

March 24, 2004

IOWA SOFTBALL**HAWKEYES FALL TO ILLINOIS STATE, 3-1**

BLOOMINGTON, IL – The University of Iowa softball team was defeated by the Illinois State Redbirds, 3-1, Wednesday in Bloomington, IL. The Hawkeyes fall to 15-13 on the year, while the Redbirds evened their record at 12-12.

Illinois State got on the board in the bottom of the first when Emily Krueger hit a solo home run, then upped their lead to 3-0 with a pair of unearned runs in the third. With two outs, Krueger reached on an error and Kate State blasted a two-run home run.

The Hawkeyes picked up a run in the top of the fifth on an RBI-triple from **Amanda Hentges**. Freshman **Sami Baugh** led off with a pinch-hit single, and moved over to second on a sacrifice bunt by **Laura Chipman** before coming around to score on Hentges's three-bagger.

Sophomore **Ali Arnold** pitched two and two-thirds innings and took the loss for Iowa. **Lisa Birocci** relieved her and pitched three and a third innings of no-hit ball.

Iowa will make its home debut this weekend at the Hawkeye Classic. Wisconsin and Ball State will provide the competition.

GAME SUMMARIES

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WP – Stacy Birk (5-3)

LP – **Ali Arnold** (9-6)

HR – Emily Krueger, Kate State

