

Dec. 31, 2004

Saint Louis at #16/18 Iowa

Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Iowa Hawkeyes (11-1)

							Pts.	Reb.	FG%	FT%
44	Greg Brunner	F	6-7	240	Jr.	Charles City, IA (Charles City)	13.1	7.3	.551	.698
34	Erek Hansen	C	6-11	210	Jr.	Bedford, TX (Kirkwood, IA CC)	9.1	3.3	.513	.704
1	Adam Haluska	G	6-5	210	So.	Carroll, IA (Carroll)	13.8	3.8	.505	.820
2	Jeff Horner	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Mason City, IA (Mason City)	14.9	5.1	.486	.776
3	Pierre Pierce	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Westmont, IL (Westmont)	16.5	5.7	.467	.464

Saint Louis Billikens (2-9)

30	Izik Ohanon	F	6-9	220	Sr.	Tel Aviv, Israel (Hapoel Jerusalem)	10.1	6.7	.484	.731
1	Tom Frericks	C	6-8	250	Sr.	Bowling Green, KY (Chipola CC)	3.6	3.9	.424	.706
00	Dwayne Polk	G	5-9	160	Fr.	St. Louis, MO (Vashon)	6.8	2.3	.346	.538
20	Anthony Drejaj	G	6-2	205	Jr.	West Orange, NJ (Seton Hall Prep)	6.4	3.5	.303	.700
21	Reggie Bryant	G	6-2	205	Sr.	Baltimore, MD (Villanova)	14.2	4.0	.382	.759

TONIGHT'S GAME

Iowa (11-1) hosts Saint Louis (2-9) as the Hawkeyes close the non-conference portion of the season. Game time is 7:05 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena (15,500).

Iowa defeated Air Force 73-63 Tuesday evening, while Saint Louis lost to Southeast Missouri State 65-49 Wednesday in St. Louis.

ON THE AIR

Radio: Iowa games are broadcast on the Hawkeye Radio Network. Gary Dolphin handles the play-by-play with color commentator Bob Hansen.

Television: ESPN Regional will carry the game to a network of stations that includes KGAN Cedar Rapids, KDSM Des Moines, KCAU Sioux City, KYOU Ottumwa, KWQC Quad Cities and Charter Communications in St. Louis. Larry Morgan and Mac McCausland will call the action.

IOWA HISTORY

Iowa has played 2,322 games since beginning basketball in 1902. Overall Iowa's record is 1,386-935 (.597). That includes an 865-303 (.741) record in home games, a 521-633 (.451) record in games away from Iowa City, a 657-644 (.505) mark in Big Ten games and a 271-77 (.779) record in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

IOWA IN CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA

Iowa has compiled a 271-77 (.779) record in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa is 127-64 (.665) in Big Ten games and 144-13 (.917) in non-Big Ten games. Iowa has drawn over five million fans for men's basketball games since the arena opened in 1983. Iowa has posted a 63-22 (.741) home record under Coach Steve Alford, including a 41-4 (.917) mark in non-conference home games.

IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 16th by the Associated Press and the Hawkeyes are 18th in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll. Iowa began the season receiving no votes in either poll. The Hawkeyes are eighth in the RPI rankings and 15th in the Sagarin Ratings.

Schedule/Results

Record: 11-1

Nov. 10	Upper Iowa (exb.)	W	84-43
Nov. 14	Laval Univ. (exb.)	W	85-77
Nov. 19	Western Illinois	W	85-62
* Nov. 22	#11 Louisville	W	76-71
* Nov. 23	#13 Texas	W	82-80
* Nov. 24	#11 North Carolina	L	92-106
Nov. 30	at Drake	W	91-75
# Dec. 3	Centenary	W	88-53
# Dec. 4	UNC Greensboro	W	83-58
Dec. 7	Northern Iowa	W	76-73
Dec. 10	Iowa State	W	70-63
Dec. 18	Western Carolina	W	88-75
& Dec. 21	Texas Tech	W	83-53
Dec. 28	Air Force	W	73-63
Dec. 31	Saint Louis, 7:05 p.m.		
Jan. 5	Michigan, 8:05 p.m.		
Jan. 8	at Ohio State, 11:07 a.m.		
Jan. 15	Minnesota, 1:32 p.m.		
Jan. 20	at Illinois, 6:05 p.m.		
Jan. 22	Purdue, 1:32 p.m.		
Jan. 26	at Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.		
Jan. 29	Indiana, 4:05 p.m.		
Feb. 5	Michigan State, 1:32 p.m.		
Feb. 9	at Wisconsin, 7:05 p.m.		
Feb. 12	Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.		
Feb. 16	at Purdue, 7:05 p.m.		
Feb. 19	Illinois, 11:17 a.m.		
Feb. 23	at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.		
Feb. 26	at Penn State, 11:17 a.m.		
Mar. 2	Ohio State, 7:05 p.m.		
Mar. 5/6	at Michigan, TBA		
Mar. 10-13	Big Ten Tournament		

* - EA Sports Maui Invitational
 # - Gazette Hawkeye Challenge
 & - at United Center, Chicago, IL

All times listed are Central Time

Coach Steve Alford

Steve Alford (pronounced ALL-ford) is in his sixth season as the head coach at the University of Iowa and his 14th season as a college head coach. Alford holds a career record of 256-149 (.632), including a 100-72 (.581) record at Iowa, a 78-29 (.729) record in four seasons (1992-95) at Div. III Manchester College and a four-year record (1996-99) of 78-48 (.619) at Southwest Missouri State. Alford ranks fifth among Iowa's head basketball coaches in career wins and he is 34-46 (.425) in Big Ten games. Alford is 8-5 in the NCAA Tournament (3-2 in Div. I and 5-3 in Div. III) and 2-4 in the NIT.



Alford led Iowa to the 2001 Big Ten Conference Tournament title and into the second round of the NCAA Tournament in his second season with the Hawkeyes. Iowa earned a return trip to the title game of the Big Ten Conference Tournament in 2002 and advanced to the NIT in post-season play in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The Hawkeyes set a Big Ten Conference Tournament record with seven straight wins over two seasons (2001-2002) before a last-second loss in the first round of the 2003 tournament. Alford's record in the event is 8-4 in his five seasons.

Alford led Southwest Missouri State to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1999 and in 1995 Manchester advanced to the NCAA championship game before suffering its first defeat of the season.

Alford is a 1987 graduate of Indiana, where he led the Hoosiers to the 1987 NCAA title. Alford was a member of the 1984 U. S. Olympic team that earned the Gold Medal and he was the 26th player selected in the NBA Draft following his senior season. Alford played four seasons in the NBA before beginning his coaching career.

At Indiana, Alford started 120 of 125 games in four seasons. He served as team captain in 1987 when the Hoosiers were 30-4. Steve concluded his college career as Indiana's all-time scoring leader with 2,438 points and he holds the Indiana record for career steals with 178. He was a consensus first team All-American and the Big Ten MVP as a senior.

Alford is a member of the Manchester College M Association Hall of Fame and the Indiana University Athletics Hall of Fame. In 2001 he was named one of the "Top 50 Athletes" in the history of the state of Indiana and was selected as a member of the 15-man Indiana University all-Century team. A year ago he was one of five players selected to ESPN's Big Ten Conference Silver Anniversary team, honoring Big Ten players from the past 25 seasons.

Alford is 3-2 vs. Saint Louis and 0-3 vs. Billiken Coach Brad Soderberg.

MEDIA SCHEDULE CHANGES

Iowa's practice time over the holiday break changes from the normal time frame, forcing a change in Coach Alford's media conferences during that time.

