



IOWA SOFTBALL

4 Women's College World Series appearances
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WEEK 6

2014 SCHEDULE (4-10, 0-0)

CAROLINA CLASSIC (Columbia, S.C.)

Feb. 7	vs. UNC Greensboro	W, 5-0
Feb. 7	at South Carolina	L, 0-1
Feb. 8	vs. Presbyterian	W, 6-3
Feb. 9	vs. Ohio	L, 6-9

GETTERMAN CLASSIC (Waco, Texas)

Feb. 14	vs. Lipscomb	L, 0-10 (5)
Feb. 14	vs. #14/18 Missouri	L, 1-2 (8)
Feb. 15	vs. UAB	L, 1-6 (9)
Feb. 15	at #14/16 Baylor	L, 0-2
Feb. 16	vs. Drake	W, 9-0 (6)
Feb. 21	at Mississippi State	L, 0-2
Feb. 22	at Mississippi State	L, 0-5
Feb. 23	at Mississippi State	L, 1-9 (5)

WILDCAT INVITATIONAL (Tucson, Ariz.)

Feb. 28	vs. Valparaiso	W, 8-0 (5)
March 1	at #9/10 Arizona	Cancelled
March 1	vs. UT Arlington	Cancelled
March 2	vs. Longwood	L, 1-4

March 15	at Texas	4 p.m.
March 16	at Texas	4 p.m.
March 17	at Texas	7 p.m.
March 19	at Texas State	6 p.m.
March 21	at Illinois *	6 p.m.
March 22	at Illinois *	1 p.m.
March 23	at Illinois *	1 p.m.
March 28	at Wisconsin *	4 p.m.
March 29	at Wisconsin *	12 p.m.
March 30	at Wisconsin *	12 p.m.

April 2	Drake	6 p.m.
April 4	Northwestern *	6 p.m.
April 5	Northwestern *	2 p.m.
April 6	Northwestern *	1 p.m.
April 8	Minnesota (DH) * BTN	3 p.m.
April 11	at Nebraska *	6 p.m.
April 12	at Nebraska *	2 p.m.
April 13	at Nebraska *	1 p.m.
April 16	Missouri (DH)	3 p.m.
April 18	Michigan State *	6 p.m.
April 19	Michigan State *	2 p.m.
April 20	Michigan State *	1 p.m.
April 23	at Iowa State %	4 p.m.
April 25	at Indiana *	4 p.m.
April 26	at Indiana *	12 p.m.
April 27	at Indiana *	12 p.m.
April 29	Western Illinois	7 p.m.
April 30	Northern Iowa	6:30 p.m.
May 2	Ohio State *	6 p.m.
May 3	Ohio State *	2 p.m.
May 4	Ohio State *	1 p.m.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT (Evanston, Ill.)

May 8-11	TBA	TBA
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NCAA REGIONALS

May 15-18	TBA	TBA
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NCAA SUPER REGIONALS

May 22-25	TBA	TBA
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

May 28-June 4	TBA	TBA
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* Big Ten Conference game
% Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series
DH - doubleheader
BTN - Big Ten Network
BTDN - Big Ten Digital Network (video.BTN.com)
Bold indicates home games.
All times Central and subject to change.



Texas
Longhorns
16-13
March 15-17

Game 1:

Red & Charline McCombs Field
Austin, Texas
Saturday, 4 p.m. (CT)

Game 2:

Red & Charline McCombs Field
Austin, Texas
Sunday, 4 p.m. (CT)

Game 3:

Red & Charline McCombs Field
Austin, Texas
Monday, 7 p.m. (CT)



Texas State
Bobcats
15-10
March 19

Game 4:

Bobcat Softball Stadium
San Marcos, Texas
Wednesday, 6 p.m. (CT)

PLAY BALL

University of Iowa softball begins its spring break slate with a three-game series at Texas March on 15-17. The games are set to begin at 4 p.m. (CT) on Saturday and Sunday, while the series ends with a 7 p.m. (CT) contest on Monday. The Hawkeyes then travel to San Marcos, Texas, to face Texas State at 6 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday, March 19.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

All three games at Texas will be shown live on the Longhorn Network. To find out if your television package includes the Longhorn Network, visit espn.go.com/longhornnetwork. Alex Loeb and Megan Willis will call Saturday's game, Loeb and Cat Osterman will call Sunday's game, and Carter Blackburn and Osterman will call Monday's contest. Fans can also listen to the games online at texassports.com for a fee.

FOLLOW THE HAWKS

Fans can follow along with each game at Texas and Texas State through live stats. Links to live stats are available on the softball schedule page of hawkeyesports.com. For in-game updates and game delay information, follow @IowaSoftball on Twitter and "like" the official Facebook page, facebook.com/iowahawkeyessoftball.

