

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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## MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

March 16, 2016

### 2016 SCHEDULE

1/17	at Windy City Invitational	4th, 419.650
<b>1/23</b>	<b>Illinois (CHA)</b>	L, 430.850 - 431.150
1/24	at UIC	W, 431.800 - 388.100
1/30	at Oklahoma	2nd, 426.950
2/13	at Minnesota	4th, 419.700
2/18	at Winter Cup	NTS
2/20	at Winter Cup (Finals)	NTS
<b>2/27</b>	<b>Penn State/Nebraska (FH)</b>	1st, 431.150
3/5	at Arnold Challenge	3rd, 426.400
<b>3/12</b>	<b>Minnesota (CHA)</b>	W, 435.650
3/20	at Nebraska	2 p.m.
4/1-2	Big Ten Championships (BTN)	All Day
4/15-16	NCAA Championships	All Day

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

CHA -- Carver-Hawkeye Arena

FH -- UI Field House

### 2016 ROSTER

Todd Beyer II	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Andrew Botto	Jr.	Redwood City, Calif.
Jack Boyle	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
Jake Brodarzon	Fr.	Paramus, N.J.
Cyrus Dobre-Mofid	RS Sr.	Hagerstown, Md.
Dylan Ellsworth	So.	Farmington, Utah
Caleb Fischle-Faulk	Jr.	Escondido, Calif.
Austin Hodges	So.	Lincolnshire, Ill.
Kevin Johnson	Fr.	Dimondale, Mich.
Matt Loochtan	Sr.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill
Emmanuel Monroy	Sr.	Plano, Texas
Del Vecchio Orozco	Sr.	Des Plaines, Ill.
Elijah Parsells	So.	Petaluma, Calif.
Cory Paterson	Jr.	Oakville, Ontario
David Spanier	Jr.	Gainesville, Fla.
Mark Springett	Jr.	Dover, Mass.
Doug Sullivan	Sr.	Aurora, Ill.
Rogelio Vazquez	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.



### THIS WEEK:

The No. 9 University of Iowa men's gymnastics team wraps up its regular season on March 20. The tri-meet features Iowa, No. 7 Nebraska and No. 4 Minnesota. The competition begins at 2 p.m. (CT) inside the Bob Devany Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

### FOLLOW ALONG:

Fans can follow this weekend's meet via live stats available on the team's schedule page at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). A live stream can be found on the Periscope app and linked to the team's Twitter account (@mensgy-miowa).

### LAST TIME OUT:

On Senior Night, Iowa recorded its biggest upset of the season, defeating No. 4 Minnesota, 435.650-433.550. Iowa set season best event scores on floor (74.200) and rings (74.450) on its way to a season-high 435.650 team score. Senior Jack Boyle bested his own school record in the all-around of 86.800, tallying a score of 87.600 to lead Iowa. Senior Matt Loochtan placed third in the all-around with an 86.700, setting season highs on floor (15.5000) and rings (15.450).

Following the meet Boyle, Loochtan, Cyrus-Dobre-Mofid, Del Vecchio Orozco, Doug Sullivan and Emmanuel Monroy were honored for Senior Night, given framed pictures, and shown highlight videos.

### SCOUTING THE COMPETITION:

- The Hawkeyes head to Lincoln, Nebraska, for their season finale against Nebraska and Minnesota.
- Iowa will face Minnesota for the third time in 2016. Iowa is 1-1 against the Gophers, defeating Minnesota in their last matchup on March 12, 435.650-433.550.
- Zach Liebler is ranked first nationally on floor exercise with a four-score average of 15.683
- Yaroslav Pochinka (15.283) is second in the nation on vault followed by Liebler tied for sixth (15.183).
- Iowa and Nebraska will see each other for the third time this season as well. They have split the season series, 1-1, with Nebraska taking the last matchup at the Arnold Challenge on March 5, 426.400-437-300.
- Ethan Lootman is ranked sixth nationally on pommel horse with a four-score average of 15.150.
- Anton Stephenson is 10th nationally in all-around, holding a four-score average of 86.217.

### BOYLE NAMED FINALIST FOR NISSEN-EMERY

Senior Jack Boyle was named a finalist for the Nissen-Emery Award. This prestigious honor is given to the country's most outstanding senior gymnast both in the gym and in the classroom. The last Hawkeye to be named a finalist for the award was Jonathan Buese in 2010.

Boyle, a Naperville, Illinois, native is a mechanical engineering major and two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree. He is second in the country on high bar with a four-score average of 15.100 and 13th nationally in the all-around (86.000). Boyle leads the team on high bar with a high score of 15.250. He has won four event titles and an two all-around titles so far this season.

