



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

Feb. 17-19
Littlewood Classic
Tempe, AZ

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

4-1 Overall, 0-0 Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	#10 Georgia	W, 6-5
	Florida International	W, 1-0
Feb. 11	North Carolina	W, 3-2 (8)
	Arkansas	L, 0-1
Feb. 12	Arkansas	W, 5-1
Feb. 17-19	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)	
Feb. 17	Illinois State	3:30 p.m.
	Arizona State	8:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Illinois State	2 p.m.
	Arizona State	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Arizona State	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	Louisiana-Lafayette	1:30 p.m.
	Tennessee	4 p.m.
Feb. 25	Florida State	11:30 a.m.
	TBD	TBD
Feb. 26	TBD	TBD
Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	2 p.m.
	Northern Illinois	4 p.m.
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	10 a.m.
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 10	North Dakota State	3 p.m.
	San Jose State	9 a.m.
Mar. 11	TBD	TBD
Mar. 12	TBD	TBD
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State (DH)	
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Jacksonville	12 p.m.
	Long Island	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	Nevada	12 p.m.
	California	5 p.m.
Mar. 19	Syracuse	11 a.m.
	TBD	TBD
Mar. 22	at Illinois State	4 p.m.
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
	North Dakota State	5 p.m.
Mar. 26	Ball State	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Illinois	TBA
Apr. 1	at Illinois	TBA
Apr. 2	at Northwestern (DH)	TBA
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 7	Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	1 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 16	Michigan State (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Drake	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	TBA
Apr. 21	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Purdue	12 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Indiana (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 25	Northern Iowa	5 p.m.
Apr. 28	Ohio State	6 p.m.
Apr. 29	Ohio State	12 p.m.
Apr. 30	Penn State	12 p.m.
May 3	South Dakota State (DH)	4 p.m.
May 6	at Wisconsin	TBA
May 7	at Wisconsin	TBA
May 12-14	Big Ten Tournament	TBA
May 19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA

Probable Iowa Lineup

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	5	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	1B/C	R-R	So.	3	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	5	.111	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	5	.462	3	6	1	0	3	.692	2
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	5	.083	0	1	3	0	0	.083	0
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	5	.364	2	4	3	1	0	.636	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	5	.308	2	4	2	0	0	.308	2
5	Jenna Spratt	LF	L-R	Jr.	5	.167	1	1	0	0	0	.167	1
or 22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	4	.000	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
1	Emily Nichols	1B/C	R-R	So.	3	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0
or 13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	5	.111	1	1	0	0	0	.111	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	0-0	3	0	0	0	2.56	6	3	13.2
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	4-1	2	2	1	0	0.98	18	4	21.1

HAWKEYES HEAD WEST

The University of Iowa softball team heads to Tempe, AZ, this weekend to compete in the Littlewood Classic hosted by Arizona State University. The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face Illinois State at 3:30 p.m. and Arizona State at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Iowa will see Illinois State again at 2 p.m. and Arizona State at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The Classic concludes with Iowa facing Arizona State for a third time at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. All times listed are central. Fans can access live stats (gametracker) via www.hawkeyesports.com.

IOWA PLAYS WELL IN MIAMI

The Hawkeyes opened the 2006 season with a 4-1 record at the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic in Miami. Iowa defeated No. 10 Georgia, 6-5 in the season opener and followed with wins over Florida International and North Carolina. Senior **Kylie Murray** recorded two hits, including a home run, two RBI and two runs scored while senior **Stacy May** collected two hits against Georgia. May led the team against North Carolina with two of Iowa's three hits.

Arkansas snapped Iowa's three-game winning streak with a 1-0 defeat, but the Hawkeyes avenged the loss with a 5-1 defeat in the final day of play. Five different Hawkeyes had hits against Arkansas in the win.

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 15th in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll. The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) is updated every Wednesday.

2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

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

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

February 17-19

Iowa at Littlewood Classic

Tempe, AZ

Illinois at Louisville Slugger Tournament

Las Vegas, NV

Northwestern at Louisville Slugger Tournament

Las Vegas, NV

Indiana at U. of Oklahoma Tournament

Oklahoma City, OK

Michigan at GRU Classic

Gainesville, FL

Penn State at GRU Classic

Gainesville, FL

Michigan St. at Holiday In Pirate Classic

Greenville, NC

Minnesota at Triangle Classic

Chapel Hill, NC

Purdue at UNLV Dessert Classic

Las Vegas, NV

Wisconsin at Oklahoma St. Tournament

Stillwater, OK

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

EARLY HONORS

Senior **Stacy May** and freshman **Brittany Weil** were both named to the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic all-Tournament team.

WEIL IMPRESSIVE IN DEBUT

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Weil** compiled a 4-1 record with a 0.98 ERA and 18 strikeouts at the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic last weekend. Weil made her collegiate debut against Georgia and threw three innings of relief for the win and struck out Georgia's clean-up batter for the last out of the game.