Iowa's practice time during the break is 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The media gatherings scheduled for Jan. 3 and Jan. 13 will be held after practice at 3 p.m. Hawkeye players will be available on those days from the conclusion of practice until 3 p.m. Thanks for your cooperation in these schedule changes.

Iowa Quick Facts

Location:	Iowa City, IA
Founded:	1847
Enrollment:	29,697
President:	David Skorton
Athletic Director:	Bob Bowlsby
Conference:	Big Ten
Home Arena:	Carver-Hawkeye (15,500)
All-Time Record:	1,386-936 (.597)
All-Time Big Ten Record:	657-644 (.505)
NCAA Appearances:	20
NCAA Tournament Record:	27-22

Head Coach:	Steve Alford
Record At Iowa:	100-72, .581 (6th season)
Career Record:	256-149, .632 (14th season)
Big Ten Record:	34-46 (.425)
Associate Head Coach:	Craig Neal (Georgia Tech)
Assistant Coaches:	Greg Lansing (South Dakota) Brian Jones (Northern Iowa)
Dir. of Basketball Operations:	Rich Walker (Bowling Green)
Trainer:	John Streif
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IOWA OFF TO FAST START

With 11 wins in 12 games, Iowa has its best start of a season in six years under Coach Steve Alford. Iowa, in 2001, posted a 10-1 mark to start the season and ended the year with a 23-12 overall record. Iowa began the 1998-99 season with a 13-1 record.

The current eight-game win streak is the second longest for an Iowa team under Alford, as the Hawkeyes opened the 2000-01 season with nine straight wins. The Hawkeyes had six-game win streaks in 2003-04 and 2001-02.

Iowa has now won as many as 11 non-conference games (not including post-season wins) seven times since earning 12 non-conference victories during the 1988-89 season.

RECOGNITION ON THE NET

Iowa's basketball program is being well recognized on the internet for its 11-1 start.

- On espn.com, ESPN analyst Dick Vitale has picked the Hawkeyes as his "Team of the Week" for their 83-53 win over Texas Tech.
- CollegeInsiders.com selected sophomore guard Adam Haluska as its "Star of the Week" for his play in the win over Texas Tech. Haluska matched his career high with 21 points, hitting 7-9 field goals, 3-3 three-pointers and 4-5 free throws.
- Gregg Doyel, writing for cbssportline.com a week ago, featured the Iowa guard court of Jeff Horner, Peirre Pierce and Adam Haluska as one of the best in the nation.

Iowa Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)	The Latest Scoop
1	Adam Haluska	G	6-5	210	So.	Carroll, IA (Carroll)	14 points & 4 rebounds vs. Air Force
2	** Jeff Horner	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Mason City, IA (Mason City)	7 points and 5 rebounds vs. Air Force
3	** Pierre Pierce	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Westmont, IL (Westmont)	19 pts., 7 reb. & 6 assists vs. Air Force
4	J.R. Angle	G/F	6-7	205	Fr.	Franklin, IN (Indian Creek)	2 points & 2 rebounds in win over Cent.
5	Alex Thompson	F	6-9	215	Fr.	Ames, IA (Ames)	4 points & 5 rebounds vs. TX Tech
13	Justin Wieck	F	6-6	185	Jr.	North Liberty, IA (Kirkwood, IA CC)	Two points vs. North Carolina
15	* Jack Brownlee	G	6-0	165	Sr.	Ft. Dodge, IA (Kirkwood, IA CC)	3 points in win over Centenary
20	Ryan Kennedy	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Des Moines, IA (Roosevelt)	Joined team as a walk-on this fall
23	Doug Thomas	F	6-8	245	Jr.	Pasadena, CA (Southeastern, IA CC)	6 rebounds & 6 points vs. TX Tech
25	Carlton Reed	G	6-4	180	Fr.	Waterloo, IA (East)	4 points & one assist vs. TX Tech
34	* Ereik Hansen	C	6-11	210	Jr.	Bedford, TX (Kirkwood, IA CC)	9 pts., 6 rebs. and 6 blocks vs. TX Tech
35	* Mike Henderson	G	6-2	190	So.	Waterloo, IA (East)	8 points and 3 rebounds vs. TX Tech
44	** Greg Brunner	F	6-7	245	Jr.	Charles City, IA (Charles City)	17 points & 9 rebounds vs. Air Force
53	Seth Gorney	C	7-0	245	Fr.	Vandalia, OH (Butler)	2 rebounds vs. TX Tech

ALFORD REACHES 100 WINS AT IOWA

Coach Steve Alford collected win No. 100 as Iowa's coach with the 73-63 victory over Air Force. Career victory number 250 came in the 88-53 win over Centenary. His career mark stands at 256-149.

Alford is 100-72 at Iowa, moving into fifth place on the Iowa list for coaching victories.

Iowa's top four coaches in career wins include Tom Davis (269), Lute Olson (168), Rollie Williams (139) and Bucky O'Connor (114). Following is a list of Alford's significant victories:

No.	Opponent, result	Date
1	Manchester 82, Denison 63	12/29/91
50	Manchester 87, Huntington 63	11/22/94
100	SW MO State 75, NW State 73	12/10/96
150	SW MO State 89, Wichita State 58	1/31/99
200	Iowa 78, Iowa State 53	12/8/01
250	Iowa 88, Centenary 53	12/03/04
256	Iowa 73, Air Force 63 (No. 100 as Iowa's head coach)	12/28/04

SLU COACH BRAD SODERBERG

Brad Soderberg is in his third season as the Saint Louis head coach and his 11th season as a college head coach. He served as a Billiken assistant for one season. Soderberg was the head coach at Wisconsin for one season before joining the staff at Saint Louis. Soderberg is 37-36 in two seasons at Saint Louis and his career record stands at 168-109.

He was the head coach at Loras College in Dubuque for five seasons (1989-93), posting a 79-45 record there. He was 36-18 in two years (1994-95) as the head coach at South Dakota State. Soderberg was an assistant coach at Wisconsin from 1996-00 before leading the Badgers to a 16-10 record as the Wisconsin head coach in 2000-01. Soderberg was also an assistant coach at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Colorado State, Fort Hays State and Loras before moving into the head coaching ranks.

Soderberg is 3-0 vs. Iowa and Hawkeye Coach Steve Alford.

THE COACHES ARE NO STRANGERS

Iowa Coach Steve Alford and SLU Coach Brad Soderberg are no strangers. Along with meeting as head coaches in the NIT last season, they met twice during the 2000-01 season when Alford was at Iowa and Soderberg at Wisconsin, and they met in previous coaching positions.

Alford's Southwest Missouri State team defeated Wisconsin in the 1999 NCAA Tournament when Soderberg was a Badger assistant. Iowa and Wisconsin split two games in 1999-00 when Alford was in his first year as the Hawkeye head coach at Soderberg was a Badger assistant and Soderberg led Wisconsin to two wins over Iowa during the 2000-01 season. Overall, Wisconsin won five of nine games against Iowa when Soderberg was a Badger assistant coach.

THE SERIES

Iowa holds a 9-7 advantage in the series that began with a 35-19 Iowa win in 1926. Saint Louis won the only meeting last season, taking a last-second 70-69 win in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament. Iowa defeated the Billikens during the 2000-01 season, taking a 68-56 win in the consolation game of the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii. Iowa holds a 5-3 advantage in games played in Iowa City and the Billikens are 3-1 vs. Iowa in games played in St. Louis. The NIT game last season was played in St. Charles, MO and Iowa will play at Saint Louis next season.

Three of the last four meetings have taken place at neutral sites. Along with Iowa winning in Honolulu in 2000-01, Iowa defeated Saint Louis 83-80 in the semi-finals of the Chaminade Classic in December, 1988 and the Hawkeyes defeated Saint Louis 80-77 in overtime in the championship game of the Los Angeles Classic in December, 1967.

