

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

May 2
vs. Drake
5 p.m.

2007 IOWA SCHEDULE

35-20 Overall, 9-7 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	Cancelled
Apr. 7	at Minnesota	Cancelled
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 0-5
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin	L, 1-4
Apr. 11	South Dakota State	Cancelled
Apr. 13	Michigan	L, 2-3 (10)
Apr. 14	Michigan	L, 0-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 6-2
Apr. 15	Michigan State	W, 7-2
Apr. 18	Upper Iowa	W, 10-0 (5)
Apr. 20	Penn State	W, 1-0
Apr. 21	Penn State	W, 7-0
Apr. 22	Ohio State	W, 7-3
Apr. 22	Ohio State	L, 0-1
Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	Cancelled
Apr. 27	at Northwestern	L, 1-5
Apr. 28	at Northwestern	L, 1-2
Apr. 29	Western Illinois	W, 5-4
May 2	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.	54	.265	42	43	27	4	8	.389	17
10	Taylor Leichsenring	DP	L-R	Fr.	51	.312	19	34	7	0	0	.330	5
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	Jr.	55	.407	35	74	48	12	14	.692	6
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	Jr.	54	.301	13	47	26	5	11	.468	0
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	2B	R-R	So.	55	.341	20	56	25	3	14	.494	5
4	Quinn Morelock	RF	R-R	So.	44	.277	7	23	18	1	4	.361	0
6	Rachel West	LF	R-R	So.	52	.342	34	40	10	2	2	.479	29
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Sr.	55	.219	15	25	15	2	1	.281	17
24	Stephanie Ackerson	1B	R-R	Jr.	55	.214	6	27	18	0	5	.254	3

Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	So.	16-7	21	17	8	2	1.57	161	39	152.0
14	Amanda Zust	RHP	Fr.	10-7	20	8	3	0	2.23	146	88	131.2
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 HOST DRAKE IN FINAL MID-WEEK GAME

The University of Iowa softball team (35-20, 9-7) hosts Drake in its final mid-week game of the season. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children 18 and under along with UI students.

HAWKEYES ON THE AIR

The remaining games on Iowa's schedule will be broadcast via the Internet at hawkeyesports.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 hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the Gametracker link found on the softball schedule page.

HAWKEYES TAKE DOWN WESTERN ILLINOIS

Iowa defeated Western Illinois, 5-1 Sunday at Pearl Field. Iowa scored all five of its runs in the first four innings.

Sophomore **Rachel West** finished a perfect 3-3 while freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**, sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken** each went 2-3.

Sophomore **Brittany Weil** threw five innings for her 16th win of the season. She allowed one run on four hits and struck out three. Freshman **Amanda Zust** threw two innings of relief and struck out two.

LONG BALL SINKS IOWA AT NORTHWESTERN

The Hawkeyes dropped two games to eighth-ranked Northwestern last weekend (5-1, 2-1). The Wildcats scored all seven runs in the two-game series off home runs.

Northwestern hit two solo home runs and a three-run home run in game one to take a 5-0 lead. Iowa managed to plate one run off an **Emily Nichols** single in the seventh.

In game two, Iowa took a 1-0 lead with an RBI double by **Erin Riemersma**, but a Northwestern two-run home run in the fifth was the difference.

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. OHIO STATE	12-2	31-15
2. NORTHWESTERN	15-3	41-10
3. MICHIGAN	11-3	40-9
4. IOWA	9-7	35-20
5. ILLINOIS	7-7	29-23
6. PURDUE	8-9	30-31-1
7. MICHIGAN STATE	6-8	30-24
8. PENN STATE	5-7	24-20
9. WISCONSIN	5-11	26-19
10. MINNESOTA	3-8	21-21
11. INDIANA	1-17	21-32

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 6

Illinois at Iowa

Indiana at Purdue

Michigan at Michigan State

Penn State at Ohio State

Wisconsin at Minnesota

Sunday, May 7

Illinois at Iowa

Indiana at Purdue

Michigan at Michigan State

Penn State at Ohio State

Wisconsin at Minnesota

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

SCOUTING DRAKE

The Drake Bulldogs are 15-34 overall and 5-16 in the Missouri Valley.

Jenna Wilkin leads the team with a .345 batting average. Susan Slycord has a team-high 27 RBI.

Mandy Osborn is 7-14 with a 3.43 earned run average while Cassie Heller is 8-19 with a 4.87 earned run average and has a team-best 94 strikeouts.

Iowa leads the all-time series, 29-5.

HAWKEYE CONNECTIONS AT DRAKE

Drake Head Coach Rich Calvert served as an assistant coach at Iowa from 1997-2002. Calvert helped the Hawkeyes advance to the Women's College World Series in 1997 and 2001.

