



# HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

## Iowa Softball News and Notes

Feb. 10-12  
Diamond Fun and Sun Classic  
Miami, FL

### 2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

#### O-O Overall, O-O Big Ten

Feb. 10-12	at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL)	
Feb. 10	Georgia	11 a.m.
	Florida International	4 p.m.
Feb. 11	North Carolina	9 a.m.
	Arkansas	11 a.m.
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
June 1-6	Women's College World Series	TBA

### Probable Iowa Lineup (2005 Statistics)

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	43	.200	8	14	5	0	2	.229	2
or 14	Brandi Sargent	1B	L-L	Sr.	50	.257	12	26	10	3	5	.396	2
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	64	.367	48	73	31	10	15	.603	2
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	58	.269	29	47	24	5	7	.406	3
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	63	.333	18	55	42	6	9	.497	1
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	64	.268	30	41	19	2	10	.412	22
5	Jenna Spratt	LF	L-R	Jr.	59	.225	15	18	8	0	0	.225	5
or 22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	5	.000	2	0	0	0	0	.000	2
1	Emily Nichols	C	R-R	So.	64	.284	35	48	49	16	9	.633	1
or 13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	61	.458	22	42	21	6	11	.458	2

### Probable Pitching Rotation (2005 Statistics)

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	21-5	28	14	10	1	1.60	209	44	153.1
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
24	Steph Ackerson	RHP	So.	0-0	1	0	0	1	3.82	6	3	7.1

### OPENING WEEKEND

The University of Iowa softball team opens the 2006 season in Miami, FL at the Diamond Sports Fun and Sun Classic. Iowa will face No. 10/11 Georgia in the season opener on Friday at 11 a.m. and host-school Florida International at 4 p.m. The Hawkeyes will face North Carolina on Saturday at 9 a.m. and Arkansas at 11 a.m. The teams will then be seeded and bracket play will begin Sunday. All times listed are central. Fans can access live stats via [www.hawkeyesports.com](http://www.hawkeyesports.com).

### 2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Hawkeyes had a very successful 2005 campaign, highlighted by trips to both the Big Ten Tournament and NCAA Region V championship game. Iowa qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the 13th time, including the sixth straight season. Iowa finished with a 50-14 overall record and a 12-6 Big Ten record, finishing third in the conference.

### PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT LINEUP

Iowa will compete in three new tournaments in 2006. The Hawkeyes return to Florida to play in the Diamond Sports Fun and Sun Classic February 10-12. The NFCA Leadoff Classic will be held February 24-26 in Columbus, GA and features three teams that qualified for the 2005 College World Series. Iowa will also compete in the Coach B Classic, hosted by Southern Illinois on March, 17-19.

The Hawkeyes will return to the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, the National Invitational Softball Tournament in San Jose and the Capital Classic in Sacramento.

## 2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. MICHIGAN	15-2	65-7
2. NORTHWESTERN	15-3	42-18
3. IOWA	12-6	50-14
4. OHIO STATE	9-7	32-17
5. WISCONSIN	11-9	31-24
6. PENN STATE	10-9	36-23
7. PURDUE	10-10	34-24-1
8. MICHIGAN STATE	7-9	25-28-1
9. MINNESOTA	6-14	25-27
10. ILLINOIS	4-14	24-26
11. INDIANA	2-18	13-41

## THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

### February 10-12

#### Iowa at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic *Miami, FL*

Illinois at Gettnerman Classic  
*Waco, TX*

Minnesota at Auburn Tournament  
*Auburn, AL*

Northwestern at Kajikawa Classic  
*Tempe, AZ*

Wisconsin at Kajikawa Classic  
*Tempe, AZ*

Ohio State at Las Cruces Invitational  
*Las Cruces, NM*

Purdue at Florida Atlantic Classic  
*Boca Raton, FL*

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## Hawkeye Softball Notes

### HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked 24th in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll and 19th in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll.

### TOUGH SCHEDULE IN '06

The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face six opponents that appear in both pre-season polls. Iowa will face Georgia (10th/11th) at the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic this weekend. The Hawkeyes will see two ranked opponents at the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Tennessee (3rd/3rd), who advanced to the College World Series last season, and Louisiana-Lafayette (21st/18th). Iowa is scheduled to play California (7th/8th) 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 (15th/16th).

Additionally, the Hawkeyes will face Arizona State, Florida State and North Carolina, all of which are receiving votes in both polls.

### RAKING IN THE HONORS

Five returning starters received post-season honors in 2005. Senior **Kylie Murray** and sophomore **Emily Nichols** were named first team all-regional while senior **Stacy May** was named second team.

Three returning starters were named to all-Big Ten teams. Junior **Mindy Heiderken** was a unanimous first team selection. Murray was named second team while senior **Ali Arnold** was a third team selection.

