



University of Iowa Volleyball

at #18 Purdue - Oct. 3, 6 p.m.
at #19 Illinois - Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Week Six

September 30, 2008

University of Iowa Hawkeyes

10-4, 2-0

VS.



#18 Purdue Boilermakers
12-2, 1-1
Oct. 3, 6 p.m.
Belin Court
West Lafayette, IN



#19 Illinois Fighting Illini
10-3
Oct. 4, 7 p.m.
Huff Hall
Champaign, IL

This Week • The University of Iowa volleyball team takes its first Big Ten road trip this weekend. The Hawkeyes will face No. 18 Purdue Friday at 6 p.m. in West Lafayette, IN, and No. 19 Illinois Saturday at 7 p.m. in Champaign, IL. All times listed are central.

Hawkeyes on the Web • Fans can follow Hawkeye volleyball on hawkeyesports.com, where Gametracker, live audio and video will be available throughout the season.

Live audio coverage will be available for the remainder of the season. Live streaming video can be found on hawkeyesports.com for all 13 home matches. Gametracker will be available for all 13 home matches and for select road matches. Check hawkeyesports.com for live stats availability.

Audio, video and Gametracker links can be found on the volleyball schedule page of hawkeyesports.com.

Scouting Purdue • The 18th-ranked Purdue Boilermakers are 12-2 overall and 1-1 in Big Ten play. Purdue's only losses came to Utah State and top-ranked Penn State.

Stephanie Lynch leads the team with 186 kills, a .421 attack percentage and 68 total blocks. Danita Merlau is second on the team with 168 kills. Jaclyn Hart is the team's primary setter with 503 assists, while Kelli Miller has 231 digs.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 18-40. Purdue swept both meetings last season.

Scouting Illinois • The 19th-ranked Illinois Fighting Illini are 10-3 overall and 1-1 in conference action. Iowa and Illinois share one common non-conference opponent in Tennessee. Iowa swept the Lady Volunteers while Illinois won in five sets.

Laura DeBruler leads the team with 211 kills, while Johannah Bangert has a team-best 73 total blocks. Hillary Haen has a team-high 285 assists and Ashley Edinger leads the squad with 221 digs.

Iowa trails in the all-time series, 13-43. Illinois swept both matches last season.

2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/29-30	at Hampton Inn Bama Bash (Tuscaloosa, AL)	
8/29	vs. Nicholls State	W, 25-12, 25-20, 25-19
8/30	vs. Western Kentucky	L, 24-26, 26-24, 17-25, 17-25
8/30	at Alabama	L, 24-26, 25-17, 17-25, 14-25
9/5-6	at Pioneer Classic (Denver, CO)	
9/5	vs. Tennessee	W, 25-18, 57-25, 22-25, 25-22
9/6	at Denver	L, 22-25, 23-25, 21-25
9/6	vs. Virginia	W, 15-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-9
9/12-13	at Iowa State Tournament (Ames, IA)	
9/12	at Iowa State	L, 26-28, 25-27, 24-26
9/13	vs. Xavier	W, 22-25, 25-11, 25-14, 25-19
9/13	vs. Drake	W, 25-18, 25-11, 25-16
9/19/20	Hawkeye-Holiday Inn Challenge (Iowa City)	
9/19	vs. Portland	W, 25-14, 25-15, 25-14
9/20	vs. DePaul	W, 25-13, 25-20, 25-19
9/20	vs. Tulsa	W, 25-12, 25-11, 25-21
9/26	vs. #18 Wisconsin	W, 25-23, 25-19, 25-10
9/27	vs. Northwestern	W, 18-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-19
10/3	at #18 Purdue	6 p.m.
10/4	at #19 Illinois	7 p.m.
10/10	vs. Penn State	7 p.m.
10/11	vs. Indiana	7 p.m.
10/15	at Minnesota (BTN)	7 p.m.
10/18	vs. Michigan State	7 p.m.
10/24	at Michigan	6 p.m.
10/26	at Ohio State	1 p.m.
10/31	at Indiana	6 p.m.
11/1	at Penn State	6 p.m.
11/7	vs. Illinois	7 p.m.
11/8	vs. Purdue	7 p.m.
11/14	at Northwestern	7 p.m.
11/16	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
11/21	vs. Ohio State	7 p.m.
11/22	vs. Michigan	7 p.m.
11/26	vs. Minnesota	7 p.m.
11/28	at Michigan State	5 p.m.

