



# HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

## Iowa Softball News and Notes

Upper Iowa (March 29)  
 Illinois (March 31-April 1)  
 Northwestern, DH (April 2)

### 2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

#### 17-12 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	W, 9-3
	#23 Arizona State	L, 4-5
Feb. 18	Illinois State	W, 10-2 (5)
	#23 Arizona State	L, 7-10 (9)
Feb. 19	#23 Arizona State	L, 1-8
Feb. 24-26	at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA)	
Feb. 24	#14 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-6
	# 2 Tennessee	L, 2-11 (5)
Mar. 4-5	at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL)	
Mar. 4	Southern Illinois	W, 2-0
	Northern Illinois	L, 1-2
Mar. 5	Illinois-Chicago	W, 4-3
Mar. 10-12	at NIST (San Jose, CA)	
Mar. 11	St. Francis	W, 5-0 (5)
	San Jose State	W, 3-2
Mar. 12	#10 Arizona State	L, 0-3
	Santa Clara	W, 6-5
Mar. 15	at Sacramento State	W, 6-1
	at Sacramento State	L, 0-6
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Long Island	L, 1-7
Mar. 18	Nevada	W, 5-0
	# 6 California	L, 0-1
Mar. 19	Syracuse	L, 2-5
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	W, 5-0
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	W, 5-3 (10)
	North Dakota State	W, 3-0
Mar. 26	Ball State	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Illinois	6 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Illinois	12 p.m.
Apr. 2	at Northwestern (DH)	12 p.m.
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	5 p.m.
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	12 p.m.
May 7	at Wisconsin	12 p.m.
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

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Yr.	GP	Avg.	Runs	Hits	RBI	HR	2B	SLG%	SB
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	25	.089	0	4	0	0	0	.089	0
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	29	.269	14	21	6	2	4	.397	3
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	29	.382	21	34	7	2	7	.528	4
1	Emily Nichols	3B/C	R-R	So.	27	.350	15	28	19	3	8	.563	1
or 2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	29	.208	6	15	9	1	2	.278	2
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	29	.230	8	17	2	2	4	.365	1
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	29	.281	13	25	15	1	4	.382	5
8	Quinn Morelock	LF	R-R	Fr.	24	.244	4	11	8	1	1	.378	2
or 22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	20	.130	2	3	1	0	0	.130	1
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	24	.200	6	10	7	1	0	.260	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	3B/C	R-R	So.	27	.350	15	28	19	3	8	.563	1

### Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	6-5	16	5	3	0	2.73	64	29	74.1
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	11-7	13	11	3	1	2.84	129	44	120.2

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa softball team (17-12) concludes a five game homestand Wednesday when they host Upper Iowa University. First pitch at Pearl Field is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The Hawkeyes open the 2006 Big Ten campaign on the road against Illinois (11-15) and Northwestern (18-8) this weekend. The Hawkeyes face the Illini at 6 p.m. Friday and 12 p.m. Saturday. Iowa plays Northwestern in a doubleheader Sunday starting at 12 p.m. All times listed are central.

Fans can access livestats (gametracker) via [www.hawkeyesports.com](http://www.hawkeyesports.com). Gametracker will be available for every contest this week.

### IOWA CLAIMS HAWKEYE CLASSIC TITLE

With a perfect 4-0 record, the Hawkeyes claimed the 2006 Hawkeye Classic championship. Iowa defeated Loyola-Chicago (5-0), South Dakota State in 10 innings (5-3), North Dakota State (3-0) and Ball State (5-0).

Freshman **Erin Riemersma** and sophomore **Emily Nichols** each had solid performances at the plate. Riemersma finished the weekend with a .400 average (4-10), two doubles and two RBI. Nichols recorded a .385 average (5-13) with a home run, two doubles and four RBI. She plated the game-winning run in the 10th inning against South Dakota State and blasted her third home run of the season against North Dakota State. Nichols also had a .769 slugging percentage.