### MOVIN' ON OVER

Sophomore **Summer Downs** will make the move to third base after starting nearly her entire freshman year and second base. Downs played in 58 games during the 2005 season and started in 57.

### FRESHMEN TO SEE SOME TIME

The Hawkeyes have seven freshmen who could all see time in the field. **Erin Riemersma** will see action at second base, **Brittany Weil** will accompany Arnold in the circle and **Colleen McLaughlin** could see action at either third base or left field. **Quinn Morelock** is also competing for time in right field.

**Rachel West**, **Callie Adreon** and **Lindsey Emery** are also candidates for the outfield.

### SPLITTING TIME

Junior **Sami Baugh** and sophomore **Emily Nichols** are expected to split time behind the plate this season.

Three Hawkeyes will also see action at first base in 2006. Nichols, along with sophomore **Steph Ackerson** and senior **Brandi Sargent** all saw time at first last season.

### RETURNING POWER

The Hawkeyes return their top seven hitters from last year's squad. **Stacy May** led the team with a .367 batting average, 73 hits and 48 runs scored. **Kylie Murray** batted .333 with 42 RBI. **Emily Nichols** broke Iowa's single-season home record, finishing the 2005 season with 16 homers and a team-leading .607 slugging percentage.

### PATIENT AT THE PLATE

In 2005, **Stacy May** had 199 plate appearances and struck out only 11 times, walked only 13 times and was hit by a pitch once.

### GERLICK RETURNS

Junior **Emily Gerlick** returns to the Iowa lineup after missing nearly the entire 2005 season with a torn ACL. Gerlick played in five games last season and started three. She received a medical redshirt and will battle for time in left field. Gerlick was a third-team all-Big Ten selection in 2003.

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

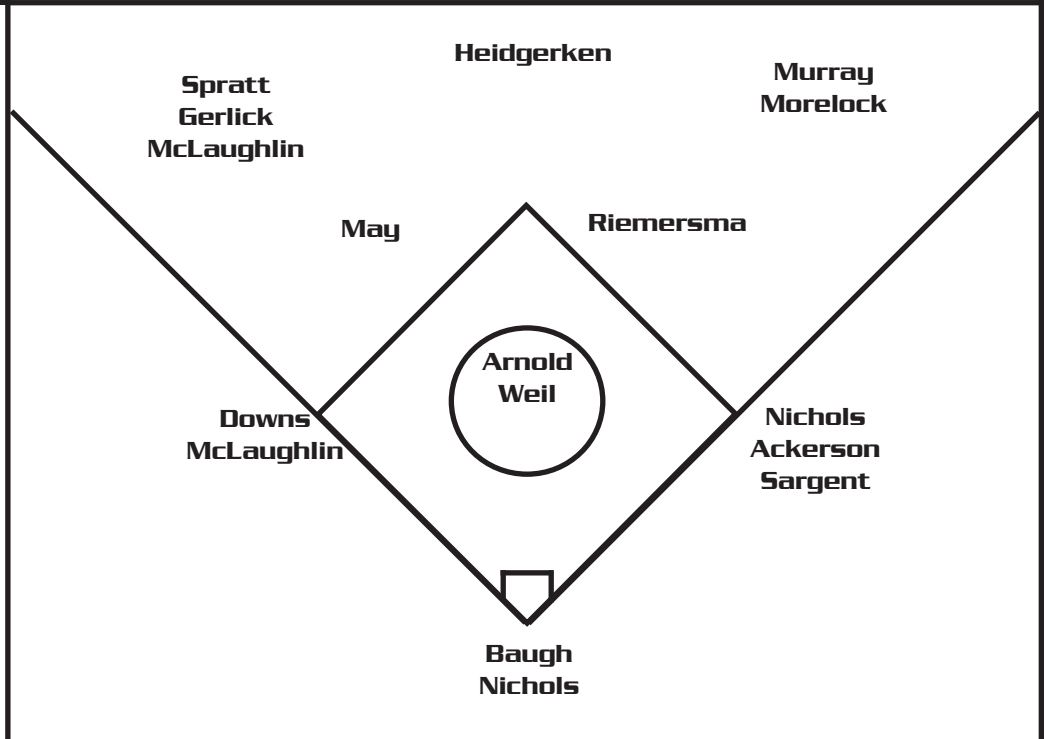
## HEAD COACH

**GAYLE BLEVINS**

## ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

**MICHELLE VENTURELLA**

## PITCHING COACH

**AMANDA SCOTT****ARNOLD MOVING UP**

Senior **Ali Arnold** currently ranks sixth on the career strikeout list with 469 K's. Next on the list is Debbie Bilbao with 476 strikeouts.

**REACHING 50 WINS**

Iowa reached the 50-win mark for only the third time in school history in 2005. The Hawkeyes eclipsed 50 wins for the first time in 1991 (53-11) and again in 1997 (52-9) when they reached the College World Series.