SERIES HISTORY

- Iowa and Texas are even in the all-time series, 1-1. The teams last met in a double header on Feb. 7, 2009. The Hawkeyes won the first contest, 4-1, and fell to the Longhorns in the second game, 3-2.
- Iowa leads Texas State in the all-time series, 3-0. The Hawkeyes topped the Bobcats, 5-4, on Feb. 8, 2013; 4-1 on Feb. 19, 2010; and 10-1 on March 28, 1980.

WELCOME BACK

Fourth-year head coach Marla Loooper returns to Austin, Texas, to play the Longhorns for the first time since taking over the Iowa program in 2010. Loooper spent 11 years as an assistant on the Texas coaching staff under Connie Clark before accepting the head coaching position at the UI. Two former Longhorns who played at Texas during Loooper's tenure -- pitcher Cat Osterman and catcher Megan Willis -- will be providing color analysis for the Longhorn Network's broadcast of the series.

2014 TEAM LEADERS

BATTING

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Fritsch, Claire	.345	14-14	29	4	10	3	1	0	3	15	.517	4	0	8	0	.412	1	2	3-5	31	39	7	.909
Blank, Megan	.317	14-14	41	6	13	3	1	0	3	18	.439	4	1	6	0	.391	0	0	0-0	24	31	7	.887
Zoeller, Michelle	.311	14-14	45	4	14	5	0	0	6	19	.422	1	0	7	0	.326	0	1	1-1	12	24	4	.900
Erickson, Erin	.310	14-14	42	8	13	4	0	2	5	23	.548	3	1	8	0	.370	0	0	0-1	12	1	1	.929
Gyerman, Sammi	.296	11-10	27	4	8	0	2	0	4	12	.444	3	0	6	0	.367	0	1	1-2	3	0	0	1.000
Massey, Kayla	.250	14-13	40	1	10	2	0	1	6	15	.375	2	0	8	0	.286	0	0	0-0	3	9	2	.857
Hoffman, Holly	.216	14-14	37	1	8	0	0	0	1	8	.216	1	0	9	0	.237	0	1	0-0	55	11	1	.985
Navarro, Alyssa	.211	14-14	38	4	8	0	0	0	1	8	.211	4	1	13	2	.302	0	1	1-1	113	8	1	.992

PITCHING

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Massey, Kayla	2.27	2-6	9	8	6	2/0	0	46.1	40	23	15	19	23	6	0	3	.221	2	0	0	1	3
Whitney, Micaela	3.30	1-2	5	3	1	0/0	0	23.1	21	15	11	14	14	3	0	3	.247	3	4	1	1	2
Starkenburg, Shavla	4.12	1-2	7	3	1	1/0	1	18.2	15	15	11	14	14	4	0	1	.214	1	0	2	2	1
Totals	2.93	4-10	14	14	8	3/0	1	88.1	76	53	37	47	51	13	0	7	.226	6	4	3	4	6
Opponents	2.37	10-4	14	14	5	5/2	3	91.2	93	38	31	24	82	20	4	3	.263	7	7	2	1	7



QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA INFORMATION

Location: _____ Iowa City, Iowa
 Founded: _____ 1847
 Enrollment: _____ 31,065
 Nickname: _____ Hawkeyes
 Mascot: _____ Herky the Hawk
 Venue: _____ Pearl Field/1,500
 Conference: _____ Big Ten
 School Colors: _____ Black and Gold
 President: _____ Sally Mason
 Director of Athletics: _____ Gary Barta
 Softball Administrator: _____ Paula Jantz

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: _____ Marla Looper
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Florida State/1995
 Record at Iowa/Years: _____ 88-84/4
 Overall Record/Years: _____ 88-84/4
 Big Ten Record/Years: _____ 33-34/3
 Assistant Coach: _____ Adrianna Baggetta
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ South Carolina/2002
 Assistant Coach: _____ Stacy May-Johnson
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Iowa/2007
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: _____ Chelsey Carmody
 Alma Mater/Year: _____ Iowa/2011

TEAM INFORMATION

2013 Overall Record _____ 30-24
 2013 Big Ten Record/Finish _____ 8-15/9th
 Starters Returning/Lost _____ 6/3
 Pitchers Returning/Lost _____ 3/1
 Letterwinners Ret./Lost _____ 11/10
 Newcomers _____ 5
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Adrianna Baggetta _____ **Adri-aw-na BUH-Get-UH**
Claire Fritsch _____ **Frit-sh**
Sammi Gyerman _____ **Guy-ur-man**
Brianna Luna _____ **Bri-aw-na**
Kara Misel _____ **MY-zle**
Whitney Repole _____ **Rep-lee**
Shayla Starkenburg _____ **Shea-luh**
Micaela Whitney _____ **Mi-kay-luh**
Michelle Zoeller _____ **Zeller**

HEAD COACH MARLA LOOPER



Marla Looper is entering her fourth season as the head coach for the University of Iowa softball program in 2014. Looper has posted an 88-84 overall and 33-34 Big Ten Conference record since the 2011 season.

