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Men's Tennis Weekly Release

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2005-06 Schedule (5-8 Overall, 0-4 Big Ten) S 17-18 at Purdue Invite 16 wins 0.7-9at Wisconsin Invite 21 wins O 20-24 at ITA Regionals 4 wins N 11-14 at Big Ten Singles 7 wins J 29 vs. Northern Illinois W. 6-1 L, 0-7 F 4 at Western Michigan *W*, 7-0 *W*, 7-0 F 10 vs Cleveland State F 12 vs Wisconsin Green Bay F 19 at DePaul W. 6-1 L, 5-2 M 1 at Drake L, 4-3 M 4 vs Minnesota W, 4-3 L, 5-2 M 14 at Nicholls State M 17 at SE Louisiana L, 7-0 L, 7-0 L, 5-2 M 18 at Louisiana-Lafayette M 24 vs Ohio State at Michigan State A 1 L, 7-0 A 2 at Michigan A 8 12 pm at Wisconsin A 9 at Northwestern 12 pm A 14 11:30 am vs Indiana vs Penn State A 16 10 am A 22 at Purdue 12 pm 12 pm A 23 at Illinois A 27-30 at Big Ten Tournament **TBA**

2005-06 Records

	Dual/Tourn/Overall
C. Bierich	
S. Elwell	0-2/2-3/2-5
Z. Frisch	
G. Holm	
K. Markham	
C. Malempati	3-9/2-3/5-12
J.P Ritchie	
A. Schaechterle	
B. Taylor	6-6/2-8/8-14
B. van Monsjou	4-8/6-5/10-13
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Doubles	Duai/Tourii/Overaii
Bierich/Schaechterle	
	6-6/0-0/6-6
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Bierich/Schaechterle Bierich/Holm Bierich/Malempati	6-6/0-0/6-6 0-0/3-1/3-1 0-0/1-1/1-1 1-0/0-0/1-0
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THIS WEEK The University of Iowa men's tennis team, (5-8,
0-4) will be on the road to face Wisconsin Saturday and Northwestern
Sunday. Both matches will begin at noon.

SCOUTING WISCONSIN -- The Badgers are 8-7 overall and 1-3 in Big Ten competition. They are led by #113 Jeremy Sonkin in the No. 1 singles spot (11-4). Nathan Polley plays in the No. 2 spot and is 8-4. Polley and Sonkin team to play No. 1 doubles and are 6-2 on the season. Wisconsin is coached by Greg Van Emburgh.

SCOUTING NORTHWESTERN— The 59th-ranked Wildcats are 9-7 overall and 3-2 in Big Ten competition. Christian Tempke, ranked #51, is 8-7 playing the No. 1 spot. The No. 2 singles spot is played by Willy Lock (11-4). Northwestern's No. 1 doubles team is Matt Christian and Adam Schaechterle (6-8). Adam is the twin brother of Hawkeye senior **Aaron Schaechterle**. The Wildcats are coached by Paul Torricelli.

THE SERIES -- Iowa is behind in the overall series with Wisconsin, 30-56-2. The Hawkeyes defeated Wisconsin last year (4-3) in Iowa City. Iowa is also behind in the series against Northwestern, 23-52. The Hawkeyes lost to Northwestern last year (5-2) in Iowa City

<u>LAST TIME OUT</u>— The Hawkeyes were defeated by Michigan State (5-2) and 29th-ranked Michigan (7-0) on the road. Sophomore **Christian Bierich** and senior **Brett Taylor** went 1-1 in singles for the weekend. All other Hawkeyes were winless. Iowa's doubles teams struggled in competition also. **Bierich** teamed with senior **Aaron Schaechterle** against Michigan State to get the lone doubles win for the Hawkeyes.

HEAD COACH STEVE HOUGHTON -- Steve Houghton, the dean of Big Ten tennis coaches, is in his 25th season as head coach of the Hawkeyes. Houghton has a career record of 275-278 (.497). His best season came in 1984 when Iowa won a school record 21 matches and two Hawkeyes earned all-Big Ten honors. Four of Houghton's athletes have also been selected Big Ten Sportsman of the Year. He became the winningest coach in Iowa tennis history in 1992 and is a member of the Iowa Tennis Hall of Fame. While playing at Iowa, Houghton had a career winning percentage of .727 (40-15), the second best in Iowa History.

QUOTING COACH HOUGHTON -- "The match against Michigan State was a missed opportunity and Michigan was just too good. We are going to face two more solid Big Ten teams this weekend. We have to improve and get over the hump."

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2005 Record: 10-12 2005 Big Ten Record: 2-9

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