**"MEET THE TEAM" NIGHT**

The Hawkeyes will host the second annual "Meet the Team" night Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame. Pizza and refreshments will be served followed by a short program hosted by Coach Blevins.

**HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players and coaches can visit [pics.hawkeyesports.com](http://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 .....	0-0
2-RUN GAMES .....	0-0
3+-RUN GAMES .....	0-0
EXTRA INNINGS.....	0-0
AT PEARL FIELD .....	0-0
ON THE ROAD .....	0-0
AT NEUTRAL SITE .....	0-0
DAY GAMES.....	0-0
NIGHT GAMES.....	0-0
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	0-0
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST .....	0-0
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	0-0
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS .....	0-0
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS .....	0-0
ARNOLD STARTS.....	0-0
WEIL STARTS.....	0-0
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN .....	0-0
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN .....	0-0
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	0-0
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	0-0
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	0-0
IOWA HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	0-0
OPPONENT HAS MORE STRIKEOUTS.....	0-0
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS .....	0-0
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS .....	0-0
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	0-0
FLYING AIR TRAN .....	0-0
FLYING UNITED .....	0-0
BUSING TO GAME.....	0-0
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE .....	0-0
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	0-0
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE .....	0-0
IN IOWA .....	0-0
IN FLORIDA .....	0-0
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 .....	0-0
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY .....	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY .....	0-0
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	0-0
ON SATURDAY .....	0-0

## IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO (2005 SEASON)

LONGEST WINNING STREAK .....	11
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	3
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY .....	15 (AUBURN)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	10 (NORTHWESTERN)
MOST AT-BATS.....	34 (UTAH)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	16 (AUBURN)
MOST HITS.....	16 (UTAH)
MOST RBI .....	16 (AUBURN)
MOST DOUBLES .....	4 (GARNDNER-WEBB/UTAH)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (EIGHT TIMES)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	7 (AUBURN)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	4 (LONG ISLAND)
MOST STRIKEOUTS .....	17 (NEBRASKA)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED .....	5 (TWICE)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED .....	7 (CALIFORNIA & UTAH)
MOST HITS ALLOWED ...	11 (STETSON & CALIFORNIA)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED... 5 (STETSON & NORTHWESTERN)	

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG .....	.367 (MAY)
GMS. ....	64 (THREE TIED)
GMS. STARTED.....	64 (THREE TIED)
AT BATS.....	199 (MAY)
RUNS .....	48 (MAY)
HITS .....	73 (MAY)
DOUBLES .....	15 (MAY)
TRIPLES .....	3 (HEIDGERKEN)
HOME RUNS .....	16 (NICHOLS)

RBI.....	49 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES .....	120 (NICHOLS)
SLUGGING PCT. ....	.633 (NICHOLS)
WALKS .....	28 (NICHOLS)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (ACKERSON & NICHOLS)
STRIKEOUTS.....	41 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.405 (MAY)
OPS.....	1.162 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE FLIES .....	2 (MAY & BAUGH)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	13 (DOWNS)
STOLEN BASES .....	22 (HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS .....	25 (HEIDGERKEN)

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	1.21 (BIROCCI)
WINS.....	29 (BIROCCI)
LOSSES .....	9 (BIROCCI)
WINNING PCT .....	.808 (ARNOLD)
APPEARANCES.....	50 (BIROCCI)
GAMES STARTED .....	35 (BIROCCI)
COMPLETE GAMES .....	28 (BIROCCI)
SHUTOUTS .....	13 (BIROCCI)
SAVES.....	7 (BIROCCI)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	265.1 (BIROCCI)
STRIKEOUTS.....	288 (BIROCCI)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE .....	.183 (BIROCCI)
WHIP.....	0.87 (BIROCCI)

## 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 760-338-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,060-486-5 (.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	1993	IOWA	39-15	.722
1981	INDIANA	26-12	.684	1994	IOWA	35-23	.603
1982	INDIANA	30-15	.666	1995	IOWA	41-26-1	.612
1983	INDIANA	45-20-1	.692	1996	IOWA	47-19	.720
1984	INDIANA	37-22	.633	1997	IOWA	52-9	.852
1985	INDIANA	47-20-1	.701	1998	IOWA	38-20	.655
1986	INDIANA	45-18	.714	1999	IOWA	41-26-1	.616
1987	INDIANA	37-23	.617	2000	IOWA	46-15	.754
1988	IOWA	33-20-1	.620	2001	IOWA	49-14	.778
1989	IOWA	40-21	.656	2002	IOWA	36-20	.643
1990	IOWA	43-28	.606	2003	IOWA	44-15	.746
1991	IOWA	53-11	.828	2004	IOWA	39-24	.619
1992	IOWA	34-20	.630	2005	IOWA	50-14	.781