

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

Feb. 24-25
Red and Black Tournament
Louisville, KY

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

6-4 Overall, 0-0 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	10 a.m.
Feb. 24	vs. Kansas	12 p.m.
Feb. 25	vs. Louisville	9:30 a.m.
Feb. 25	TBA	TBA
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Atlanta, GA)	
Mar. 2	vs. Boston	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	vs. Dartmouth	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	vs. Georgia Southern	4 p.m.
Mar. 4	TBA	TBA
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)	
Mar. 9	vs. California	2:30 p.m.
	vs. UC Riverside	8 p.m.
Mar. 10	vs. Santa Clara	5 p.m.
Mar. 11	vs. San Jose State	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	3 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (at Sacramento, CA)	5:15 p.m.
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 15	vs. BYU	3 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. Georgia Southern	12 p.m.
Mar. 16	vs. Mercer	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	vs. Santa Clara	12 p.m.
Mar. 17	vs. Cal Poly	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 23	vs. South Dakota State	5 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. North Dakota State	12:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. Ball State	3 p.m.
Mar. 25	vs. Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Indiana	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Indiana	2 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	11 a.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue	1:15 p.m.
Apr. 3	Iowa State	4 p.m.
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)	
June 1-6	College World Series (Oklahoma City, OK)	

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.	9	.120	9	3	2	0	1	.160	4
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	5	.222	4	2	1	0	0	.222	3
1	Emily Nichols	3B	R-R	Jr.	10	.563	12	18	15	3	3	1.000	2
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	10	.296	2	8	4	0	0	.296	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	LF	R-R	So.	10	.286	3	8	16	1	3	.571	0
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	10	.333	3	8	7	0	2	.346	0
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Sr.	10	.320	2	8	4	0	2	.400	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	10	.154	3	4	2	0	0	.154	4
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	10	.250	1	7	7	0	3	.276	1

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
24	Stephanie Ackerson	RHP	Jr.	3-1	4	2	1	0	1.30	19	13	27.0
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	3-3	5	3	1	0	2.36	31	19	32.2
3	Katie Brown	RHP	Fr.	0-0	1	0	0	0	4.20	0	4	3.1
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

IOWA HEADS TO LOUISVILLE

The University of Iowa softball team heads to Louisville, KY, this weekend to compete at the Red and Black Tournament. Iowa opens the tournament Saturday against Kent State at 10 a.m. and faces Kansas at 12 p.m. The Hawkeyes face host-school Louisville Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and will play another game later Sunday against a team to be determined.

GAMETRACKER AVAILABLE

All four of Iowa's games this weekend will have livestats (gametracker). Fans can find the gametracker link on the right side of the softball schedule page on hawkeyesports.com. Fans can also find the gametracker links along with updated stats at the Red and Black Tournament page, found at uofisports.com.

HAWKEYES FINISH 2-3 AT LITTLEWOOD CLASSIC

Iowa finished last weekend's Littlewood Classic with wins over UC Riverside (9-1) and Idaho State (10-4) and losses against North Carolina (5-10), Illinois State (1-5) and second-ranked Arizona State (3-4).

NICHOLS TOPS THE BIG TEN

Junior **Emily Nichols** leads the Big Ten in hits (18), RBI (15) runs scored (12) and total bases (32). She also ranks second in slugging percentage (1.000) and doubles (3) and third in batting average (.563), home runs (3) and triples (1).

YARD WORK AGAINST IDAHO STATE

Junior **Emily Nichols** finished a perfect 4-4 with two home runs and two RBI against Idaho State. Nichols leads the team with three home runs and 15 RBI.

Nichols batted .611 (11-18) with two home runs, two doubles, five RBI and eight runs scored in the five-game classic.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. MICHIGAN	0-0	9-1
T2. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	3-1
PENN STATE	0-0	3-1
4. MINNESOTA	0-0	7-3
T5. IOWA	0-0	6-4
NORTHWESTERN	0-0	6-4
7. WISCONSIN	0-0	3-2
8. ILLINOIS	0-0	5-5
T9. OHIO STATE	0-0	2-3
INDIANA	0-0	2-3
11. PURDUE	0-0	2-8

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

February 23-25

Iowa at Red and Black Tournament

Illinois at FAU Pepsi Classic

Michigan at NFCA Leadoff Classic

Michigan State at Palm Springs Classic

Northwestern at Palm Springs Classic

Ohio State at Palm Springs Classic

Penn State at Palm Springs Classic

Purdue at FIU/Golden Panther Invitational

Wisconsin at UTEP Invitational

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

FILLING IN FOR A WEIL

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** along with freshmen **Amanda Züst** and **Katie Brown** have seen a lot of action in the first two tournaments while sophomore **Brittany Weil** is sidelined.

