



WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Women's Gymnastics Contact -- Brad Rudner

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2009 GYMHAWK SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

J 9	LSU/SEMO3rd, 191.375 <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
J 17	MSU, Ill. St., WVU.... 1st, 194.350 <i>(East Lansing, MI)</i>
J 24	Illinois..... W, 194.950 <i>(Champaign, IL)</i>
J 31	TWU, UW-Whitewater ..1st, 195.050 <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
F 7	Ohio State.....L, 194.250 <i>(Columbus, OH)</i>
F 12	Iowa State..... W, 194.375 <i>(Ames, IA)</i>
F 16	Iowa State..... W, 194.675 <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
F 20	Southern Utah.....L, 194.275 <i>(Cedar City, UT)</i>
F 28	Maryland..... W, 194.875 <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
M 6	Kentucky 7:30 p.m. <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
M 14	Minnesota 6 p.m. <i>(Minneapolis, MN)</i>
M 21	Big Ten Championships.. 2 p.m. <i>(Champaign, IL)</i>
A 4	NCAA Regionals 6 p.m. <i>(Iowa City, IA)</i>
A 16-19	NCAA ChampionshipsTBA <i>(Lincoln, NE)</i>

* Times are local to site and subject to change.

2009 TEAM BESTS

Vault:	49.225
<i>vs. Maryland (2/28)</i>	
Uneven Bars:	48.900
<i>vs. UW-Whitewater, TWU (1/31)</i>	
Balance Beam:	48.875
<i>at Ohio State (2/7)</i>	
Floor Exercise:	49.200
<i>at Illinois (1/24)</i>	
Team Total:	195.050
<i>vs. UW-Whitewater, TWU (1/31)</i>	

IOWA ON THE WEB



Iowa Closes Home Slate With Kentucky

THIS WEEK

This Friday, the 23rd-ranked University of Iowa women's gymnastics team (9-4, 2-1 Big Ten) closes out its home slate when it hosts No. 24 Kentucky. Meet time is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

SCOUTING KENTUCKY

Kentucky (6-7, 0-6 SEC) is coming off a Sunday afternoon loss to No. 20 West Virginia. The Wildcats scored a 194.650 and captured event titles on uneven bars and balance beam.

Junior Hillary Ferguson paced the Wildcats in the all-around, finishing third (38.375). Senior Heather Hite took first place on balance beam (9.850).

Kentucky is coached by Hajile "Mo" Mitchell, who is in his seventh year in Lexington. He owns a career record of 57-88. Last season, Kentucky finished fifth in the NCAA Central Regionals and finished with a 10-17 record (1-6 SEC).

GYMHAWS IN THE RANKINGS

The GymHawks are making noise in Troester's rankings. As a team, Iowa ranks fourth in the North Central Region with a team regional qualifying score of 194.645. The GymHawks' average on the season is 194.242 in nine meets, which is fifth-best in the North Central Region. On each event, Iowa ranks second on vault and floor exercise, fourth on uneven bars and sixth on balance beam.

Individually, senior **Jenifer Simbhudas** ranks fifth on floor and vault. Sophomore **Rebecca Simbhudas** is tied for fifth on balance beam. Sophomore **Houry Gebeshian** is eighth-best on beam and tied for ninth on floor. Both Gebeshian and J. Simbhudas are ranked in the top ten as all-around competitors (Gebeshian -- 6th; Simbhudas -- 8th).

LAST TIME OUT

Last Saturday, the GymHawks dominated No. 25 Maryland, 194.875-192.175. With the win, Iowa is now 6-2 against ranked opponents this season. Their team score of 194.875 is the third-highest mark of the season.

During the meet, the GymHawks recorded their highest team total score on vault, scoring a 49.225. Five gymnasts recorded season highs: J. Simbhudas (9.900), R. Simbhudas (9.875), Gebeshian (9.850), **Arielle Sucich** (9.775) and **Rachel Corcoran** (9.750). Other top performances included a 9.875 on floor from freshman **Jessa Hansen** and a 9.825 vault performance from freshman **Annie Szatkowski**.

Gebeshian won the all-around title, her fourth of the season, scoring a season-high 39.300. J. Simbhudas was right behind in second place with a 39.275.

UP NEXT...

Iowa closes out the regular season on the road next weekend, travelling to Big Ten rival Minnesota. Meet time is scheduled for 6 p.m.