Both senior **Ali Arnold** and freshman **Brittany Weil** had impressive home debuts in the circle. Arnold finished with a 1-0 record and did not allow an earned run the entire weekend. Weil tallied a 3-0 record with 25 strikeouts. She held her opponents to a .162 batting average for the tournament.

## 2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. PENN STATE	0-0	18-4
2. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	18-8
3. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	18-9
4. MICHIGAN	0-0	17-9
5. IOWA	0-0	17-12
6. OHIO STATE	0-0	16-12
7. INDIANA	0-0	13-11-1
8. PURDUE	0-0	18-16
9. WISCONSIN	0-0	11-10
10. MINNESOTA	0-0	11-14
11. ILLINOIS	0-0	11-15

## THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

### March 28

Illinois at Loyola-Chicago (DH)  
Bowling Green at Michigan  
Eastern Michigan at Michigan State  
Purdue at Butler

### March 29

Upper Iowa at Iowa  
Indiana at Illinois-Chicago (DH)  
St. Francis (PA) at Penn State (DH)

### March 31

Iowa at Illinois  
Ohio State at Indiana  
Minnesota at Michigan State  
Penn State at Purdue  
Wisconsin at Northwestern

### April 1

Iowa at Illinois  
Ohio State at Indiana  
Minnesota at Michigan State  
Penn State at Purdue  
Wisconsin at Northwestern

### April 2

Iowa at Northwestern (DH)  
Penn State at Indiana (DH)  
Minnesota at Michigan (DH)  
Ohio State at Purdue (DH)  
Wisconsin at Illinois (DH)

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# Hawkeye Softball Notes

## SCOUTING UPPER IOWA

The Upper Iowa Peacocks are 11-12 overall this season.

Katie Kilburg leads the Peacock offense with a .431 batting average. The Peacocks have registered 23 home runs this season, including five players with three or more.

Angie Weber and Kacie Estes have split time in the circle. Weber is 6-6 with a 2.72 ERA while Estes is 5-6 with a 4.40 ERA.

The Peacocks are coached by Brent Kuker. This is the first meeting between the two teams.

## SCOUTING ILLINOIS

The Illinois Fighting Illini are 11-15 overall this season.

Jenna Hall is batting .480 with nine home runs and 28 RBI to lead the Illini offense. Hall also carries a .947 slugging percentage.

Claire DeVreese is 8-7 with a 5.14 ERA and paces the team with 53 K's. Kacey Coonce has 15 starts with a 3-8 record.

The Illini are coached by Terri Sullivan. Iowa leads the all-time series, 7-6.

## SCOUTING NORTHWESTERN

The 15th-ranked Northwestern Wildcats are 18-8 overall this season.

Tammy Williams and Garland Cooper lead the Wildcat offense. Williams tops the team with a .349 batting average, while Cooper has a .342 average and 18 RBI. Kristen Amegin also has five home runs and 21 RBI.

The Wildcats have a tough combination in the circle with Eileen Canney and Courtany Foster. Canney has a 1.67 ERA with 137 K's while Foster has a 1.96 ERA with 102 K's. The Wildcat pitching staff has combined for 10 shutouts this season.

The Wildcats are coached by Kate Drohan. The all-time series is tied, 41-41.

## MAY AND NICHOLS IN BIG TEN STATS

Both **Stacy May** and **Emily Nichols** are ranked in the top 10 in different Big Ten offensive categories.

May ranks fourth in batting average (.382) and hits (34), fifth in on base percentage (.455), sixth in total bases (47) and seventh in runs scored (21).

Nichols ranks first in sacrifice flies (3) fourth in doubles (8), seventh in RBI (19), eighth in slugging percentage (.563) and batting average (.350), and ninth in total bases (45).

## CLOSING IN ON SCHOOL RECORDS

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** blasted her third home run of the season against North Dakota State last weekend. Nichols only needs 11 more home runs to break the Iowa career home run mark of 29, set by Alicia Gerlach (1999-02).