Züst has thrown a team-high 32.2 innings and has a team-best 31 strikeouts with three wins. Ackerson leads the team with a 1.30 ERA and also has three wins in the circle. Brown has thrown 3.1 innings.

DIGMANN RETURNS TO LINEUP

Freshman **Lindsey Digmann** returned to the lineup Saturday against Illinois State. Digmann strained a hamstring in Iowa's win over Marist February 9 and missed five games before her return on February 17.

ACKERSON AT THE PLATE

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** has shown major strides at the plate in 2007. Ackerson already has more doubles (3) and RBI (7) this season than her previous two seasons combined (2 doubles and 6 RBI).

BAUGH COMING ON

Senior **Sami Baugh** has had an impressive start to the 2007 season. She is currently fourth on the team with a .320 batting average along with two doubles and seven RBI. Baugh has also thrown out two runners stealing.

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa is 24-26 in the stolen base department. Sophomores **Rachel West** and **Erin Riemersma** along with senior **Mindy Heidgerken** lead the team with four stolen bases while freshman **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 3-3.

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Iowa has out-hit its opponent in all six wins and has been out-hit in all four losses.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes are outscoring their opponents 19-6 in the first inning and 13-2 in the fifth inning of games this season.

Iowa is outscoring its opponents in every inning except the third and sixth innings.

MOVIN' ALL OVER

Iowa's infield and outfield had a few different looks at the Littlewood Classic last weekend.

Summer Downs, **Stephanie Ackerson** and **Katie Brown** all played at first base while Downs, **Erin Riemersma** and **Lindsey Digmann** saw time at second base. Riemersma and Digmann both played shortstop as well.

Quinn Morelock, **Jenna Spratt** and **Rachel West** each played right field last weekend.

Sami Baugh, **Emily Nichols**, **Colleen McGlaughlin** and **Mindy Heidgerken** were the only Hawkeyes to play the same position all weekend. Baugh caught all five games, Nichols played at third, McGlaughlin played right field and Heidgerken played center field.

WEIL SUFFERS INJURY

Sophomore pitcher **Brittany Weil** suffered an undisclosed injury during practice Thursday, February 1. Weil will be sidelined indefinitely.

Weil was a third team all-Big Ten selection as a freshman in 2005. She led the team with 270 strikeouts and 296 innings pitched.

Weil is expected to make a full recovery from the injury.

BLEVINS REACHES MILESTONES

Head Coach **Gayle Blevins** reached the 1,100 win mark with an 11-0, five-inning win over Howard. The win was also Blevins' 800th win at Iowa.

ACKERSON THROWS NO-HITTER IN OPENER

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.

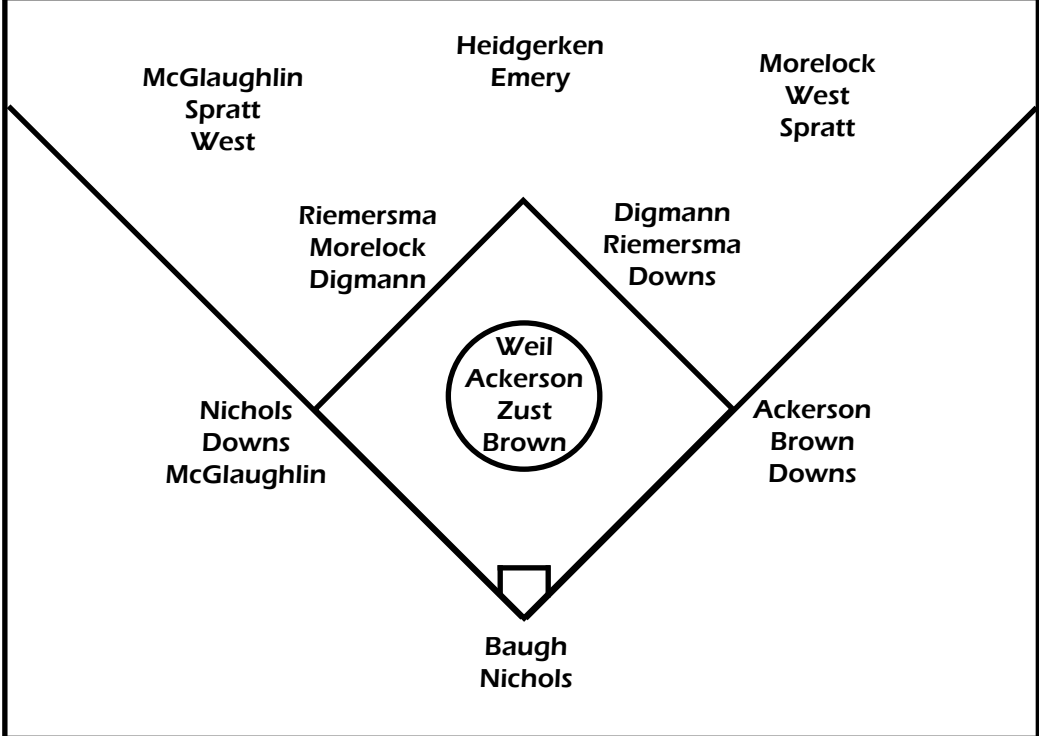
Prior to the start against Howard, Ackerson had only thrown 11 innings in relief.