Iowa's loss at Saint Louis last season marked Iowa's first game in St. Louis since a 65-58 loss there in December, 1962.

THE LAST MEETING

Saint Louis scored on a three-point basket as time expired to take a 70-69 win over Iowa in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament. Iowa's Pierre Pierce had given the Hawkeyes a 69-67 advantage with 4.4 seconds remaining, and Saint Louis had no timeout remaining to set up a final play. But, the clock was not stopped following Iowa's final score, giving the Billikens time to regroup as the officials decided how much time actually remained. When play resumed with five seconds on the clock, SLU's Anthony Drejaj hit a three-pointer from the right corner for the win.

Iowa started fast after Saint Louis scored the initial basket of the game. The Hawkeyes scored 10 straight points for a 10-2 advantage and Iowa built the margin to a 29-11 advantage with nine minutes remaining in the half. Saint Louis closed the gap before Iowa led 35-26 at halftime.

Iowa still led by 12 points, 50-38, with 13 minutes remaining, when the Billikens scored six straight points to cut the margin in half. Saint Louis finally evened the score at 63-63 with 2:09 remaining. Greg Brunner and Pierce added baskets to give Iowa a 67-63 advantage before two free throws by Saint Louis forced the final tie at 67-67 with 23 seconds to play. From there Iowa ran the clock down before Pierce drove down the lane for Iowa's final basket.

Iowa shot 53.2% from the field in the game, including 65.2% in the final 20 minutes. Iowa also made 17-20 free throws (85%) and won the rebounding battle by a 39-22 margin. Saint Louis shot 61.5% in the second half to raise its percentage to 42.4% for the game, but the Billikens had just six turnovers while Iowa had 18.

Jeff Horner led Iowa's balanced scoring with 17 points, while Pierce added 16 and Brunner and Glen Worley each scored 10. Worley led Iowa's rebounding with nine, while Horner had eight and Brunner and Pierce six each. Drejaj led Saint Louis with 23 points while Chris Sloan added 16 points, six rebounds and five assists.

IOWA VS. SAINT LOUIS NOTES

- Saint Louis, like Iowa, has played a demanding schedule. The nine teams that have defeated the Billikens began the week with a combined record of 59-26 (.694).
- Iowa is 34-24 all-time against current Conference USA members, including a 1-0 mark this season. Iowa defeated Louisville 76-71 in the first round of the EA Sports Maui Invitational. Iowa has played 12 of the 14 current members, having not played East Carolina or Tulane.
- Conference USA placed six teams in the NCAA Tournament a year ago, compared to three for the Big Ten Conference.
- Louisville is the only common opponent Iowa and Saint Louis played last season. Iowa defeated the Cardinals 70-69 in overtime in the Wooden Tradition, while Louisville scored a 75-48 win at Saint Louis on March 3.
- Both Iowa and Saint Louis have been in the NIT each of the last two seasons. Iowa won two games in 2003 before a loss to Georgia Tech, while Saint Louis lost in the first round to Minnesota. Last season Saint Louis defeated Iowa in the first round before a 77-66 loss at Notre Dame in the second round.

Iowa Results on Dec. 31

7 wins, 4 losses

1912	Highland Park	L	4-14
1920	Illinois Wesleyan	L	26-29
1921	Knox	W	27-21
1927	Marquette	W	31-17
1938	* St. Louis	W	47-37
1946	* Texas Christian	W	61-37
1947	* Harvard	W	61-41
1953	USC	L	60-70
1968	Duke	L	82-85
1997	Indiana	W	89-76
1998	* Indiana	W	67-52

* - - at Iowa City

- Saint Louis assistant Angres Thorpe was an assistant coach at Loras College in Dubuque from 1993-96.
- Tony Breitbach, director of Sports Medicine at Saint Louis, is a native of Dubuque, IA and a graduate of the University of Iowa, where he was a student athletic trainer.
- Saint Louis freshman Bryce Husak is a native of Mt. Vernon, IA. The 7-0 center is in his first year of action after a redshirt season in 2003-04.

HAWKEYE JUST MISS SHOOTING RECORD

In the 73-63 win over Air Force, Iowa connected on 67.5% (27-40) of its field goal attempts, the second best shooting performance ever for an Iowa team.

The school record for field goal percentage is 69.8% (37-53), set on Nov. 30, 1986 in a 103-80 win over Northeastern in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Iowa's previous best field goal percentage under Steve Alford came in a 70-60 win at Northwestern on Jan. 9, 2002 when the Hawkeyes shot 60% (27-45) from the field.

IOWA STOPS AIR FORCE

Iowa used a solid shooting performance and a strong defense to take a 73-63 win over Air Force Tuesday evening, winning its seventh home game of the season.

Iowa Started slowly, leading by just 15-11 with six minutes left in the first half. The Hawkeyes took control from there, building the advantage to 29-17 by intermission.

Iowa scored the first eight points of the second half and made eight of its first nine shots in the period to take full control. The Hawkeyes led by as many as 24 points on three occasions, the last at 61-37 with just under seven minutes remaining.

The Hawkeyes shot 75% (15-20) from the field in the second half and 67.5% for the game, the second best shooting night in school history.

The Iowa defense was outstanding through the first 34 minutes of the contest. Air Force shot just 30% from the field in the first half before warming up in the final 10 minutes. For the game the Falcons shot 43.4%, but made just 14-36 three-point attempts and attempted just four free throws.

Iowa won the rebounding battle by a 32-18 margin and scored 73 points against a team that had allowed just 49 points per game in its first 10 games.

Pierre Pierce had another outstanding all-around game to lead Iowa. Pierce had 19 points (9-13 FGs), seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Greg Brunner added 17 points and nine rebounds, Adam Haluska had 14 points and Jeff Horner added seven points, five rebounds and three assists.

SAINT LOUIS FALLS AT SOUTHERN

Cold shooting against a tough opponent on the road led Saint Louis to a 67-41 loss at Southern Illinois Dec. 21. The Billikens shot just 38.1% from the field in the contest, along with making just 3-10 three-point attempts and 6-12 free throws.

Southern jumped to a 34-21 advantage at halftime and help Saint Louis to just 20 points in the second half. Saint Louis was guilty of 21 turnovers. The Billikens were led by center Tom Frericks with seven points, while reserve Vas' Shun Newborne added five rebounds.

HAWKEYES AMONG LEADERS

Iowa ranks 10th in the nation in assists per game (18.2) and blocked shots per game (6.3), 12th in three-point field goal percentage (41.8%), 18th in winning percentage (.917) and 19th in scoring (82.2).

Individually, Erek Hansen is third in blocked shots (3.6) and Jeff Horner is 15th in assists per game (6.3) and 21st in three-pointers per game (2.8).

HAWKEYES ADD TO THE ROSTER

Ryan Kennedy (6-7, 210) is a sophomore forward who has joined the Iowa basketball team as a walk-on. Kennedy attended Roosevelt High School in Des Moines as a prep.

Kennedy earned honorable mention all-conference recognition as a prep senior, serving as team captain and earning team MVP honors.

NO TREYS ALLOWED

In the 70-63 win over Iowa State, Iowa held the Cyclones without a three-point basket as ISU missed all six of its attempts. That marks the first time an Iowa opponent did not make at least one three-point basket since early in the 2001-02 season, when Iowa State missed all eight of its three-point attempts in a 78-53 loss to Iowa in Ames.

