2-RUN GAMES	5-3
3+-RUN GAMES	17-7
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-1
AT PEARL FIELD	5-0
ON THE ROAD	7-2
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	28-12
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	20-5
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	8-7
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	5-5
SCORING 3+ RUNS	23-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	23-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	5-12
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-3
WEIL STARTS.....	8-2
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
ZUST STARTS.....	12-6
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	12-5
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN	5-9
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	25-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-10
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	22-6
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	5-6
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	8-5
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	9-5
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	11-3
FLYING TO GAME	16-12
BUSING TO GAME	7-1
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	6-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	5-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-0
IN INDIANA	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	8-1
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	1-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	8-4
ON SATURDAY	9-6

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 10
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (VS. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT...6 (VS. GA TECH, CAL POLY)	
MOST AT-BATS.....	41 (VS. SAN JOSE STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST HITS.....	19 (VS. MERCER)
MOST RBI	13 (VS. MERCER)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (TWICE, LAST VS. TROY)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (SIX TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS...2 (VS. IDAHO STATE, UC RIVERSIDE)	
MOST STOLEN BASES	7 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	15 (VS. KENT STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (VS. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (VS. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	15 (VS. UC RIVERSIDE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

HOME RUNS	9 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	34 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	103 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.741 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	15 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	3 (RIEMERSMA)
STRIKEOUTS.....	21 (ACKERSON)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.467 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	7 (WEST & HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASES	22 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	25 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.432 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	41 (5 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	41 (5 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	139 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	30 (NICHOLS, WEST & RIEMERSMA)
HITS	60 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.00 (WEIL)
WINS.....	11 (WEIL)
LOSSES	1 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	24 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	17 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	8 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	111.1 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	118 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE186 (WEIL)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 20th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Indiana University Hall of Fame in 2005. In her 19 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 14 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 827-373-3 (.688).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,127-521-5 (.683). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.	YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	PCT.
1980	INDIANA	33-16	.673	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2006	IOWA	39-22	.639
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722	2007	IOWA	28-13	.683
TOTALS				1,127-521-5 .683			