Laura Chipman, Drake's graduate assistant coach, played at Iowa from 2001-04. She was an NFCA Academic all-American and an academic all-Big Ten selection.

Drake junior Kristin Birocci is the sister of former Hawkeye all-American pitcher Lisa Birocci.

FLASHING THE LEATHER

Junior **Stephanie Ackerson** made two great defensive plays in game two against Northwestern to keep the Hawkeyes close.

In the second inning, Ackerson laid out for a foul ball near the Northwestern dugout to help Iowa get out of the inning. Ackerson stabbed at a sure line-drive base hit in the sixth to once again help the Hawkeyes end the frame.

SUMMER-TIME IN EVANSTON

Junior **Summer Downs** batted .600 (3-5) in the two-game series at Northwestern. She also had two putouts, five assists and did not commit an error in 13 innings played at third base.

LEADERS IN CONFERENCE PLAY

Four Hawkeyes are batting above .300 in Big Ten play.

Junior **Summer Downs** is batting .383 (18-47) and leads the team with five doubles. She also has three home runs and 13 RBI.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** is batting .360 (18-50) and has a team-best 14 runs scored. Riemersma has three home runs, seven doubles and seven RBI.

Junior **Emily Nichols** has a .327 (17-52) batting average and has belted a team-high four home runs and 16 RBI.

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** is batting .319 (15-47) with three doubles.

HAWKEYES IN BIG TEN STATS

Here is a list of where different Hawkeyes rank in the top five of different categories.

All Games

Player	Category	Rank
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (29)	2nd
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.57)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (126)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Batting Avg. (.407)	3rd
Emily Nichols	Hits (74)	3rd
Rachel West	Triples (4)	T3rd
Brittany Weil	Saves (2)	4th
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (17)	T4th
Mindy Heidgerken	Stolen Bases (17)	T4th
Emily Nichols	RBI (48)	5th
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (45)	5th

Big Ten Games

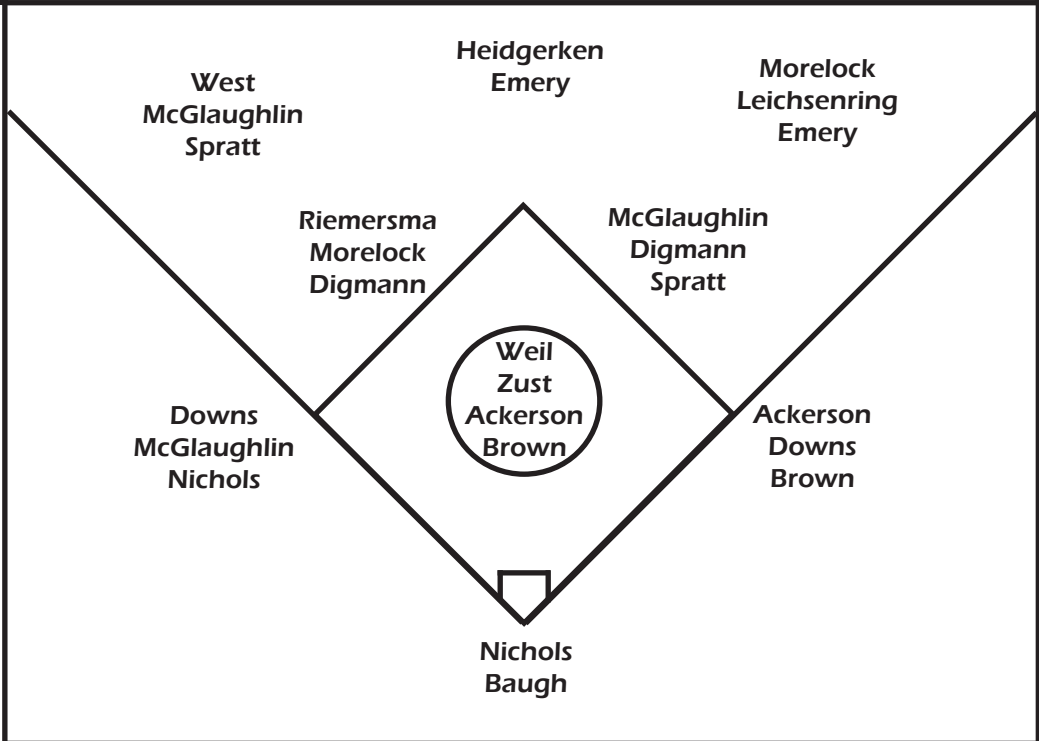
Player	Category	Rank
Amanda Zust	ERA (0.75)	1st
Brittany Weil	Innings Pitched (93.1)	1st
Brittany Weil	K's Looking (25)	1st
Brittany Weil	Starts (13)	1st
Brittany Weil	Appearances (16)	1st
Brittany Weil	Wins (8)	T2nd
Brittany Weil	Strikeouts (78)	3rd
Rachel West	Stolen Bases (8)	T1st
Mindy Heidgerken	Stolen Bases (8)	T1st
Summer Downs	Doubles (5)	2nd
Erin Riemersma	Runs Scored (14)	T2nd
Taylor Leichsenring	Triples (1)	T2nd
Erin Riemersma	Doubles (4)	T3rd
Emily Nichols	RBI (16)	T4th
Erin Riemersma	Stolen Bases (4)	T4th
Brittany Weil	Saves (1)	T4th
Summer Downs	RBI (13)	5th
Summer Downs	Total Bases (29)	T5th
Emily Nichols	Total Bases (29)	T5th
Erin Riemersma	Walks (9)	T5th
Brittany Weil	ERA (1.50)	5th