HAWKEYES SET TOURNEY RECORDS

As a team, Iowa set two Gazette Hawkeye Challenge tournament records and tied a third, in the win over UNC Greensboro. The Hawkeyes set a tournament record and tied their own school record with 12 blocked shots. That record was set earlier this season in a loss to North Carolina. Iowa also shot 57.9% (11-19) from three-point range to set a tournament record and the 11 three-point field goals tied a tournament mark.

Big Ten Standings

	Big Ten			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Illinois	0	0	.000	12	0	1.000
Iowa	0	0	.000	11	1	.917
Ohio State	0	0	.000	10	2	.833
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Michigan State	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Minnesota	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
Michigan	0	0	.000	6	5	.545
Northwestern	0	0	.000	6	5	.545
Penn State	0	0	.000	5	6	.454
Purdue	0	0	.000	3	5	.375
Indiana	0	0	.000	3	6	.333

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Delaware State at Michigan
 UNC-Asheville at Michigan State
 UNC-Greensboro at Minnesota
 Penn State at ASU Hoops Classic
 Alabama at Wisconsin

Thursday, Dec. 30

Illinois at Las Vegas Classic
 Baylor at Purdue
 UNC-Asheville at Michigan
 Texas-Pan American at Northwestern
 St. Joseph's at Ohio State

Friday, Dec. 31

Saint Louis at Iowa, 7:05 p.m., ESPN Plus

Illinois at Las Vegas Classic
 Oral Roberts at Indiana
 UNC-Asheville at Michigan
 Texas-Pan American at Northwestern
 St. Joseph's at Ohio State

Saturday, Jan. 1

Coppin State at Minnesota

Sunday, Jan. 2

Furman at Indiana
 Texas A&M at Penn State
 Eastern Illinois at Purdue

Monday, Jan. 3

Loyola Marymount at Minnesota

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Michigan at Iowa, 8:05 p.m., ESPN Plus

Ohio State at Illinois
 Indiana at Northwestern
 Michigan State at Penn State
 Wisconsin at Purdue

National Rankings

Rankings of 12/27/04

ESPN/USA Today		Associated Press	
1.	Illinois	1.	Illinois
2.	Kansas	2.	Kansas
3.	Oklahoma State	3.	Oklahoma State
4.	Wake Forest	4.	North Carolina
5.	North Carolina	5.	Wake Forest
6.	Duke	6.	Duke
7.	Pittsburgh	7.	Syracuse
8.	Syracuse	8.	Kentucky
9.	Georgia Tech	9.	Georgia Tech
10.	Kentucky	10.	Pittsburgh
11.	Connecticut	11.	Connecticut
12.	Texas	12.	Gonzaga
13.	Alabama	13.	Washington
14.	Arizona	14.	Arizona
15.	North Carolina State	15.	Texas
16.	Washington	16.	IOWA
17.	Cincinnati	17.	North Carolina State
18.	IOWA	18.	Alabama
19.	Louisville	19.	Louisville
20.	Michigan State	20.	George Washington
21.	Gonzaga	21.	Mississippi State
22.	George Washington	22.	Cincinnati
23.	Maryland	23.	Michigan State
24.	Mississippi State	24.	Maryland
25.	Virginia	25.	Virginia

COMPARING THE STATS

	Iowa (11-1)	SLU (2-9)
Scoring	82.2	52.5
Scoring Defense	69.3	60.1
FG%	.493	.377
FG% Defense	.416	.410
FT%	.682	.618
3-PT FG%	.418	.278
3-PT FG% Defense	.374	.369
Rebound Margin	+2.3	+0.5
Assists	18.2	12.4
TO Margin	+2.3	-1.7
Steals Margin	+1.0	-0.9

HOME, AWAY COMPARISONS

In its seven home games, Iowa has outscored its opponents by an 80.4-63.9 margin, shooting 50.7% from the field while holding its opponent to 39.8% shooting. Iowa holds a 36.9-35.3 rebounding advantage.

In five games away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena, Iowa holds an 84.8-77.0 scoring advantage. The Hawkeyes are shooting 47.3% from the field while opponents are shooting 44.1% and Iowa holds a 39.8-36.6 rebounding advantage.

Following are statistical comparisons for the season:

	All Games	Big Ten	Home Games	Away Games	IA Wins	IA Losses
Record	11-1	0-0	7-0	4-1	11-0	0-1
Pts	82.2	---	80.4	84.8	81.4	92.0
Opp. Pts	69.3	---	63.9	77.0	66.0	106.0
FG%	.493	---	.507	.473	.488	.547
FG Def.	.416	---	.398	.441	.404	.527
3-PT%	.418	---	.420	.416	.397	.583
3-pt. Def.	.374	---	.360	.396	.357	.588
FT%	.682	---	.684	.680	.678	.714
REB	38.1	---	36.9	39.8	38.4	35.0
AST	18.2	---	19.3	16.6	18.1	19.0
TO	15.2	---	14.1	16.6	14.5	22.0
STL	8.7	---	8.9	8.4	8.8	7.0
BLK	6.3	---	5.6	7.4	5.8	12.0

HAWKEYES SET BLOCK RECORD

Iowa set its second single-game record of the season in a loss to North Carolina and tied that record in a win over North Carolina-Greensboro. The Hawkeyes blocked 12 shots in each of those two games, and junior center Erik Hansen led the way in both games with five each. The previous record of 11 blocked shots was set in an 80-65 win at Drake on Jan. 4, 1993.

IOWA SETS FREE THROW MARK

Iowa set school and Carver-Hawkeye Arena records in its opening win over Western Illinois by making all 20 of its free throw attempts. Six Hawkeyes contributed to the record, with Pierre Pierce and Erik Hansen each making four.

The previous best for a perfect free throw percentage (18-18) came in a win at Indiana in 1979. The previous record for Carver-Hawkeye Arena was 94.7%, when Iowa made 18-19 attempts vs. Wisconsin in 2001.

NEW FACES CONTRIBUTE EARLY

Several new faces have been big contributors in Iowa's first 12 games. The newcomers are averaging 24.4 points and 12.3 rebounds per outing.

Junior college transfer Doug Thomas scored 14 points and led Iowa with nine rebounds in the opening win over Western Illinois, and he added 10 rebounds vs. UNC Greensboro. Thomas added eight points and five rebounds vs. North Carolina and he had six rebounds in the win over Texas.

Sophomore Adam Haluska has scored in double figures in nine of 12 games, including a career-high 21 points vs. Drake and Texas Tech 20 in a home win over Iowa State.

In the win at Drake, freshman Carlton Reed scored 14 points, while freshman Alex Thompson five rebounds in the win over Texas Tech.

Newcomers contributed 31 points and 13 rebounds in the opening win, 37 points and 11 rebounds vs. North Carolina, 39 points and 15 rebounds in the win at Drake, 22 points and 15 rebounds vs. Centenary and 27 points and 19 rebounds vs. UNC Greensboro.

ANOTHER STRONG SCHEDULE

As has been the case in recent years, the Iowa schedule is very demanding. Seven of Iowa's first 12 games have been against teams that advanced to post-season play a year ago. Iowa has posted a 6-1 record in those games, including a 5-1 record vs. teams that were in the 2004 NCAA Tournament. Saint Louis was also in post-season play last year, defeating Iowa in the first round of the NIT before a second round loss to Notre Dame.

Iowa took part in the EA Sports Maui Invitational early in the season, defeating #11 Louisville and #13 Texas, while falling to #11 North Carolina. The non-conference slate so far has also included Northern Iowa, Iowa State, Texas Tech and Air Force, teams that participated in post-season play a year ago.

Iowa will play 16 games against teams that advanced to post-season play a year ago.