all times listed are central



Big Ten Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Penn State	2-0	14-0
Minnesota	2-0	12-2
Michigan State	2-0	10-3
IOWA	2-0	10-4
5. Michigan	1-1	13-1
Purdue	1-1	12-2
Illinois	1-1	10-3
8. Wisconsin	0-2	10-4
Ohio State	0-2	9-5
Indiana	0-2	8-6
Northwestern	0-2	6-7

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Iowa on the Web

Updated statistics, rosters, game notes, schedules and more can be found at the University of Iowa Athletic Department's website. The address is:

hawkeyesports.com

Media Information

PRACTICE ATTENDANCE - All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. However, media must inform Aaron Blau of their intention to attend practice. The Hawkeyes practice daily from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS - All player interviews are coordinated through Aaron Blau of the Iowa Sports Information Office. Please contact Aaron (319-335-9268) so that he may set a time for an interview which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules.

On a Roll • Iowa has won seven-straight matches, dating back to Sept. 13 when the Hawkeyes knocked off Virginia in five sets. The seven-match winning streak is tied for the fourth longest in school history since 1986.

It's Been a While • Iowa opened Big Ten play with a win for only the third time this decade. The only other seasons the Hawkeyes started 1-0 in Big Ten action was 2000 (vs. Illinois) and 2005 (vs. Northwestern).

In addition, the 2008 Hawkeyes are only the fifth team in school history to start conference play a perfect 2-0. The 1983, 1986, 1994 and 2000 teams were the only other squads to go a perfect two-for-two in the opening matches.

Sweeping Opponents • Iowa's sweep against 18th-ranked Wisconsin capped an impressive 15-set winning streak, which was the longest in school history since 1990. The Hawkeyes took 18-straight sets during the 1990 season.

Snapping Streaks • Not only did Iowa start the Big Ten slate 2-0, it snapped losing streaks against conference opponents.

Iowa defeated Wisconsin for the first time since 1994. The Badgers had collected 26-straight wins over Iowa before Friday night.

Iowa's win over Northwestern Saturday also broke a five-match losing skid against the Wildcats.

Staying Perfect at Home • Iowa is starting to build a home court advantage at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes are currently a perfect 5-0 in Iowa City. That is the best home record since 2000, when Iowa also started 5-0 at home. The 1998 Hawkeyes have the best start in recent history with a 6-0 start.

Huffman Shines Against Wildcats • Sophomore **Aimee Huffman** turned in a career-high 20 digs on 36 swings with an impressive .444 attack percentage and also had seven digs and two block assists in Iowa's win over Northwestern.

The Poth, TX, native is currently fourth on the team with 85 digs.

Double the Fun • Both senior **Catherine Smale** and junior **Megan Schipper** have contributed both offensively and defensively so far this season.

Smale has tallied five double-doubles and is averaging 3.53 kills per set and 2.27 digs. Schipper has four double-doubles, averaging 3.24 kills and 1.96 digs.

Dingman Closing in on Milestone • Head Coach **Sharon Dingman** enters the weekend just four wins away from career win No. 350.

Dingman tallied 22 wins in one year at Auburn, 167 wins in eight years at Butler, 147 wins in eight years at Illinois State and 10 wins so far in her first season at Iowa.



Head Coach Sharon Dingman



Sharon Dingman was hired as the eighth coach in Iowa volleyball history March 21, 2008.

Dingman comes to Iowa after serving as head coach at Illinois State from 2000-07, where she compiled a 147-98 record. In 2007, Dingman led the Redbirds to their first at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament since 1997 after reaching the championship match

of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and finished with a 21-12 overall record.

Illinois State produced winning seasons in seven of the eight seasons under Dingman and never finished lower than fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Redbirds also reached at least the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in six of her eight seasons. Dingman produced 21 all-Missouri Valley Conference selections, including Player of the Year, Libero of the Year and two Freshman of the Year honorees. Two players also garnered all-district and all-region honors.

Redbird teams under Dingman were also strong in the classroom. Eleven players were named to the league's scholar-athlete squad in her eight seasons and in 2004, four volleyball student-athletes earned perfect 4.00 grade-point-averages and the team recorded a 3.32 GPA. In 2005, her volleyball team won the academic award for the highest GPA in the athletic department.

