

IOWA HAWKEYES

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 27, 2016

2015-16 SCHEDULE

1/2	at Cancun	3rd/3 (192.350)
1/9	vs. Northern Illinois	W, 194.500
1/15	at Michigan State *	W, 194.900
1/18	vs. #13 Denver	L, 194.725
1/23	vs. #24 Ohio State *	W, 196.375
1/31	at Maryland *	1 p.m.
2/6	vs. Nebraska * (BTN)	11 a.m.
2/13	at Illinois *	4 p.m.
2/20	vs. Towson	4 p.m.
2/27	at Denver	7 p.m.
3/4	at Iowa State	6:30 p.m.
3/12	Big Five Meet *	12 p.m.
3/19	Big Ten Championships *	TBA
4/2	NCAA Regional (Iowa City, Iowa)	4 p.m.
4/15-17	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change * - Conference Event

2015-16 ROSTER

Savannah Borman	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Opua Calucag	Sr.	South Pasadena, Calif.
Misty-Jade Carlson	Fr.	Portland, Ore.
Nicole Chow	Fr.	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Mollie Drenth	Jr.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	Jr.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Ashley Fischer	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
Alie Glover	Sr.	Destin, Fla.
Sydney Hogan	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa
Caroline McCrady	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.
Angel Metcalf	Jr.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	Jr.	Caseyville, Ill.
Maria Ortiz	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
Rose Piorkowski	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.
Jori Robertson	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan Ruzicka	So.	Plainfield, Ill.
Lanie Snyder	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Johanny Sotillo	RS Sr.	Valencia, Venezuela
Lexy Wadsworth	Fr.	Kalona, Iowa
Tessa Walsh	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	So.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	So.	Darien, Ill.

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Periscope: @IowaGymnastics



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at Maryland _____ Jan. 31
 Time _____ 1 p.m. (CT)
 Location _____ College Park, Md.
 Venue _____ XFINITY Center Pavilion
 Live Stream _____ BTN Plus
 Twitter _____ @IowaGymnastics
 Snapchat _____ @IowaGymnastics
 Periscope _____ @IowaGymnastics



MARYLAND
TERRAPINS

THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to College Park, Maryland, on Sunday, Jan. 31 for another Big Ten matchup against Maryland. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m. (CT) inside XFINITY Center Pavilion.

MEET COVERAGE:

- Fans can watch Thursday's game live online on BTN Plus, available at btn2go.com.
- Fans can also find meet highlights and live streams on Periscope and Twitter (@IowaGymnastics).
- Links to live stats are available on the women's gymnastics schedule page at hawkeyesports.com.

DOWN GOES NO. 25:

Fifteen season bests and a season high team score in every event helped the GymHawks upset 25th-ranked Ohio State, 196.375-195.025, Jan. 23. The win marks the first time the Hawkeyes have topped Ohio State since February 6, 2010. The Hawkeyes' overall score is a season best for the team, replacing their previous high of 194.900 at Michigan State on Jan. 15.

Ten GymHawks earned a total of 15 season bests, while the team earned season high scores on vault (49.000), bars (49.175), beam (49.000) and floor (49.200) to highlight the competition. Senior Alie Glover paced the GymHawks with a trio of bests on vault (9.800), beam (9.825) and floor (9.900). Junior Angel Metcalf registered her own trio of bests on vault (9.775), beam (9.875) and floor (9.825).

IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa is currently ranked No. 29 nationally. There are 82 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks rank 24th nationally as a team on floor (48.670 average score), 25th on vault (48.735) and 26th on bars (48.670).

Individually, junior Mollie Drenth ranks 38th nationally in the all-around (39.045 average score) out of 156 gymnasts. Senior Alie Glover ranks 77th on floor (9.820) while, junior Angel Metcalf ranks 89th on bars (9.795). There are over 560 gymnasts ranked individually on each event.