TWO STRAIGHT OVER RANKED TEAMS

Iowa's back-to-back wins over Louisville and Texas marks the second time Iowa has won consecutive games against ranked opponents under Coach Steve Alford. The Hawkeyes, during the 2002-03 season, defeated 20th-ranked Michigan State 68-64 and 8th-ranked Illinois 68-61.

IOWA VS. RANKED FOES

Steve Alford has posted a 17-24 record against ranked opponents as Iowa's head coach. Iowa, this season, has defeated 11th-ranked Louisville 76-71 and 13th-ranked Texas 82-80, with a loss to 11th-ranked North Carolina. Those three games were at the Maui Invitational.

Alford's Hawkeye teams are 5-8 when playing teams ranked in the top 10, including wins over top-ranked Connecticut (70-68 in 1999-00), 2nd-ranked Missouri (83-65 in 2001-02), 5th-ranked Ohio State (67-64 in 1999-00), 7th-ranked Illinois (78-62 in 2000-01) and 8th-ranked Illinois (68-61 in 2002-03). The eight losses to top 10 teams have been once to top-ranked (Duke, 2001-02), once to 3rd-ranked (Illinois, 2000-01), twice to 4th-ranked (Michigan State, 1999-00 and 2000-01), twice to 5th-ranked (Tennessee, 2000-01 and Missouri, 2001-02), once to 9th-ranked (Kentucky, 2000-01) and once to 10th-ranked (Illinois, 2002).

In the 41 games against ranked teams, Alford and his Iowa team are 6-7 in home games, 8-8 at neutral sites and 3-9 when playing ranked teams in their home arena.

IOWA VS. RANKED TEAMS

These are Iowa's most recent wins vs. nationally ranked opponents:

At Home: 71-61 over 24th-ranked Purdue, 1/7/04
On the Road: 67-63 over 20th-ranked Tulsa, 12/28/02
Neutral Court: **82-80 over 13th-ranked Texas, 11/23/04,**
at EA Sports Maui Invitational

Iowa Signs Two for '05-'06

Guard Tony Freeman and forward Kurt Looby have signed national letters of intent to join the Iowa basketball program for the 2005-06 season.

Freeman, from St. Joseph's High School in Westchester, IL, is a 5-11 point guard who averaged 18 points and four assists per game as a junior, leading St. Joseph's to a 24-6 overall record under Coach Gene Pingatore. His father played at Indiana in 1987 when the Hoosiers won the NCAA title.

"We had targeted a guard in our recruiting, and we found a perfect fit with Tony," said Iowa Coach Steve Alford. "His father (Tony, Sr.), and I played together one season at Indiana. He's a product of a great program in the Chicago area. Tony is a fierce competitor and will be a great addition to our program."

Looby is a 6-10, 210-pound forward from Tyler (TX) Community College and is a native of St. John's, Antigua. Alford compares him to current Hawkeye Erek Hansen.

"Kurt is similar to Erek in that he adds size in a very athletic body," said Alford. "He's a true shot blocker and runs the floor well. He comes from a very good junior college program and has the potential to be an outstanding college player as he develops."

Looby has played organized basketball for just two years. He moved into the starting line-up at Tyler late in his freshman season.

Looby is coached at Tyler by Mike Marques, who formerly coached at both Marshalltown Community College and Indian Hills Community College in Iowa. Marques was the junior college coach of former Hawkeye players Jacob Jaacks, Jason Price and Chauncey Leslie.

HORNER OFF TO FAST START

Junior guard Jeff Horner is off to a fast start through 12 games, ranking among national leaders in assists and three-point field goals while averaging 14.9 points per game. He leads the Big Ten in three categories and ranks among the top eight players in seven categories.

Horner is averaging 6.3 assists, 5.1 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game. He had a career-high 27 points in the win over Texas and he led the Maui Invitational in scoring with 63 points.

Horner made 15-23 three-point attempts in the three games in Hawaii, moving into Iowa's top 10 in both three-pointers and three-point attempts. Horner was named Big Ten Player of the Week for his play in Maui. The honor is the second of Horner's career, as he earned it last Feb. 9 after leading Iowa to a double-overtime win at Indiana.

He added his first career scoring and assist double-double in the win over UNC Greensboro with 14 points and a career-best 11 assists. He added 16 points and nine rebounds in the win over Northern Iowa. Horner scored Iowa's final five points in the last 95 seconds against the Panthers and he added 12 points and seven assists in a win over Iowa State. Horner was named to the all-tournament team at the Maui Invitational and he was co-MVP (along with teammate Pierre Pierce) of Iowa's Gazette Hawkeye Challenge.

HORNER AMONG CAREER LEADERS

Junior guard Jeff Horner has moved into Iowa's top 10 lists in three-point field goals and three-point attempts and assists. Following are Iowa's career leaders in those categories:

3-pt. Field Goals

1.	226	Chris Kingsbury, 1994-96
2.	214	Kent McCausland, 1996-99
3.	193	Brody Boyd, 2001-04
4.	161	Dean Oliver, 1998-01
5.	139	Jeff Horner, 2003-pr.
	139	Luke Recker, 2001-02
7.	136	B.J. Armstrong, 1986-89
8.	131	Jeff Moe, 1985-88
9.	121	Jim Bartels, 1991-95
10.	113	Jess Settles, 1994-99

3-pt. Field Goal Attempts

1.	645	Chris Kingsbury, 1994-96
2.	544	Brody Boyd, 2001-04
3.	472	Kent McCausland, 1996-99
4.	465	Dean Oliver, 1998-01
5.	374	James Moses, 1989-92
6.	366	Jeff Horner, 2003-pr.
7.	332	Luke Recker, 2001-02
8.	324	Jim Bartels, 1991-95
9.	321	Jess Settles, 1994-99
10.	314	Jeff Moe, 1985-88

Assists

1.	575	Andre Woolridge (5.9 avg.), 1995-97
2.	561	Dean Oliver (4.5 avg.), 1998-01
3.	517	B.J. Armstrong (4.0 avg.), 1986-89
4.	480	Ronnie Lester (4.8 avg.), 1977-80
5.	358	Mon'ter Glasper (2.9 avg.), 1993-96
6.	352	Kenny Arnold (3.2 avg.), 1979-82
7.	339	Jeff Horner (4.4 avg.), 2003-pr.
	339	Andre Banks (2.9 avg.), 1983-86
9.	335	Kevin Boyle (2.8 avg.), 1979-82
10.	325	Steve Carfino (2.8 avg.), 1981-84

HORNER & PIERCE HIT TRIPLE FIGURES, AGAIN

Jeff Horner and Pierre Pierce, both juniors, are the only two players in Iowa basketball history to record over 200 points, 100 rebounds and 100 assists twice during their career, and, they are the only players to accomplish the feat as freshmen. Following is the list of players who have reached these totals in a single season:

Player, year	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Kenny Arnold, 1980	444	114	142
Bobby Hansen, 1983	476	166	114
Michael Payne, 1985	220	235	102
Bill Jones, 1988	442	203	101
Andre Woolridge, 1996	419	103	193
Dean Oliver, 1999	357	106	136
Pierre Pierce, 2002	248	114	114
Jeff Horner, 2003	255	137	140
Pierre Pierce, 2004	468	164	107
Jeff Horner, 2004	377	155	123

Iowa in Big Ten Statistics

All Games

Category	Stat	Rank
Blocked Shots	6.3	1st
3-Pt. FG Percentage	.418	1st
Steals	8.7	2nd
Scoring Offense	82.2	3rd
Assists	18.2	3rd
Ast./TO Ratio	1.2	4th
3-Pt. FG Per Game	7.4	4th
Turnover Margin	+2.3	5th
Scoring Margin	+12.9	5th
FG %	.493	5th
FT Percentage	.682	7th
FG% Defense	.416	7th
Rebounding Margin	+2.2	7th
3-PT FG Defense	.374	9th
Scoring Defense	69.3	11th

