

IOWA HAWKEYES

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 21, 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 *	7 p.m.
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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YouTube: [youtube.com/iowagymnastics](https://www.youtube.com/iowagymnastics)



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vs. Ohio State _____ Jan. 23
 Time _____ 7 p.m. (CT)
 Location _____ Iowa City, Iowa
 Venue _____ Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 Live Stats _____ hawkeyesports.com
 Twitter _____ [@iowaGymnastics](https://twitter.com/iowaGymnastics)
 Snapchat _____ [@iowaGymnastics](https://www.snapchat.com/add/iowaGymnastics)
 Periscope _____ [iowaGymnastics](https://www.periscope.tv/iowaGymnastics)



#24 OHIO STATE
BUCKEYES

THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team hosts No. 25 Ohio State in its Big Ten home opener on Saturday. The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m. (CT) inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

PROMOTIONS:

- Monday is Black & Gold Night. Fans in attendance are encouraged to wear black and gold.
- Prior to the meet, there will be a Hawks Nest Tailgate. UI Students with a valid student ID will have access to a free Taco Bar.
- An hour before every home meet this season will be Hot Dog Happy Hour -- purchase hot dogs for only \$1 (beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday)
- Kids Zone will be available for young Hawkeye fans prior to the meet.

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! All season ticket holders can pick up their sweatshirts at Saturday's meet against Ohio State from 6 p.m. until the end of the meet. To receive your sweatshirt, have your ID ready and stop by the marketing table at the east entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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 Kiekhaefer at james-kiekhaefer@uiowa.edu.

LAST TIME OUT:

Seven season bests were not enough to lift the University of Iowa women's gymnastics team over Denver on Jan. 18, as the Hawkeyes fell to the Pioneers, 195.900-194.725, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Six GymHawks earned a total of seven season bests, while the team earned season-high scores on floor, beam, and vault to highlight the competition. Leading the pack was sophomore Lanie Syder with a pair of bests on bars (9.775) and a career-best on floor (9.825). Rounding out the season best list were senior Johanny Sotillo and juniors Mollie Drenth, Angel Metcalf, Lexi Mura and Savannah Borman.

SCOUTING THE BUCKEYES:

- Ohio State fell, 196.950-195.275, at No. 3 Michigan on Jan. 16.
- The Buckeyes returned 10 letterwinners off the 2015 NCAA Regional squad, including senior Rachel Abrams and sophomore Taylor Harrison.
- Last season, Abrams was named team captain and placed third on uneven bars (9.875) before advancing on to NCAA Regional where she tied for team-high honors on the uneven bars.
- Harrison placed fourth with a 39.250 in the all-around at the NCAA Columbus Regional to earn a trip the NCAA Championships in her first season.
- The Buckeyes finished the 2015 season with a fifth place finish at the NCAA Columbus Regional, after posting a score of 195.650.
- OSU owned an overall record of 11-19 in 2015.
- Ohio State is led by head coach Carey Fagan, who is in her 12th season.



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BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall W-L-T	Big Ten W-L-T	Pct.
Michigan	4-0-0	1-0-0	1.000
Nebraska	3-0-0	1-0-0	1.000
Minnesota	2-0-0	1-0-0	1.000
Iowa	2-3-0	1-0-0	.400
Illinois	1-1-0	1-0-0	.500
Ohio State	1-1-0	0-1-0	.500
Maryland	2-2-0	0-1-0	.500
Michigan State	0-2-0	0-1-0	.000
Penn State	0-2-0	0-1-0	.000
Rutgers	0-3-0	0-1-0	.000

(As of Jan. 18)

ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	Florida	197.250
2	Oklahoma	196.967
3	Michigan	196.950
4	Alabama	196.783
5	UCLA	196.738
6	Utah	196.450
7	LSU	196.388
8	Auburn	196.175
9	Georgia	195.988
10	Arkansas	195.917
11	Oregon State	195.888
12	George Washington	195.800
13	Boise State	195.700
14	Missouri	195.533
15	New Hampshire	195.467
16	Denver	195.375
17	Illinois-Champaign	195.288
18	Nebraska	195.100
19	Minnesota	195.063
20	Kentucky	195.000
21	Eastern Michigan	194.963
22	California	194.900
23	Southern Utah	194.850
24	Stanford	194.800
25	Ohio State	194.775

(As of Jan. 18)

- 2016 opponents in bold

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).

ROSTER BREAKDOWN:

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



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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).

FIVE 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 Opu 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.

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

UP NEXT:

The GymHawks travel to College Park, Maryland, on Sunday, Jan. 31 for another Big Ten matchup at Maryland. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m. (CT) inside XFINITY Center Pavilion.



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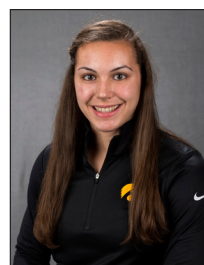
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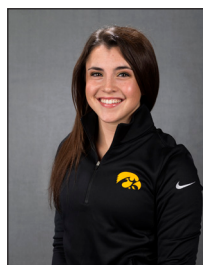
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