HEIDGERKEN HEATING UP

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** has collected one home run, three hits and three RBI in her last two games.

In game two against Northwestern, Heidgerken went 1-3 and scored the only Hawkeye run of the game. She went 2-3 with a three-run home run and an RBI single to help Iowa defeat Western Illinois.

- 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

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MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH
JEN FRIED

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH
STACY MAY



MCGLAUGHLIN LIKES PEARL

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** must like batting in the friendly confines of Pearl Field. McGlaughlin leads the team with a .463 (19-41) average in 15 home games this season. She also has seven doubles and five RBI.

QUICK ON THE BASEPATHS

As a team, Iowa has stolen 107 bases this season. Sophomore **Rachel West** leads the team with 29 stolen bases, followed by sophomore **Erin Riemersma** and senior **Mindy Heidgerken**, each with 17.

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 March 28-April 1. This was the first time Weil earned the award. Weil picked up five wins with a 0.78 ERA in 27 innings. She collected 27 strikeouts and helped Iowa to a 4-0 record in the opening weekend of Big Ten play.

HITTING STREAK SNAPPED

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

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 currently has 32 career home runs.

ACKERSON NO-HITS HOWARD IN SEASON 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.

WEATHER LINE

Fans of Iowa softball can now call to check if a home game is delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather. The number to call is (319) 335-9450.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	7-6
2-RUN GAMES	5-4
3+-RUN GAMES	23-10
EXTRA INNINGS.....	3-2
AT PEARL FIELD	12-3
ON THE ROAD	7-6
AT NEUTRAL SITE	16-11
DAY GAMES.....	34-19
NIGHT GAMES.....	1-2
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	26-7
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	9-12
SCORING 2 RUNS OR LESS	6-12
SCORING 3+ RUNS	29-8
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	29-4
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	6-16
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	0-7
WEIL STARTS.....	13-8
ZUST STARTS.....	14-7
ACKERSON STARTS.....	8-4
BROWN STARTS	0-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	16-6
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN.....	6-12
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	32-4
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-15
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	29-8
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S..	6-12
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-1
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	10-7
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS.....	10-9
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	15-4
FLYING TO GAME.....	16-12
BUSING TO GAME.....	7-5
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	14-4
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	13-7
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	6-6
IN IOWA	9-2
IN FLORIDA	7-2
IN ARIZONA	2-3
IN KENTUCKY.....	2-1
IN GEORGIA	4-2
IN CALIFORNIA.....	6-6
IN ILLINOIS.....	1-2
IN INDIANA	4-0
IN MINNESOTA.....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-2
ON SUNDAY	12-4
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	1-2
ON WEDNESDAY	2-0
ON THURSDAY	1-0
ON FRIDAY.....	9-6
ON SATURDAY	10-8

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	10
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK	WON 1
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 (SEVEN TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2 (SEVEN TIMES)
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	16 (VS. MICHIGAN)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	9 (VS. KANSAS)

HOME RUNS	12 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	48 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	126 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.692 (NICHOLS)
WALKS	24 (RIEMERSMA)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON)
STRIKEOUTS.....	30 (ACKERSON)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.453 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES	3 (RIEMERSMA)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	11 (WEST)
STOLEN BASES	29 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	32 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	407 (NICHOLS)
GAMES PLAYED	55 (4 PLAYERS)
GAMES STARTED	55 (4 PLAYERS)
AT BATS.....	182 (NICHOLS)
RUNS	42 (RIEMERSMA)
HITS	74 (NICHOLS)
DOUBLES	14 (NICHOLS & MCGLAUGHLIN)
TRIPLES	4 (WEST)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.57 (WEIL)
WINS.....	16 (WEIL)
LOSSES	5 (ACKERSON)
APPEARANCES.....	29 (ZUST)
GAMES STARTED	21 (WEIL)
COMPLETE GAMES	17 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	8 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	2 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	152 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	161 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE212 (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 834-380-3 (.687).

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,134-528-5 (.682). 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	35-20	.636
TOTALS						1,134-528-5	.682