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

All Games

Category	Player	Stat	Rank
Steals	Pierre Pierce	2.8	1st
	Jeff Horner	1.8	5th
Blk. Shots	Erek Hansen	3.6	1st
	Greg Brunner	1.1	9th
3-pt. FG Per Game	Jeff Horner	2.8	4th
	Adam Haluska	2.1	11th
3-pt. FG%	Jeff Horner	.508	1st
	Adam Haluska	.436	8th
Assists	Jeff Horner	6.3	2nd
	Pierre Pierce	4.3	5th
Ast/TO Ratio	Jeff Horner	+2.6	6th
	Pierre Pierce	+1.2	14th
Scoring	Pierre Pierce	16.5	4th
	Jeff Horner	14.9	10th
	Adam Haluska	13.8	15th
	Greg Brunner	13.1	19th
Rebounding	Greg Brunner	7.3	4th
	Pierre Pierce	5.7	14th
Free Throw %	Adam Haluska	.820	7th
	Jeff Horner	.776	11th
FG Percentage	Greg Brunner	.551	12th

PIERCE WELL BALANCED

Junior guard Pierre Pierce is proving to be a very versatile player through Iowa's first 12 games. Pierce is averaging 16.5 points, 4.3 assists and 5.7 rebounds per game and he leads the team with 33 steals. He has scored in double figures in all 12 games, has at least six assists in five games and five or more rebounds in nine games.

Pierce made a three-point basket in the final minute to lead Iowa in a win over Texas, scoring 18 points vs. the Longhorns and 16 points vs. Louisville in Iowa's first two games of the Maui Invitational. Pierce was named co-MVP (along with teammate Jeff Horner) of Iowa's Gazette Hawkeye Challenge.

BRUNNER WORKING THE BOARDS

Junior forward Greg Brunner is Iowa's top returning rebounder and he is averaging 7.3 rebounds this season. Brunner, who ranked second in the Big Ten in rebounding last season, had a season-best 13 rebounds in the win over Iowa State and 11 vs. Western Carolina. He had 10 rebounds vs. Louisville, nine vs. UNC Greensboro and Air Force and eight in wins over Texas and Texas Tech. Brunner has scored in double figures in 10 games, with a season-high of 23 in the win over Northern Iowa. He is shooting 55.1% from the field and 69.8% from the foul line. He was named to the all-tournament team of Iowa's Gazette Hawkeye Challenge.

HALUSKA HITS NEW HIGH

Sophomore Adam Haluska scored a career-high 21 points in wins over Texas Tech and Drake as he has scored in double figures in 10 of 12 games. Playing against his former school, he added 20 points in a win over Iowa State, hitting 4-8 treys. Haluska had 19 points in the loss to North Carolina and 17 points vs. UNC Greensboro. He matched his career-high of four assists in the win over Northern Iowa and played an outstanding defensive game.

In his first season at Iowa, Haluska is shooting 50.5% from the field and 82% from the free throw line while averaging 13.8 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.

HANSEN ON BLOCKS CHART

Junior center Ereik Hansen has collected 40 blocked shots in 11 games, moving among Iowa's leaders in blocks for a season and career. A year ago Hansen blocked 40 shots in 22 games. The 40 blocks rank 10th best for a single season and his 80 career blocks ranks ninth among Iowa's career leaders. Hansen had a career-best seven blocked shots vs. Iowa State and he blocked seven shots in the win over Texas Tech. He has blocked five or more shots in five of the 11 games he has played, and he is averaging 9.1 points and 3.3 rebounds while shooting 51.3% from the field. He had a career-high 14 points vs. Northern Iowa and he had 11 points and six rebounds vs. Texas. Following is a list of Iowa's single season and career leaders in blocked shots:

Single-Season Blocked Shots

1.	121	Acie Earl (4.0 avg.), 1992
2.	106	Acie Earl (3.3 avg.), 1991
3.	88	Acie Earl (2.8 avg.), 1993
4.	79	Greg Stokes (2.5 avg.), 1983
5.	62	Greg Stokes (1.9 avg.), 1985
6.	58	Greg Stokes (2.1 avg.), 1984
7.	52	Michael Payne (1.7 avg.), 1983
8.	50	Acie Earl (1.8 avg.), 1990
9.	41	Ryan Bowen (1.3 avg.), 1998
10.	40	Ereik Hansen (3.6), 2005
	40	Ereik Hansen (1.8 Avg.), 2004

Career Blocked Shots

1.	365	Acie Earl (3.1 avg.), 1990-93
2.	229	Greg Stokes (1.9 avg.), 1982-85
3.	124	Ryan Bowen (1.0 avg.), 1995-98
4.	120	Michael Payne (1.0 avg.), 1982-85
5.	92	Glen Worley (0.7 avg.), 2001-04
	92	J.R. Koch (0.7 avg.), 1996-99
7.	90	Jared Reiner (0.8 avg.), 2001-04
8.	84	Guy Rucker (0.9 avg.), 1997-99
9.	80	Ereik Hansen (2.5 avg.), 2004-pr.
10	73	Gerry Wright (0.8 avg.), 1985-87

THOMAS HELPS ON THE GLASS

Junior Doug Thomas is making a major contribution to Iowa's rebounding efforts, as he is fourth on the team with an average of 4.7 per game. Thomas had nine rebounds in his first game as a Hawkeye and added a season-best 10 in a win over UNC Greensboro. Thomas had six points and six rebounds in the win over Texas Tech. Thomas is averaging 4.4 points while shooting 57.6% from the field and 75% from the foul line.

1,000-POINT POSSIBILITIES

Iowa has three players, all juniors, who could reach the 1,000 point plateau this season. Pierre Pierce has scored 914 points, Jeff Horner has 811 and Greg Brunner has 707. Some notes on Iowa's 1,000-Point Club include:

- 35 Hawkeye players have scored over 1,000 points, the most recent being Glen Worley last season
- The last Hawkeye to reach 1,000 points in three seasons was Dean Oliver in 2000
- Iowa has had three 1,000-point scorers on the roster in the same season on three occasions. Jess Settles, Kenyon Murray and Chris Kingsbury in 1996, Roy Marble, B.J. Armstrong and Jeff Moe in 1988 and Marble, Armstrong and Ed Horton in 1989

LEADING THE TEAM

Following is the number of times a player has led Iowa in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals this season. If two or more players tied for the team lead, all have been credited for that game:

Player	Scoring	Rebounding	Assists	Steals
Greg Brunner	1	6		1
Adam Haluska	5	1		2
Mike Henderson				
Jeff Horner	3	3	8	3
Pierre Pierce	5		5	8
Doug Thomas		3		

OFF THE BENCH

The Iowa reserves are averaging 15.4 points and 10 rebounds per game, compared to 17.8 points and 9.5 rebounds for the opponent reserves. Iowa is 5-0 when the reserves outscore the opponent's reserves and 6-1 when the opponent reserves score more points.