Weil threw a complete game shutout against Florida International in her first start as a Hawkeye. She had a one-hitter through six innings.

STAYING HOT

Senior **Stacy May** started where she left off in 2005, going 6-13 (.462) with three doubles and three runs scored last weekend. May leads the team in eight offensive categories.

RECORDS AREN'T EVERYTHING

Senior **Ali Arnold** pitched well for the Hawkeyes last weekend despite her three no decisions. Arnold struck out a combined six batters and held her opponents to just a .174 average in Miami.

ONE IS ALL YOU NEED

Four of Iowa's first five games were decided by one run. The Hawkeyes defeated Georgia (6-5), FIU (3-2) and North Carolina (1-0) by run, but fell to Arkansas (1-0) by a single run.

GERLICK RETURNS TO LINEUP

Junior **Emily Gerlick** returned to the Iowa lineup last weekend after suffering a torn ACL in the opening weekend of the 2005 season. Gerlick appeared in four games, starting one. She entered as a pinch hitter in three games and started in left field against Arkansas.

WHAT A WAY TO START

Freshman **Rachel West** scored game-winning runs against Georgia and Florida International last weekend. West, who was used as a pinch-runner in both games, stole second base in the top of the sixth inning against Georgia. She collided with the Georgia shortstop after a **Brittany Weil** single and was thrown out at the plate, but the umpires called obstruction and awarded Iowa the eventual game-winning run.

West replaced **Sami Baugh** in the second inning against FIU. She advanced to second off a sacrifice bunt and stole third. West was caught in a rundown between third base and home but scored after a throw sailed into the outfield.

ARNOLD MOVING UP

Senior **Ali Arnold** currently ranks sixth on the career strikeout list with 475 K's. Next on the list is Debbie Bilbao with 476 strikeouts.

FRESHMEN SEE TIME

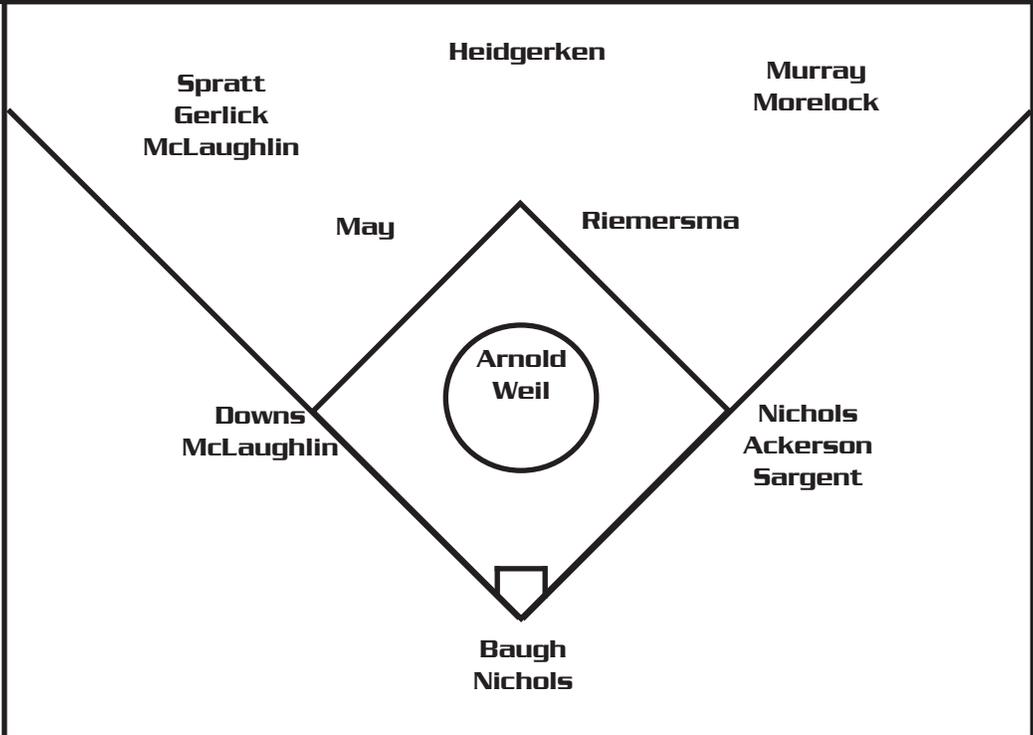
All seven freshmen saw time in Miami last weekend.

Brittany Weil started two games in the circle, **Erin Riemersma** started all five games at second base, **Colleen McGalughlin** started three games as the designated player and **Quinn Morelock** started three games in right field. **Rachel West** appeared in four games as a pinch-runner while **Callie Adreon** did the same in two games. **Lindsey Emery** had one pinch-hit at bat against Arkansas on Sunday.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN...