Dingman started her head coaching career in 1991 at Auburn, where she led the Tigers to a 22-13 record in her only season at the helm. Her 1991 squad became the first Auburn volleyball team to receive votes in the national poll and Auburn's fourth place finish in the SEC that season marked the highest finish ever for Auburn at the time. Two student-athletes earned all-SEC honors, including Jenifer Kleyn, who was named the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was an NCAA post-graduate scholarship recipient who carried a 4.0 GPA.

She then moved to Butler in 1992, where she served as head coach for eight seasons. Dingman led the Bulldogs to four 20 win seasons and three postseason tournaments, including an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1997 after capturing the Midwestern Collegiate Conference title. She was named MCC Coach of the Year in 1997 after compiling a 28-7 record. Dingman guided three student-athletes to MCC Player of the Year honors, seven to all-region accolades and five to "Top 100 Student" honors at Butler.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Dingman spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at three Division I programs. After one season at Northern Michigan (1984), she assisted at Texas Tech for three seasons (1985-87). Dingman then spent three seasons at Kentucky (1988-90) and helped the Wildcats to an SEC Championship in 1988 along with three-straight regional finals appearances in the NCAA Tournament.

Heading Back Home • Head Coach **Sharon Dingman** will be facing a school she is very familiar with this weekend.

Dingman was a part of back-to-back Big Ten championships at Purdue from 1979-80, before transferring to Northern Michigan.

Hawkeyes in National Stats • Iowa currently ranks 25th in the country in attack percentage (.265) and 71st in win-loss percentage (.714).

Tough Schedule in '08 • Six Iowa opponents are ranked in the latest AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 poll. One additional team is also listed as receiving votes. Iowa will also square off against 10 teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2007.

Opponents ranked include Penn State (No. 1), Minnesota (No. 13), Purdue (No. 18), Illinois (No. 19), Wisconsin (No. 20), and Michigan (No. 22). Michigan State is receiving votes.

The 10 teams who played in the NCAA Tournament last year are Western Kentucky, Alabama, Iowa State, Xavier, Minnesota, Purdue, Wisconsin, Michigan, Michigan State and Penn State, who also won the 2007 Big Ten and NCAA championship.

Climbing the Records Ladder • Below is a list of where current Hawkeyes rank in different career school records. The number in parentheses is the next place.

Kiley Fister

Assists	3,863	4th	(3rd, 4,128)
Service Aces	90	12th	(11th, 99)

Catherine Smale

Kills	1,108	12th	(11th, 1,120)
Digs	908	16th	(15th, 914)

Becky Walters

Attack Percentage	.262	2nd	(1st, .276)
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Emily Hiza

Digs	1,672	2nd	(1st, 1,931)
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Iowa's Record When...

2008 SEASON INFORMATION

Three-Set Match:.....	6-2
Four-Set Match:.....	3-2
Five-Set Match:.....	1-0
Iowa Wins First Set:.....	7-0
Opponent Wins First Set:.....	3-4
Iowa Wins Second Set:.....	9-2
Opponent Wins Second Set:.....	1-2
Iowa Wins Third Set:.....	9-0
Opponent Wins Third Set:.....	1-4
Iowa Wins Fourth Set:.....	4-0
Opponent Wins Fourth Set:.....	0-2
Iowa To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	1-0
Opponent To Eight First in Fifth Set: ..	0-0
At Home:	5-0
On the Road:	0-3
At Neutral Site:	5-1
Day Match:	4-2
Night Match:.....	6-2
vs. Ranked Opponents:.....	0-0
Iowa Has More Kills:.....	10-0
Opponent Has More Kills:	0-4
Iowa Has Higher Attack %:.....	10-0
Opponent Has Higher Attack %:	0-4
Iowa Has More Assists:.....	10-0
Opponent Has More Assists:	0-4
Iowa Has More Aces:.....	7-2
Opponent Has More Aces:	2-2
Equal Number of Aces:.....	1-0
Iowa Has More Digs:.....	9-2
Opponent Has More Digs:.....	1-2
Iowa Has More Blocks:	8-1
Opponent Has More Blocks:.....	1-3
Equal Number of Blocks:	1-0
Wearing White/Black Uniforms:.....	7-0
Wearing Black/Gold Uniforms:..	3-4
In Eastern Time Zone:.....	0-0
In Central Time Zone:	8-3
In Mountain Time Zone:	2-1
On Big Ten Network:.....	0-0
In Iowa:.....	7-1
In Alabama:	1-2
In Colorado:.....	2-1
In Indiana:.....	0-0
In Illinois:	0-0
In Minnesota:	0-0
In Michigan:.....	0-0
In Ohio:.....	0-0
In Pennsylvania:.....	0-0
In Wisconsin:	0-0
On Wednesday:	0-0
On Friday:	4-1
On Saturday:.....	6-3
On Sunday:	0-0