Iowa is 6-0 when the Hawkeye reserves have more rebounds than the opponent reserves, 5-0 when the opponent reserves have more rebounds and 0-1 when rebounding by the reserves is even. Following is a game-by-game comparison with opponents:

Opponent	Iowa		Opponent	
	Pts.	Rebs.	Pts.	Rebs.
Western Illinois	19	15	23	8
Louisville (n)	8	6	21	8
Texas (n)	7	8	27	10
North Carolina (n)	22	9	30	9
at Drake	26	7	18	13
Centenary	33	19	15	13
UNC Greensboro	15	14	9	6
Northern Iowa	4	6	8	2
Iowa State	4	3	7	14
W. Carolina	16	11	33	19
Texas Tech (n)	22	17	17	12
Air Force	9	5	6	1
Totals	185	120	214	114
Average	15.4	10.0	17.8	9.5

CRUNCH TIME FREE THROWS

Iowa has made 34-46 (73.9%) free throws in the final four minutes of its five games that have been decided by 10 points or less. Iowa's opponents in those games have made 16-23 (69.6%) free throw attempts in the final four minutes. Iowa is 5-0 in those games. Following are Iowa's individual attempts:

Mike Henderson	4-4	1.000
Jeff Horner	16-21	.762
Adam Haluska	9-11	.818
Greg Brunner	4-7	.571
Carlton Reed	1-2	.500
Pierre Pierce	0-1	.000
Iowa	34-46	.739
Opponents	16-23	.696

SCORING BY HALVES

Iowa has outscored its opponents 449-370 in the first half and 538-462 in the second half. Iowa has led at halftime in nine of 12 games and the Hawkeyes have outscored their opponent in the second half in nine games.

REACHING DOUBLE FIGURES

Following are Iowa's number of double figure games in scoring and rebounding, both for the 2004-05 season and for their career:

	Points		Rebounds	
	'04-05	Career	'04-05	Career
Jack Brownlee	0	0	0	0
Greg Brunner	10	33	3	13
Erek Hansen	4	4	0	0
Adam Haluska	9	24	0	0
Mike Henderson	0	0	0	0
Jeff Horner	9	40	0	3
Pierre Pierce	12	49	0	1
Carlton Reed	1	1	0	0
Doug Thomas	1	1	1	1

STARTING LINE-UPS

Iowa has used two starting line-ups in its 12 games. Following is Iowa's record by line-up, with the most recent starting unit in bold:

Brunner, Hansen, Haluska, Horner, Pierce	10-1
(WIU, Louisville, Texas, UNC, Centenary, UNCG, UNI, ISU, WCU, TTU, AFA)	
Brunner, Thomas, Haluska, Horner, Pierce	1-0
(at Drake)	

HAWKEYE TIDBITS

- Iowa's contest at Drake was the only true road game for the Hawkeyes in non-conference play. Iowa played three neutral site games at the EA Sports Maui Invitational and played Texas Tech at the United Center in Chicago.
- Iowa has had four players or more score in double figures in nine of 12 games, with a season-best six players in the win over Western Illinois. Iowa is 1-0 when six players score in double figures, 1-0 when five players score 10 points or more, 6-1 when four reach double figures, 1-0 with three in double figures and 2-0 when two are in double figures.
- Iowa has four players averaging between 13.1 and 16.5 points per game and four players averaging between 4.7 and 7.3 rebounds per outing.
- Iowa is 9-0 when leading at halftime and 2-1 when trailing at intermission.
- Iowa is 6-1 when controlling the opening tip and 5-0 when not controlling the tip.
- Iowa is 5-0 in games decided by 10 points or less, and has not played an overtime game.
- Under Steve Alford, Iowa is 31-6 when shooting at least 50% from the field, including 6-1 this season.
- North Carolina and Northern Iowa are the only Iowa opponents to shoot over 50% from the field this season. Last season, Iowa was 0-5 when its opponent shot at least 50% from the field.

NEWCOMERS GAIN ATTENTION

Iowa's class of newcomers includes seven players. That list includes juniors Doug Thomas and Justin Wieck, sophomore Adam Haluska and freshmen J.R. Angle, Seth Gorney, Carlton Reed and Alex Thompson.

The group is ranked the second best incoming class in the Big Ten and 20th in the nation by Hoop Scoop in the June issue of *Basketball Times*.

Street and Smith's ranks the group as the top incoming class in the Big Ten and names Thompson on the all-Midwest team on its list of Top 10 Freshman.

Lindy's rates the incoming class as 14th best nationally and lists Haluska fourth among its top 10 transfers.

Athlon Sport's also lists Haluska among the top transfers in the nation and rates the overall class fourth best in the Big Ten.

NO THREE-POINTERS

Since the three-point shot became part of the college game, Iowa has played 14 games in which it has failed to make a three-point attempt. Iowa had made at least one three-point basket in 53 straight games before missing all five attempts in a 71-61 home win over Purdue last season. The five three-point attempts are the fewest attempted by a Steve Alford team at Iowa.

Following is a list of those games, in which Iowa has posted an 11-3 record. During the 1982-83 season, when the three-point shot was first added, the number of three-point attempts in some games is unavailable.

Date	Opponent	3-pt.	Result
1/7/04	Purdue	0-5	W, 71-61
2/13/02	Penn State	0-9	L, 65-71
12/8/92	Northern Iowa	0-5	W, 64-44
12/6/91	Army	0-8	W, 74-39
12/12/88	Jackson State	0-3	W, 86-71
12/19/87	Iowa State	0-7	L, 100-102
2/10/83	Purdue	0-1	W, 55-46
12/29/82	Seton Hall	0	W, 85-63
12/28/82	James Madison	0	W, 55-47
12/18/82	UCLA	0	L, 66-75
12/11/82	Southern Cal	0	W, 66-55
12/8/82	Marquette	0	W, 87-66
12/3/82	Navy	0	W, 76-65
11/27/82	Brigham Young	0	W, 91-80

SEEKING FIVE STRAIGHT IN '05

Iowa is seeking a fifth straight winning season, a streak that would match the second longest consecutive winning seasons record in Iowa basketball history. Iowa's longest streak of consecutive winning seasons is seven, from 1950 through 1956. Pops Harrison, Bucky O'Connor and Rollie Williams all coached the Hawkeyes during those years. Only a 10-10 record in 1949 kept Iowa from 13 consecutive winning seasons (1944-56).

Lute Olson coached Iowa to five straight winning seasons from 1979-83, George Raveling and Tom Davis combined to coach Iowa to winning seasons from 1985-89 and Davis coached Iowa to winning seasons from 1995-99.

TRI-CAPTAINS NAMED FOR 2005

Iowa's tri-captains for the season include juniors Greg Brunner, Jeff Horner and Pierre Pierce. Pierce, a native of Westmont, IL, started all 29 games a year ago, leading the team in scoring (16.1) while averaging 5.7 rebounds per game. Brunner, a native of Charles City, started 26 of 29 games. His 8.2 rebounds per game were a team best and ranked second in the Big Ten. Horner, a Mason City native, has started all 69 games over the past three seasons. He led the team in assists in each of the last two seasons while also averaging 13 points and 5.3 rebounds last year.

THE RETURNING CAST

Iowa returns three starters and six lettermen from 2004. Those six returning lettermen last season scored over 1,200 points and totaled over 600 rebounds. The six players, in 2004, scored 60.1% of Iowa's points, had 56.9% of the rebounds, 67.5% of the assists, 64.4% of the blocked shots and 45.2% of the steals.

The 14-man squad includes one senior, six juniors, three sophomores and four freshmen. The roster includes eight Iowans, plus one player from California, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Texas.

