

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

April 3
vs. Iowa State
Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

27-13 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	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)	

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	.254	30	30	22	3	5	.373	11
10	Taylor Leichsenring	RF	L-R	Fr.	36	.338	16	22	2	0	0	.338	4
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	40	.434	30	59	34	9	14	.750	4
2	Summer Downs	DP	R-R	Jr.	40	.286	10	34	18	3	9	.437	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	3B	R-R	So.	40	.339	19	42	22	3	8	.492	5
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	38	.353	29	30	10	2	1	.529	20
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	40	.224	4	22	17	0	5	.276	3
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	40	.179	8	14	10	1	0	.218	11
22	Lindsey Digmann	2B	L-R	Fr.	27	.245	9	13	4	0	2	.283	9

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	10-1	10	8	6	1	0.95	99	22	73.1
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	8-6	16	7	2	0	2.58	113	71	108.1
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 TO FACE IOWA STATE IN MID-WEEK ACTION

The University of Iowa softball team returns to Pearl Field after a five-game road trip to face intra-state rival Iowa State. First pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

THE HY-VEE CY-HAWK SERIES

The Hawkeye softball team can help the University of Iowa clinch the 2006-07 Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk series with a win over Iowa State Tuesday.

Iowa currently leads the 2006-07 series, 11-8. Two points are on the line during Tuesday's softball game, with an additional two academic points available for both schools.

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.

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	27-13
OHIO STATE	4-0	21-13
PENN STATE	2-0	16-12
4. NORTHWESTERN	3-1	27-7
T5. ILLINOIS	2-2	23-14
MICHIGAN	1-1	26-6
T7. INDIANA	1-3	18-16
PURDUE	1-3	18-24-1
T9. MICHIGAN STATE	0-2	18-16
MINNESOTA	0-2	13-14
WISCONSIN	0-4	16-11

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

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.

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.

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.

Brown has six hits this season.

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.

HAWKEYES CRUISING FOR A WEIL

Iowa is 13-3 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 13 of their last 14 contests.

Weil is 10-1 overall with a 0.95 earned run average and 99 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.

NICHOLS WITH RUNNERS ON

Junior **Emily Nichols** must like batting with runners on base. The Portland, OR, native is batting .625 (5-8) with runners on base and a perfect 3-3 with a runner on third and less than two outs.

MCGLAUGHLIN AT PEARL FIELD

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** likes her surroundings at Pearl Field. She is batting .583 (7-12) with two doubles and two RBI in four games played at the friendly confines of Pearl Field.

LEADING...EVERYTHING

Junior **Emily Nichols** leads the Hawkeyes in virtually every offensive category. Her team-best numbers include at bats (136), runs (30), hits (59), doubles (14), home runs (9), RBI (34), total bases (102), slugging percentage (.750) and on-base percentage (.470).

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 77 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 20 stolen bases followed by sophomore **Erin Riemersma** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken** with 11.

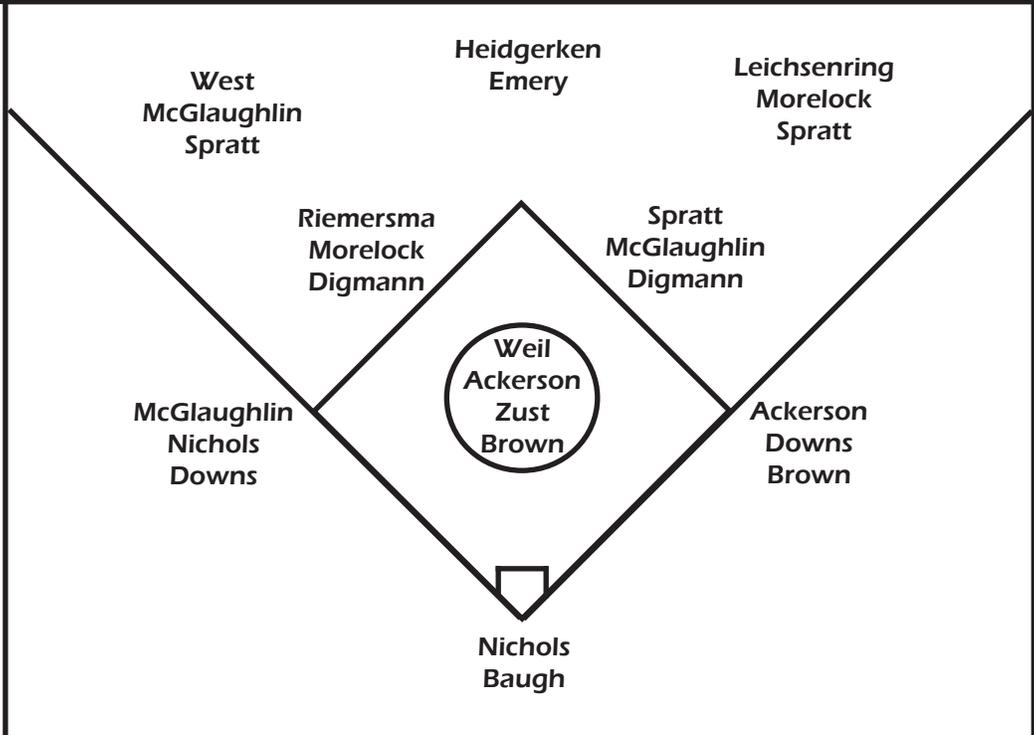
Sophomore **Lindsey Digmann** is a perfect 9-9 on the basepaths this season.

SCORING EARLY AND OFTEN

The Hawkeyes have outscored their opponents 191-117 this season. Iowa is outscoring its opponents 40-18 in the first inning and 31-5 in the fifth inning of games this season.

**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



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



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 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.

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.

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	5-3
2-RUN GAMES	5-3
3+-RUN GAMES	17-7
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-1
AT PEARL FIELD	4-0
ON THE ROAD	7-2
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	27-12
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	19-5
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	8-7
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	4-5
SCORING 3+ RUNS	23-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	22-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	5-12
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-3
WEIL STARTS.....	8-2
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
ZUST STARTS.....	11-6
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	12-5
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN	5-9
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	24-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-10
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	21-6
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S....	5-6
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	8-5
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	8-5
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.....	5-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	4-0
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	0-2
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	9
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 9
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)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	434 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	40 (5 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	40 (5 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	136 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	30 (NICHOLS)
HITS	59 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

HOME RUNS	9 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	34 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	102 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.750 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	15 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	3 (RIEMERSMA)
STRIKEOUTS.....	21 (ACKERSON)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.470 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	7 (WEST & HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASES	20 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	23 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	0.95 (WEIL)
WINS.....	10 (WEIL)
LOSSES	1 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	23 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	16 (ZUST)
COMPLETE GAMES	8 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	6 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	108.1 (ZUST)
STRIKEOUTS.....	113 (ZUST)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE185 (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 826-373-3 (.688).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,126-521-5 (.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	27-13	.675
TOTALS				1,126-521-5 .683			