Senior **Stacy May** has 42 career doubles, which is only seven doubles shy of the career record of 52, held by Kari Knopf (1994-97).

## FRESHMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hawkeye freshmen have recorded 33 hits and scored 34 runs so far this season.

**Erin Riemersma** has started all 29 games at second base while **Brittany Weil** has started 13 games in the circle. **Quinn Morelock** has appeared in 24 games in either the outfield or as the designated player. **Colleen McGlaughlin** has played in 19 games with 10 starts. **Rachel West** has 23 appearances and **Callie Adreon** has played in 16 games, both as pinch runners. **Lindsey Emery** has four plate appearances as a pinch-hitter.

## HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

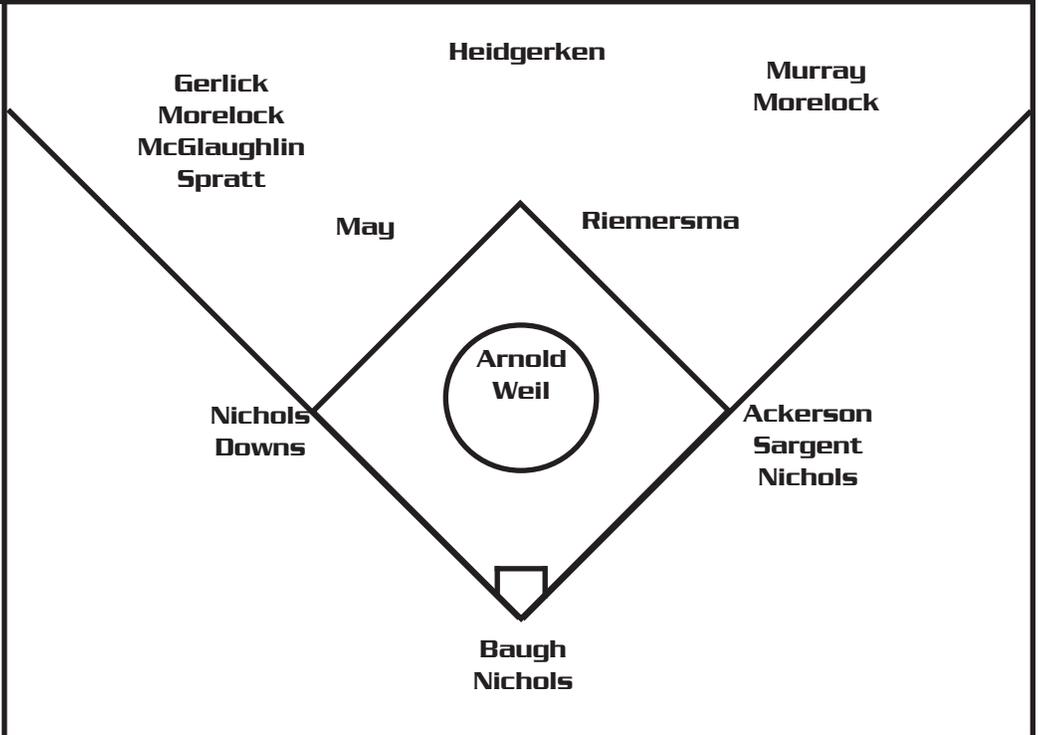
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- 1 EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2 SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3 ALI ARNOLD**
- 4 QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5 JENNA SPRATT**
- 6 RACHEL WEST**
- 7 BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8 ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9 LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10 STACY MAY**
- 11 MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12 COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13 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**



**EARLY HONORS**

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

May batted .462 (6-13) with three doubles during the opening tournament while Weil went 4-1 with a 0.98 ERA and 18 K's in her first action as a Hawkeye.

In addition, May was also named to the Capital Classic all-tournament team. May finished the Capital Classic with a .417 batting average and did not commit an error all tournament.