With a 5-1 win over Arkansas Sunday, the Hawkeyes would have advanced to the championship game of the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic. But due to pre-arranged travel plans, Iowa could not play for the championship.

- 1** **EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2** **SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3** **ALI ARNOLD**
- 4** **QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5** **JENNA SPRATT**
- 6** **RACHEL WEST**
- 7** **BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8** **ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9** **LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10** **STACY MAY**
- 11** **MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12** **COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13** **SAMI BAUGH**
- 14** **BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15** **CALLIE ADREON**
- 17** **KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22** **EMILY GERLICK**
- 24** **STEPH ACKERSON**



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



TOUGH SCHEDULE IN '06

The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face six opponents that appear in both polls. Iowa defeated Georgia at the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic and will play Arizona State three times at the Littlewood Classic hosted by the Sun Devils. The Hawkeyes will see two ranked opponents at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Tennessee, who advanced to the College World Series last season, and Louisiana-Lafayette. Iowa is scheduled to play California at the National Invitational Softball Tournament (NIST).

Along with Iowa, the Big Ten features three schools ranked in the top 25. Michigan is the top-ranked team in both polls along with Northwestern.

HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

SCOTT NAMED PITCHING COACH

Amanda Scott has been hired as Iowa's new pitching coach. Scott began her coaching career at Michigan State where she served as pitching coach from 2002-04. She then pitched professionally for the New York Juggernauts and led them to a National Pro Fastpitch championship in 2004 while earning league M.V.P. honors. Scott served as the Juggernauts pitching coach during the 2005 season.

Scott was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1997-00 and earned a gold medal at the 1998 World Championships. She was also an alternate on the 2000 Olympic Team.

Scott played at Fresno State and graduated as one of the school's most decorated athletes. She was named Fresno State's No. 2 greatest athlete of the 20th century and led the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Championship in 1998. Scott also received the NCAA Top VIII Award in 2001, which singles out eight NCAA student-athletes who demonstrate athletic success, academic achievement and community service.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-RUN GAMES	3-1
2-RUN GAMES	0-0
3+-RUN GAMES	1-0
EXTRA INNINGS.....	1-0
AT PEARL FIELD	0-0
ON THE ROAD	1-0
AT NEUTRAL SITE	3-1
DAY GAMES.....	3-1
NIGHT GAMES.....	1-0
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	4-0
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST	0-1
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	3-1
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS	1-0
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS	1-0
ARNOLD STARTS.....	3-0
WEIL STARTS.....	1-1
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN	1-0
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN	1-0
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	1-0
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-1
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	2-0
IOWA HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	3-0
OPPONENT HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	0-1
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS	1-0
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS	1-0
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS	1-1
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	2-0
FLYING AIR TRAN	4-1
FLYING UNITED	0-0
BUSING TO GAME	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE	4-1
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE	0-0
IN IOWA	0-0
IN FLORIDA	4-1
IN ARIZONA	0-0
IN GEORGIA	0-0
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN CALIFORNIA.....	0-0
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY	1-0
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	2-0
ON SATURDAY	1-1

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	1
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	4 (VS. ARKANSAS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	1 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST AT-BATS	23 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	6 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST HITS.....	7 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST RBI	4 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST DOUBLES	2 (VS. NORTH CAROLINA)
MOST TRIPLES.....	N/A
MOST HOME RUNS.....	1 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST STOLEN BASES	3 (VS. FIU)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	13 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	2 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	5 (VS. GEORGIA)
MOST HITS ALLOWED	4 (VS. FIU)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	1 (FOUR TIMES)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.462 (MAY)
GAMES.....	5 (EIGHT TIED)
GAMES STARTED	5 (FIVE TIED)
AT BATS.....	13 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	3 (MAY)
HITS	6 (MAY)
DOUBLES	3 (MAY)
TRIPLES	N/A
HOME RUNS	1 (MURRAY)

RBI.....	3 (MURRAY & DOWNS)
TOTAL BASES	9 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.692 (MAY)
WALKS	4 (MAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	1 (MURRAY & MORELOCK)
STRIKEOUTS.....	5 (REIMERSMA & HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.563 (MAY)
OPS.....	1.255 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	1 (MURRAY & DOWNS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	3 (REIMERSMA)
STOLEN BASES	2 (MAY AND HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	3 (HEIDGERKEN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	0.98 (WEIL)
WINS.....	3 (WEIL)
LOSSES	0 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT800 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	5 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	3 (ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES	2 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	1 (WEIL)
SAVES.....	N/A
INNINGS PITCHED.....	21.1 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	18 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE174 (ARNOLD)
WHIP.....	0.83 (ARNOLD)

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th 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. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 764-339-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,064-487-5 (.685). 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	4-1	.800
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				