Iowa's Single Game Match Information

Longest Winning Streak:.....	7
Longest Losing Streak:.....	2
Current Streak:	Won 7
Most Kills (Three Set):	45 (vs. Tulsa)
Most Kills (Four Set):	62 (vs. NWestern)
Most Kills (Five Set):	60 (vs. Virginia)
Highest Attack % (Three Set): ..	.387 (vs. DePaul)
Highest Attack % (Four Set):289 (vs. Xavier)
Highest Attack % (Five Set):..	.176 (vs. Virginia)
Most Assists (Three Set):	42 (vs. Tulsa)
Most Assists (Four Set):.....	60 (vs. NWestern)
Most Assists (Five Set):.....	54 (vs. Virginia)
Most Aces (Three Set):	12 (vs. DePaul)
Most Aces (Four Set):	5 (vs. Xavier)
Most Aces (Five Set):	6 (vs. Virginia)
Most Digs (Three Set):.....	50 (vs. Drake)
Most Digs (Four Set):.....	69 (vs. NWestern)
Most Digs (Five Set):.....	71 (vs. Virginia)
Most Blocks (Three Set):..	9.5 (vs. Wisconsin)
Most Blocks (Four Set):.....	13 (vs. Xavier)
Most Blocks (Five Set):	9 (vs. Virginia)
Highest Home Attendance: ...	846 (vs. Wisc.)

Iowa's Individual Leaders

Matches Played:	14 (Five Players)
Matches Started:.....	14 (Three Players)
Sets Played:	49 (Four Players)
Kills:	173 (Smale)
Kills per Set:.....	3.53 (Smale)
Attack Percentage:.....	.331 (Kennedy)
Assists:.....	459 (Fister)
Assists per Set:	9.37 (Fister)
Service Aces:.....	16 (Schipper)
Service Aces per Set:	0.33 (Schipper)
Digs:.....	162 (Hiza)
Digs per Set:	3.77 (Hiza)
Block Solos:	6 (Kremer)
Block Assists:	38 (Kremer)
Total Blocks:.....	38 (Kennedy)
Blocks per Set:	1.00 (Walters)

2008 Hawkeye Roster

No.	Name	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Laura Kremer	6-0	Sr.	MB	LaMotte, IA/Dubuque Senior
2	Catherine Smale	6-1	Sr.	OH	St. Charles, IL/Rosary
3	Kiley Fister	5-10	Sr.	S	St. Charles, IL/St. Francis
4	Christina Meister	5-9	Jr.	S/DS	West Des Moines, IA/Valley
5	Emily Hiza	5-7	Sr.	L	Swink, CO/Swink Academy
6	Paige Stevens	6-1	Fr.	S	Naperville, IL/Neuqua Valley
7	Katie Kennedy	6-1	So.	MB	Iowa City, IA/City High
8	Mallory Husz	6-0	Fr.	MB	Council Bluffs, IA/Lewis Central
10	Becky Walters	6-3	So.*	MB	Parkersburg, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
11	Samantha Brannigan	5-7	So.	DS	Palos Heights, IL/Amos Alonzo Stagg
12	Tiffany Nilges	5-11	Fr.	OH	Tripoli, IA/Tripoli
13	Aimee Huffman	6-0	So.	RS/S	Poth, TX/Poth
14	Megan Eskew	5-9	So.	OH	Schererville, IN/Marist
15	Megan Schipper	5-11	Jr.	OH	Aplington, IA/Aplington-Parkersburg
16	Signe Mueller	5-7	So.	DS	Iowa City, IA/City High
21	Mara Hilgenberg	5-9	So.	S	Lake Forest, IL/Indiana University
24	Katie Wessels	5-11	So.	OH	Manchester, IA/West Delaware
33	Joanna Giampoli	6-1	Fr.	MB	Hinsdale, IL/Hinsdale South

* indicates redshirt

Head Coach: Sharon Dingman

Assistant Coaches: Chris Gaskill and Jason Allen

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