

# IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Megan Rowley, Gymnastics Contact



## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 10, 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 *	W, 196.275
2/6	vs. #14 Nebraska * (BTN)	W, 196.650
<b>2/13</b>	<b>at #21 Illinois *</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
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.

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

**Live Stats:** [livestats.hawkeyesports.com](http://livestats.hawkeyesports.com)  
**Facebook:** [facebook.com/iowagymnastics](https://facebook.com/iowagymnastics)  
**Twitter:** [twitter.com/iowagymnastics](https://twitter.com/iowagymnastics)  
**YouTube:** [youtube.com/iowagymnastics](https://youtube.com/iowagymnastics)  
**Periscope:** @IowaGymnastics



IOWA  
HAWKEYES

at #21 Illinois \_\_\_\_\_ Feb. 13  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_ 4 p.m. (CT)  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_ Champaign, Ill.  
 Venue \_\_\_\_\_ Huff Hall

TV \_\_\_\_\_ BTN  
 Live Stats [livestats.hawkeyesports.com](http://livestats.hawkeyesports.com)  
 Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics  
 Snapchat \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics  
 Periscope \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics



#21 ILLINOIS  
FIGHTING ILLINI

#### THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to Champaign, Illinois, on Saturday, Feb. 13 for a Big Ten Conference contest at No. 21 Illinois. The meet is set for 4 p.m. (CT) inside Huff Hall.

#### MEET COVERAGE:

- Fans can find meet highlight and live streams on Periscope and Twitter (@IowaGymnastics).
- Links to live stats are available on the women's gymnastics schedule page at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

#### IN THE RANKINGS:

Iowa is ranked No. 28 nationally with a 195.129 scoring average. There are 82 women's gymnastics teams in the nation. The GymHawks rank 19th nationally as a team on floor (48.989 average score), 21st on vault (48.814) and 23rd on bars (48.829).

Individually, junior Mollie Drenth ranks 31st nationally in the all-around (39.150 average score), while junior Angel Metcalf ranks 74th (38.825) out of 174 gymnasts. For single events, senior Alie Glover ranks 75th on floor (9.829) and Metcalf ranks 69th on bars (9.811). There are over 570 gymnasts ranked individually on each event.

#### SCOUTING THE FIGHTING ILLINI:

- Illinois fell to No. 18 Minnesota, 195.775-195.000, on Feb. 6 inside the Sports Pavilion.
- The Fighting Illini rank 21st nationally, averaging a score of 195.290 this season.
- Illinois owns a 2-3-0 record this season, with a 2-2-0 record in Big Ten action.
- Individually, the Fighting Illini have one athlete ranked in the top 25. Junior Mary Jane Horth is 20th in the all-around with an average score of 39.238.
- The Fighting Illini are led by head coach Kim Landrus, who is in her fifth season.

#### LAST TIME OUT:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team earned a season-high team score to defeat No. 14 Nebraska, 196.650-196.350, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 6. It is the first time in 17 years that the Hawkeyes have topped the Cornhuskers.

Eight GymHawks earned a total of 14 top five finishes to highlight competition. Leading the pack was junior Mollie Drenth, a preseason Big Ten Gymnast to Watch, who finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.925) and all-around (39.475), and finished second on vault (9.850) and bars (9.850).

#### DRENTH LEADS THE GYMHAWKS AGAINST NEBRASKA:

- Drenth, a preseason Big Ten Gymnast to Watch, finished at the top of the podium on beam (9.925) and all-around (39.475), and finished second on vault (9.850) and bars (9.850) against No. 14 Nebraska.
- The junior took the all-around title for the third consecutive meet and the fifth time this season with a career-high score of 39.475. Her score earned her a No. 10 ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance in the all-around.
- The Riverview, Florida, native set the pace for Iowa once again on beam, tallying a career-high 9.925 to earn first place overall. The junior's score earned her a No. 3 ranking in the Iowa record books for highest individual performance on beam.



# IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Megan Rowley, Gymnastics Contact



## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

### BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall W-L-T	Big Ten W-L-T	Pct.
Minnesota	5-0-0	4-0-0	1.000
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>5-3-0</b>	<b>4-0-0</b>	<b>.625</b>
Michigan	7-1-0	3-1-0	.875
Nebraska	5-1-0	3-1-0	.833
Illinois	2-3-0	2-2-0	.400
Penn State	1-3-0	1-2-0	.250
Ohio State	3-3-0	1-3-0	.500
Michigan State	3-4-0	1-3-0	.429
Maryland	2-5-0	0-3-0	.286
Rutgers	2-7-0	0-4-0	.222

(As of Feb. 9)

### ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	Oklahoma	197.393
2	Florida	197.220
<b>3</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>196.954</b>
4	Alabama	196.842
5	LSU	196.705
6	Utah	196.650
7	UCLA	196.510
8	Auburn	196.204
9	Arkansas	196.200
10	Boise State	196.194
11	Georgia	195.958
<b>12</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>195.945</b>
13	Stanford	195.835
<b>14</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>195.830</b>
15	Missouri	195.808
16	California	195.730
17	George Washington	195.656
18	Oregon State	195.620
<b>19</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>195.530</b>
20	Arizona	195.300
<b>21</b>	<b>Illinois-Champaign</b>	<b>195.290</b>
22	Eastern Michigan	195.221
23	Southern Utah	195.185
24	New Hampshire	195.171
<b>25</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>195.165</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>195.129</b>

(As of Feb. 9)

2016 opponents in bold

### UNDEFEATED IN THE BIG:

Iowa and Minnesota are the only two teams left in the league with a perfect conference record, each owning a 4-0-0 mark. The Hawkeyes have collected big wins over No. 25 Ohio State, Michigan State, Maryland, and No. 14 Nebraska.

### 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. Fans can also visit their website at [hawkeyesports.com/tickets](http://hawkeyesports.com/tickets) or at [NCAA.com/tickets](http://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.

### 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, on 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).

### 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).

### METCALF, DRENTH NAMED TO BIG WATCH LIST:

Angel Metcalf and Mollie Drenth were recognized on the 2016 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List released 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).



# IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Megan Rowley, Gymnastics Contact



## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

### SEASON TICKET HOLDER PROMOTION:

Iowa women's gymnastics season ticket holders who missed sweatshirt pick up at the first home meet can still get sweatshirts. Stop by the marketing office at Carver-Hawkeye Arena during business hours (Monday-Friday) to get your season ticket holder sweatshirt. If you are unable to do so, please contact James Kiekhaefer at [james-kiekhaefer@uiowa.edu](mailto:james-kiekhaefer@uiowa.edu).

### 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 GYMHAWKS 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 Opua 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.

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

### UP NEXT:

The GymHawks return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena for their final home contest of the season against Towson on Feb. 20. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. (CT). The meet will serve as the annual Pink Meet and Senior Night for Alie Glover and Opua Calucag. The University of Iowa will honor the seniors with highlight videos following the conclusion of the meet.



# University of Iowa Women's Gymnastics

2015-16 ROSTER



Savannah Borman  
Fr.  
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.



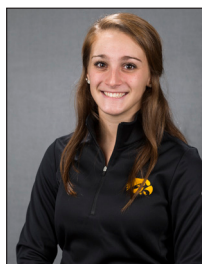
Alie Glover  
Sr.  
Destin, Fla.



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.



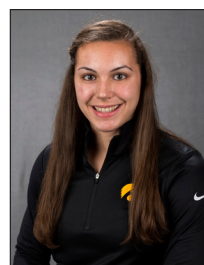
Lanie Snyder  
So.  
Omaha, Neb.



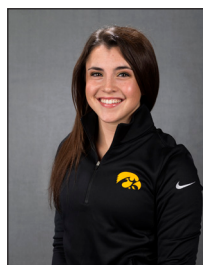
Johanny Sotillo  
Sr. Valencia, Venezuela



Lexy Wadsworth  
Fr.  
Kalona, Iowa



Tessa Walsh  
Fr.  
Naperville, Ill.



Nikki Youd  
So.  
Panama City, Fla.



Melissa Zurawski  
So.  
Darien, Ill.



Larissa Libby  
Head Coach  
12th Season



Caleb Phillips  
Assistant Coach  
9th Season



Jennifer Green  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season