SCOUTING THE TERRAPINS:

- Maryland fell, 195.425-193.150, to No. 23 Minnesota on Jan. 16.
- The Terrapins rank 41st nationally, averaging a team score of 193.775 this season.
- Maryland posted its season high team score of 194.400 at the Pittsburgh Quad Meet on Jan. 10 to take second overall.
- The Terrapins return 11 letterwinners off the 2015 NCAA Regional squad, including senior Kathy Tang and sophomore Abbie Epperson.
- Tang competed in all four events in 2015, placed 19th on vault (9.850) at the 2015 Big Ten Championships, and tied for 16th on floor (9.775) at NCAA Regionals.
- Epperson competed on vault and bars in every meet in 2015, tied for fifth on vault (9.900) at the Big Ten Championships, and 12th on bars (9.800) at NCAA Regionals.
- The Terrapins finished the 2015 season with a third place finish at the NCAA Auburn Regional, after posting a score of 195.150. The finish marked the team's highest NCAA finish since 2001 and the top regional finish under current head coach Brett Nelligan.

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BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall W-L-T	Big Ten W-L-T	Pct.
Michigan	5-0-0	2-0-0	1.000
Nebraska	4-0-0	2-0-0	1.000
Minnesota	3-0-0	2-0-0	1.000
Iowa	3-3-0	2-0-0	.500
Illinois	1-2-0	1-1-0	.333
Maryland	2-2-0	0-1-0	.500
Penn State	0-2-0	0-1-0	.000
Ohio State	1-2-0	0-2-0	.333
Michigan State	0-3-0	0-2-0	.000
Rutgers	0-4-0	0-2-0	.000

(As of Jan. 27)

ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	Florida	197.192
2	Oklahoma	197.094
3	Michigan	196.938
4	UCLA	196.758
5	Alabama	196.688
6	LSU	196.450
7	Utah	196.342
8	Arkansas	196.113
9	Auburn	196.106
10	Boise State	196.063
11	George Washington	195.800
12	Stanford	195.783
13	Georgia	195.769
14	Denver	195.642
15	Oregon State	195.633
16	Missouri	195.600
17	Nebraska	195.342
18	Minnesota	195.267
19	Illinois-Champaign	195.242
20	Arizona	195.217
21	California	195.150
22	West Virginia	195.083
23	Kentucky	195.033
24(t)	Eastern Michigan	194.992
24(t)	Southern Utah	194.992
29	Iowa	194.595

(As of Jan. 27)

2016 opponents in bold

• Maryland is led by head coach Brett Nelligan, who is in his 12th season.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS:

This season, the Hawkeyes welcomed eight newcomers -- junior transfer Savannah Borman and freshmen Misty-Jade Carlson, Nicole Chow, Sydney Hogan, Maria Ortiz, Rose Piorkowski, Lexy Wadsworth and Tessa Walsh -- to the 2016 squad.

GYMHAWKS MAKE HISTORY IN EAST LANSING:

Thirteen top five finishes lifted the GymHawks over Michigan State, 194.900-192.575, inside the Jenison Field House on Jan. 15. The win marked the first time the Hawkeyes topped Michigan State in East Lansing since Jan. 7, 2011.

Six GymHawks earned a total of 13 top five finishes to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth who finished at the top of the podium on vault (9.775) and all-around (39.125), second on floor (9.800) and beam (9.750), and fourth on bars (9.800).

HAWKEYES ADD BTN APPEARANCE TO SCHEDULE:

Iowa's meet against Big Ten foe Nebraska on Feb. 6 will be featured on the Big Ten Network. The meet, originally scheduled for 4 p.m. (CT), has been moved to 11 a.m. inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes own a 2-1 record in dual meets thus far with wins against Northern Illinois and at Michigan State. It was the team's first win against the Spartans in East Lansing, Michigan, since 2011. Iowa, which will host NCAA Regional action on April 2 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, has qualified for regional competition in seven of the last eight seasons.

IOWA SELECTED TO HOST 2016 NCAA REGIONAL:

Iowa and Carver-Hawkeye Arena have been selected to host 2016 NCAA Regional competition, beginning April 2 at 4 p.m. (CT). The Hawkeyes last hosted an NCAA Regional in 2009. Iowa has been selected to compete in NCAA Regional competition in seven of the last eight seasons.

Fans can purchase tickets by calling the University of Iowa Athletics Ticket Office at (319) 335-9323 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (CT). Fans can also visit their website at hawkeyesports.com/tickets or at NCAA.com/tickets. Tickets may be purchased in advance, or the day of the meet at the north, west and south entrances of Carver-Hawkeye Arena beginning at 3 p.m.