NOTES FROM A YEAR AGO

- Iowa is one of four Big Ten teams to post a winning season in each of the last four years, joining Illinois, Michigan State and Wisconsin. Iowa advanced to post-season play for the fourth straight season a year ago.
- Iowa's 9-7 Big Ten record earned a fourth place finish in the conference race, a feat that was accomplished despite the fact that Iowa lost an average of 30 points and 17 rebounds from the team that posted a 9-4 record through its first 13 games of the season.
- Iowa collected four Big Ten road wins in 2004 and seven in the last two seasons. In Big Ten play, only Illinois (six) and Michigan State (five) won more road games a year ago as Iowa won at Indiana, Purdue, Ohio State and Minnesota. The Hawkeyes won three road games in 2003. Under Steve Alford, Iowa has won at least three Big Ten road games in three of five seasons.
- Iowa ranked second in the Big Ten, for all games, in five statistical categories, including scoring offense, field goal defense, three-point field goal percentage, rebounding margin and assists per game.
- Iowa's single-game bests in 2003-04 included Pierre Pierce with 28 points vs. Michigan in the Big Ten Tournament, a career-high. Greg Brunner had 14 rebounds in the double-overtime win at Indiana, also a career-high. Jeff Horner had a then career-high nine assists in the win over Drake and 2004 Brody Boyd had seven steals in Iowa's win over Northern Illinois.

IOWA IN TOURNAMENT PLAY

Iowa has fared well while taking part in regular-season tournaments over the past 23 years. In that time Iowa has won the Great Alaska Shootout (1986-87), the Cal-Irvine Anteater Classic (1986-87), the Maui Classic (1987-88), the San Juan Thanksgiving Shootout (1992-93), the San Juan Christmas Shootout (1997-98), the Big Ten Conference Tournament in 2001 and its own invitational 22 times.

In addition, Iowa was runner-up in the 1985-86 Far West Classic, the 1987-88 All-College Tournament, the 1988-89 Chaminade Classic, the 1991-92 Tampa Tribune Holiday Invitational, the 1994-95 Rainbow Classic, the 1995-96 Great Alaska Shootout, the 1999-00 Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, the 2001-02 Guardians Classic, the 2002 Big Ten Conference Tournament and the 2004 Maui Invitational.

IOWA IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

Iowa made its 20th appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2001, defeating Creighton 69-56 in the opening round of the East regional before falling to second-seeded Kentucky 92-79 in the second round. Iowa, which earned the Big Ten's automatic bid, was seeded seventh in the East.

The Hawkeyes hold an overall record of 27-22 in the tournament, advancing to the Final Four in 1955 (fourth), 1956 (second) and 1980 (fourth). Iowa has advanced to at least the second round in its last 10 tournament appearances, last losing in the first round in 1986. Iowa reached the regional championship in 1987 and lost in the regional semi-final in 1988 and 1999.

INFORMATION ON THE WEB

Iowa basketball information is available on the University of Iowa's website, hawkeyesports.com. Once you have entered the website, you may obtain game notes, game stories and box scores from all games throughout the season, plus team and individual cumulative stats. Members of the media who wish to have this information forwarded via e-mail throughout the season may do so by contacting the Iowa Sports Information office with your e-mail address.

IOWA PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Up-to-date head shots of all Iowa players and coaches, plus a 2004-05 team photo, are available on the internet at pics.hawkeyebasketball.com. Contact the Iowa Sports Information office if you are in need of additional photos.

HIGH SPEED CONNECTIONS

For members of the media who cover Iowa home games on a regular basis, high speed connections are available in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The cost is \$150 per data port for the entire season, or \$25 per game. If you are interested, or need further information, contact Liz Knight at the University of Iowa ITS office at (319) 335-2920.

WEEKLY NEWS CONFERENCES

Following is a list of dates for basketball press conferences with Coach Steve Alford. They are held in the Press Room at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Players are available for interviews at approximately noon, following the sessions with Coach Alford. Daily practice begins at 12:30 p.m. while school is in session.

During the holiday break the times for the press conferences will be 3 p.m., following practice. Players will be available after practice at approximately 2:30 p.m. This affects the press conferences scheduled for Jan. 3 and 13. Here are the news conference dates:

January	Mon, 3rd	Thu, 13th	Tue, 18th	Mon, 24th	
February	Thu, 3rd	Mon, 7th	Mon, 14th	Mon, 21st	Mon, 28th
March	Mon, 7th				

IN-SEASON TELE-CONFERENCES

Following is a list of tele-conference dates with Coach Steve Alford. Each call will begin at 10:30 a.m. CT. If you are interested in joining any of the tele-conferences, please contact the Iowa Sports Information Office for details. Here are the tele-conference dates:

January	Fri, 7th	Fri, 21st	Fri, 28th
February	Fri, 11th	Fri, 18th	Fri, 25th

BIG TEN TELECONFERENCES

The Big Ten Conference office has scheduled tele-conferences with men's basketball coaches each week during the Big Ten portion of the 2004-05 season. The tele-conferences are held each Monday from 9-11 a.m. CT and are scheduled through March 7. The weekly calls begin Monday, Jan. 3. The calls will be available for play-back for 24 hours. Contact the Big Ten office or the Iowa Sports Information office for the tele-conference and play-back phone numbers. Following is the coaches order of appearance:

9:00	Mike Davis, Indiana	10:00	Tom Izzo, Michigan State
9:10	Steve Alford, Iowa	10:10	Bo Ryan, Wisconsin
9:20	Dan Monson, Minnesota	10:20	Tommy Amaker, Michigan
9:30	Bill Carmody, Northwestern	10:30	Thad Matta, Ohio State
9:40	Ed DeChellis, Penn State	10:40	Bruce Weber, Illinois
9:50	Gene Keady, Purdue	10:50	Player of the Week

HALK TALK WITH STEVE ALFORD

Fans of the University of Iowa basketball program may join Iowa Coach Steve Alford and radio announcer Gary Dolphin each week during the season for the "Hawk Talk with Steve Alford" radio call-in show. The show takes place each week at Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Café in Iowa City. The show airs from 6-7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; and Mar. 7.

HIGHLIGHTS AND SOUND BITES ON SATELLITE

Sound bites with coaches and athletes from Iowa's winter sports teams are available each week throughout the winter. The video sound bites are available from 3:30-3:45 p.m. CT and include all winter sports, including men's and women's basketball and wrestling. The satellite coordinates are ANIK F1, C-6 (c-band). The highlights will be available each Wednesday from Jan. 5 through March 16.

IOWA ON THE TUBE

Every Iowa game throughout the 2004-05 will be televised. Iowa appeared on national cable television (ESPN and ESPN2) in three games in the Maui Invitational and the Dec. 21 game vs. Texas Tech was a national cable telecast on ESPN2. Iowa games not selected for national coverage will be televised regionally by ESPN Plus, while several conference games are scheduled to be carried throughout the Big Ten Conference viewing area as part of the Big Ten regional network agreement with ESPN Plus.



HY-VEE CY-HAWK SERIES

Iowa leads the inaugural Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series 9-4. Iowa recorded a 17-10 football victory, an 89-80 win in women's basketball, a 214-85 win in women's swimming and diving and a 70-63 win in men's basketball. Iowa State has posted a 6-1 women's soccer victory and a 19-16 wrestling victory.

A point system tracks each institution's performance and will culminate in one institution winning the annual trophy for the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series. Intercollegiate athletic teams from Iowa and Iowa State will square off in head-to-head competition nine different times during the 2004-05 academic year. The competition this year is in men's basketball, women's basketball, wrestling, women's gymnastics, women's soccer, softball and women's swimming and diving. Additional points will be available for each school to secure based on successful performance in the classroom by its student-athletes. Listed below are the remaining events:

Jan. 28	W. Gymnastics	2 points
Feb. 19	W. Gymnastics	2 points
Apr. 19	Softball	2 points

Two points for an institution if the student-athlete graduation rate for all student-athletes is greater than the national average for all student-athletes.

AFTER THIS

Iowa opens Big Ten play Jan. 5, hosting Michigan at 8:05 p.m. The Hawkeyes travel to Ohio State Jan. 8 (11:07 a.m. CT) and host Minnesota Jan. 15 at 1:32 p.m.