NO RUNS ALLOWED

Iowa shut out its first two opponents of the season. That marks the first time since the 1998 season that the Hawkeyes have shut out their first two opponents of a season.

The 1998 squad recorded three-straight shutouts over Wisconsin, Arizona State and Illinois State to open the season.

- 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



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



BRINGING HOME THE RUNS

Iowa scored a total of 19 runs in its first two games of the season. That is the highest run total in the first two games of a season since 1999, when Iowa defeated Michigan State 3-2 and Illinois State, 16-5.

The most runs scored in the first two games of a season is 29 by the 1997 team.

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.

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).

HEADSHOTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players can visit pics.hawkeyesports.com.

IOWA ADDS TWO NEW COACHES

Jen Fried and **Stacy May** are new members of the Iowa coaching staff. Fried is a volunteer assistant and May is a student assistant.

Fried joins the staff from Swarthmore College in Media, PA, where she was an assistant coach from 2005-06. Her duties included designing and implementing daily practices for outfielders along with batting instruction.

Fried played both softball and soccer at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named the Centennial Conference Softball Player of the Year in 2004 and was an all-conference selection from 2001-04.

May was a four-year letterwinner at both third base and shortstop for Iowa from 2003-06. She was named both Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first team all-Big Ten in 2003. May was also a three-time NFCA all-Mideast Region pick and was a two-time *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America District 7 selection.

May was drafted by the Chicago Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League as the fourth pick in the second round in the 2006 draft. She earned the 2006 Nokona Rookie of the Year award and was also named to the all-NPF team.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

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

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	3
CURRENT STREAK	Won 1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	11 (vs. HOWARD)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	5 (vs. UNC)
MOST AT-BATS.....	29 (vs. UNC)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	11 (vs. HOWARD)
MOST HITS.....	12 (vs. HOWARD)
MOST RBI	11 (vs. HOWARD)
MOST DOUBLES	4 (vs. UNC)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (TWICE, LAST AT STETSON)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2 (vs. IDAHO STATE)
MOST STOLEN BASES... 5 (TWICE, LAST vs. IDAHO STATE)	
MOST STRIKEOUTS	10 (AT ARIZONA STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	5 (vs. UNC)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	10 (vs. UNC)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	11 (vs. UNC)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	2 (TWICE LAST AT UNC)

HOME RUNS	3 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	15 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	32 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S)....	1.000 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	4 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	2 (BAUGH)
STRIKEOUTS.....	6 (MORELOCK)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.571 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	1 (THREE PLAYERS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	3 (SPRATT)
STOLEN BASES	4 (THREE PLAYERS)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	5 (WEST AND RIEMERSMA)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	563 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	10 (7 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	1 (8 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	23 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	12 (NICHOLS)
HITS	18 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	3 (THREE PLAYERS)
TRIPLES	1 (NICHOLS & McGLAUGHLIN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.30 (ZUST)
WINS.....	3 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
LOSSES	1 (ACKERSON)
APPEARANCES.....	7 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	5 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	3 (ZUST)
SHUTOUTS	1 (ACKERSON & ZUST)
SAVES.....	--
INNINGS PITCHED.....	32.2 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	31 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE185 (ACKERSON)

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 805-364-3 (.688).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,105-512-5 (.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	6-4	.600
TOTALS				1,105-512-5 .683			