METCALF, DRENTH NAMED TO BIG WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Mollie Drenth were recognized on the 2016 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List on Dec. 10. Metcalf, who was also featured on the 2014 Big Ten Watch List, registered Iowa's individual season bests on beam (9.900 at No. 20 Ohio State, Jan. 24) and in the all-around (39.400 vs. No. 15 Illinois, Feb. 14) last season. She earned fourth on floor (9.900), 19th in the all-around (38.575) and 26th place on bars (9.825) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21, and was named to the All-Championship Team for her efforts. She ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional on April 4 with a fifth place finish in the all-around (39.175) and 12th place result on bars (9.800).

Drenth, a 2015 Big Ten All-Championship Team member, competed in every meet last season and owns Iowa's individual season best on uneven bars (9.925). Drenth earned the first Big Ten Event Specialist of the Week accolade of her career on March 16 after capturing an event title on bars (9.925) at the Big Five meet. Last season, the junior earned a second place finish on beam (9.900) and a ninth place finish on bars (9.775) at the Big Ten Championships on March 21. Drenth ended the season at the NCAA Auburn Regional where she earned ninth on bars (9.825) and eighth in the all-around (39.050).

SEASON TICKET HOLDER PROMOTION:

Iowa women's gymnastics season ticket holders that missed their sweatshirt pick up at the first home meet can still get their sweatshirts! You can also stop by the marketing office at Carver-Hawkeye Arena during business hours (Monday-Friday) to get your sweatshirt. If you are unable to do so, please contact James Kiekhoefer at james-kiekhoefer@uiowa.edu.



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ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

The majority of GymHawks are underclassmen, with seven freshmen, six sophomores, six juniors, and three seniors on the roster.

HOLDING STEADY IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa was ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks during the 2015 season. The GymHawks ended the season ranked No. 23 nationally, marking the program's first Top 25 ranking since 2012. There are 80 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks closed the season ranked 16th as a team on the uneven bars (49.175 average score) and 21st on beam (49.010).

5 GYMHAWS NAMED TO ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM:

Five GymHawks received individual conference awards following the 2015 Big Ten Championship. Mollie Drenth, Alie Glover, Sydney Hoerr, and Angel Metcalf were all named to the All-Championship Team, while Opuu Calucag collected the Sportsmanship Award. Iowa has only had one other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

HEAD COACH LARISSA LIBBY:

Larissa Libby enters her 12th year as head coach, and 16th year overall, at the University of Iowa in 2015-16. In 2015, the GymHawks were selected for NCAA Regional competition, marking the program's seventh postseason berth in the last eight years. Five GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events, leading Iowa to a fifth place regional finish and a score of 194.475. Libby coached the GymHawks to a season high score of 196.500 at the Big Ten Championships -- the team's best championship team result since 2010. Iowa's performance also marked the highest team score for the program at the Big Ten Championships since March 20, 2004.

Under Libby, Iowa was ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks during the 2015 season. The GymHawks ended the season ranked No. 23 nationally, marking the program's first Top 25 ranking since 2012. Libby led sophomores Mollie Drenth and Angel Metcalf, junior Alie Glover, and senior Sydney Hoerr, to earn spots on the All-Championship Team. Libby is also responsible for the only other gymnast named to the All-Championship Team (Emma Stevenson, 2012) in program history.

FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES:

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff will offer interactive Twitter content live at every event this season via @IowaGymnastics. This feature gives die-hard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during every meet.

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Facebook: facebook.com/iowagymnastics
Twitter: twitter.com/iowagymnastics
YouTube: youtube.com/iowagymnastics
Web Address: hawkeyesports.com (check the schedule page for live stats and live streams)

UP NEXT:

The GymHawks return home for another Big Ten contest against Nebraska on Saturday, Feb. 6. The meet is set for 11 a.m. (CT) inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena and will be broadcasted live on Big Ten Network.



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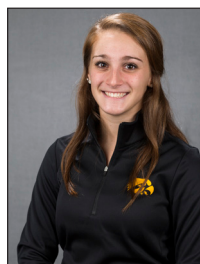
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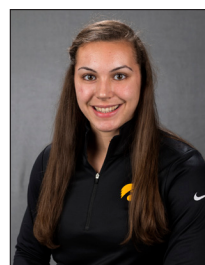
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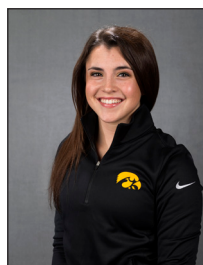
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