### LOOCHTAN NAMED BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK:

Senior Matt Loochtan was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week on Feb. 27 after helping Iowa defeat No. 6 Nebraska and No. 8 Penn State. Loochtan earned five event titles on floor (15.350), rings (15.150), vault (14.450), parallel bars (14.850), and high bar (14.450) to help the Hawkeyes finish atop the leaderboard. His all-around score of 86.400 marked a career-high.

It is Iowa's first Gymnast of the Week award since Jan. 26, 2015, when senior Jack Boyle won the honor and Loochtan's second weekly honor of his career. He won Big Ten Freshman of the Week on April 1, 2013.

### BOYLE ON HIGH BAR:

Senior Jack Boyle is second nationally on high bar this season behind Air Force's Chase Cannon. Boyle owns a four-score average of 15.100 through nine meets on high bar. The Naperville, Illinois, native posted his career-high of 15.300 against Illinois on Jan. 23. As a team, the Hawkeyes rank sixth nationally on high bar with a four-score average of 71.850.

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### 2016 RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes are ranked in the top 10 nationally according to the most recent national ranking release on [roadtonationals.com](http://roadtonationals.com) (March 14). The rankings are based on an average teams' top four scores.

1. Oklahoma	449.050
2. Stanford	442.773
3. Ohio State	439.050
4. Minnesota	435.683
5T. Illinois	433.900
5T. California	433.900
7. Nebraska	431.367
8. Penn State	431.300
<b>9. Iowa</b>	<b>429.967</b>
10. Michigan	427.483

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### FRESHMEN CONTRIBUTORS:

- Three freshmen have found their way into the Iowa lineup this season.
- Jake Brodarzon has competed in every meet for the Hawkeyes this season, making the lineup on floor and parallel bars. He posted season-high scores on floor (14.850) and parallel bars (14.200) on March 12.
- Todd Beyer II has competed for the Hawkeyes four times this season on vault. His best score of 14.900 came at UIC on Jan. 24, where he placed third overall.
- Rogelio Vazquez has competed on three events this season, including rings, parallel bars, and high bar. His high score on rings came against Illinois on Jan. 23, where he posted a 14.550. The next day, Vazquez notched a season-high on parallel bars (13.800), and on March 12 he recorded a season-high 14.200 on high bar.

### BIG TEN SHOWS POWER:

The Big Ten Conference has been dominant so far this season. Of the top 10 teams listed on [roadtonationals.com](http://roadtonationals.com), six are from the Big Ten, including No. 3 Ohio State, No. 4 Minnesota, No. 5 Illinois, No. 7 Nebraska, No. 8 Penn State, and No. 9 Iowa.

### HIGH SCORING HAWKS:

Iowa made history in back-to-back meets on Jan. 23-24. The Hawkeyes have never scored above a 430.000 team score in January in the program's history, but in 2016, the team did it twice with a 430.850 coming against Illinois and a 431.150 the next day at UIC.

### CORY PATERSON COMPETES IN CANADA:

During the Hawkeyes' off-day on Feb. 6, junior Cory Paterson traveled to Halifax, Nova Scotia, with assistant coach Ben Ketelsen for the 2016 Elite Canada Artistic Gymnastics Championships. Paterson placed seventh in the all-around competition with a 79.100 and third on high bar with a 13.600 effort.

### HAWKEYES SIGN 3 FOR 2016-17:

The Iowa men's gymnastics team signed three standout gymnasts for the 2016-17 season. Andrew Herrador (Sunnyvale, California), Nicholas Merryman (Brookline, New Hampshire) and Mitch Mandozzi (Harvard, Massachusetts) signed National Letters of Intent to continue their gymnastics career at Iowa. The recruiting class has combined for nine state championships and five national championships.

### HEAD COACH JD REIVE:

JD Reive, the seventh head coach at Iowa, is entering his sixth year at the helm of the program. Reive is looking for continued success following a sixth place finish at the NCAA Championships last year. Reive has led an all-american in each of the past three seasons and has one of the highest team GPAs at Iowa with eight gymnasts named to the 2015 Big Ten Winter Academic All-Conference team.

In 2015, Iowa sent five gymnasts to compete in the event finals of the Big Ten Championship. Doug Sullivan was named all-conference on pommel horse following a score of 14.800. As a team, Iowa placed sixth with a team score of 427.600. At the NCAA event finals, Jack Boyle was named an all-american on high bar with a sixth place finish and a score of 14.850.

Reive graduated from Nebraska in 2000 with a bachelor of journalism degree and was an assistant at Stanford from 2003-10 where he helped the team grab four top three finishes. Reive was also named Collegiate Gymnastics Association Assistant Coach of the Year three times (2006, 2009 and 2010) and was also the National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2009.

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