



March 31, 2004

IOWA SOFTBALL

HAWKEYES FALL AT DRAKE, 3-0

IOWA CITY – The University of Iowa softball team was blanked by Drake Wednesday, 3-0, in Des Moines.

The Hawkeyes struggled at the plate, picking up only two hits off the Bulldog pitching staff. Drake picked up five hits.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second, when Emily Hajduk to reach on an error, stole second, moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on Iowa’s second error of the inning.

Drake stretched its lead to 3-0 in the third with an RBI single by Katie Shimon and a bases loaded hit batsman.

The Drake pitching staff kept the Hawkeye bats in check the rest of the way, picking up the win. **Emily Gerlick** and **Jenna Spratt** picked up the two hits for Iowa.

With the loss, Iowa falls to 18-15, while Drake raises its record to 15-12.

The Hawkeyes will open the Big Ten season Friday evening with a game against Northwestern. First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

GAME SUMMARIES

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WP – Jessica Hicks (10-8)

LP – **Ali Arnold** (11-7)