**IOWA vs. MICHIGAN ON TV**

Iowa's softball contest vs. Michigan on April 15 at Pearl Field will be broadcast to a national cable audience on College Sports Television (CSTV). The game is scheduled for a 12 p.m. start. In addition, the telecast can also be seen statewide on Mediacom's Connections Channel.

This is the first time in school history that a regular season home game has been televised.

**SCOTT NAMED PITCHING COACH**

**Amanda Scott** is in her first season 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 .....	6-4
2-RUN GAMES .....	2-0
3+-RUN GAMES .....	9-8
EXTRA INNINGS.....	2-1
AT PEARL FIELD .....	4-0
ON THE ROAD .....	2-6
AT NEUTRAL SITE .....	11-6
DAY GAMES.....	13-11
NIGHT GAMES.....	4-1
IOWA SCORES FIRST.....	16-3
OPPONENT SCORES FIRST .....	1-9
GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS.....	12-3
GIVING UP 3+ RUNS .....	5-9
VS. RANKED OPPONENTS .....	1-7
ARNOLD STARTS.....	10-6
WEIL STARTS.....	7-6
IOWA HITS A HOMERUN .....	7-1
OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN .....	5-8
IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT.....	12-2
OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA.....	1-9
EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS.....	4-1
IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	13-3
OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S...	2-5
EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS .....	2-4
WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS .....	4-3
WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS .....	7-4
WEARING GREY UNIFORMS.....	6-5
FLYING TO GAME.....	11-11
BUSING TO GAME.....	2-1
IN EASTERN TIME ZONE .....	4-3
IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE.....	6-1
IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE.....	2-3
IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE .....	5-5
IN IOWA .....	4-0
IN FLORIDA .....	4-1
IN ARIZONA .....	2-3
IN GEORGIA .....	0-2
IN ILLINOIS.....	2-1
IN CALIFORNIA.....	5-5
IN ILLINOIS.....	0-0
IN INDIANA .....	0-0
IN WISCONSIN.....	0-0
ON SUNDAY .....	4-4
ON MONDAY.....	0-0
ON TUESDAY .....	0-0
ON WEDNESDAY .....	1-1
ON THURSDAY.....	0-0
ON FRIDAY.....	4-3
ON SATURDAY .....	8-4

## IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK .....	4
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
CURRENT STREAK .....	WON LAST 4
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY ....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS...	38 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE/ARIZONA STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI .....	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES .....	3 (THREE TIMES, LAST VS. SDSU)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE/SANTA CLARA)
MOST HOME RUNS .....	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	4 (SANTA CLARA/SAC. STATE)
MOST STRIKEOUTS .....	17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ...	3 (VS. UIC/SAC. STATE)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED .....	11 (BY TENNESSEE)
MOST HITS ALLOWED ...	11 (TWICE, LAST BY TENNESSEE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

HOME RUNS .....	3 (NICHOLS)
RBI.....	19 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES .....	47 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.563 (NICHOLS)
WALKS .....	12 (NICHOLS & MURRAY)
HIT BY PITCH.....	4 (MAY)
STRIKEOUTS.....	25 (HEIDGERKEN)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.455 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES .....	3 (NICHOLS)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	7 (HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASES .....	7 (WEST)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS .....	9 (WEST)

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.382 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED .....	29 (FIVE TIED)
GAMES STARTED .....	25 (FOUR TIED)
AT BATS.....	89 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS .....	21 (MAY)
HITS .....	34 (MAY)
DOUBLES .....	8 (NICHOLS)
TRIPLES .....	1 (HEIDGERKEN & MORELOCK)

### IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.73 (ARNOLD)
WINS.....	11 (WEIL)
LOSSES .....	5 (ARNOLD)
WINNING PCT .....	.610 (WEIL)
APPEARANCES.....	24 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED .....	16 (ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES .....	11 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS .....	3 (ARNOLD & WEIL)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	120.2 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	129 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE .....	.222 (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 777-350-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,077-498-5 (.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	17-12	.590
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				