Looper led the Hawkeyes to 30 wins in 2013 (30-24) in her third year, marking the most wins for the program since finishing 42-16 in 2009. Iowa posted six wins over ranked opponents.

Three Hawkeyes earned All-Big Ten honors -- Megan Blank was named to the first team, Johnnie Dowling earned second team honors, and Kayla Massey was named to the Big Ten All-Defensive team at pitcher. Blank earned her second-straight first team accolade, becoming the sixth Hawkeye in program history to earn first team honors in each of her first two seasons.

Blank was also named a 2013 NFCA First Team All-Midwest Region selection, earning her second all-region honor in as many seasons. Blank became the sixth Hawkeye in program history to garner all-region honors in each of her first two seasons.

In the classroom, a school-record 10 Hawkeyes were named to the 2013 spring Academic All-Big Ten team.

During her second season with the Hawkeyes, Looper led the team to a runner-up finish in the Big Ten -- the program's highest finish since winning the league title in 2003. Iowa dropped two of its first three conference series before winning five straight to close out the season. It was the first time the team had won five straight series since the 2004 season.

Iowa entered the final weekend with a conference title within reach, but it couldn't close the gap with Michigan despite taking 2-of-3 games at Minnesota. The Hawkeyes finished with a 27-26 overall and 16-8 conference record in 2012.

Five players garnered All-Big Ten recognition, including three first team selections. Senior Liz Watkins, sophomore Kayla Massey and freshman Megan Blank earned first team accolades, sophomore Michelle Zoeller was a second team honoree and junior Johnnie Dowling was a third team selection.

Blank also garnered NFCA second team all-region honors during her freshman campaign. She is the ninth Hawkeye to earn first team All-Big Ten and all-region honors during her freshman season.

The Hawkeyes finished second in the Big Ten in pitching (2.31 ERA) and third in fielding (.967). The squad turned 26 double plays during the course of the season to rank sixth nationally in double plays per game (.49).

Looper guided the Hawkeyes to a 27-24 overall and a 9-11 Big Ten record in her first season in Iowa City. The first year head coach led the UI to a pair of six game winning streaks in her opening campaign and a tournament title at the Stetson Classic.

Iowa opened Big Ten Conference play strong, jumping out to an 8-3 record. Among the victories was a 4-2 triumph at No. 1 Michigan. The win, which pushed the overall mark to 26-16, was Iowa's first over a No. 1 ranked opponent since the 2005 season and the first over a ranked foe since 2008.

Looper's Hawkeyes were on the verge of completing a series sweep in Ann Arbor before the Wolverines rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the bottom of the seventh inning to claim the victory and halt Iowa's momentum.

A pair of Hawkeyes earned All-Big Ten recognition at the conclusion of the season. Liz Watkins was tabbed as a second team selection, while Katie Keim earned third team accolades.

Looper took over the reigns of the Iowa program after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Texas for 11 seasons (1999-2010). Looper helped lead the Longhorns to three College World Series appearances (2003, 2005 and 2006) and nine NCAA Tournament berths. She also helped guide Texas to back-to-back Big 12 regular season and tournament championships in 2002 and 2003 along with regular season championships in 2006 and 2010.

2014 IOWA SOFTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	B-T	Hometown (Last School)
1	Alyssa Navarro	IF	Fr.	R-R	Dinuba, Calif. (Dinuba)
2	Erin Erickson	OF/1B	So.	R-L	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
3	Micaela Whitney	P	So.	R-R	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)
4	Megan Blank	IF	Jr.	L-R	Culver City, Calif. (Marymount)
5	Brianna Luna	IF/OF	Sr.	R-R	Indio, Calif. (La Quinta)
7	Claire Fritsch	IF/OF	Fr.	L-R	Round Rock, Texas (Round Rock)
8	Whitney Repole	OF	So.	R-R	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley)
11	Kaitlyn Mullarkey	1B	Fr.	L-L	Park Ridge, Ill. (Main South)
14	Michelle Zoeller	IF	Sr.	R-R	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
17	Kayla Massey	P	Sr.	R-R	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Trabuco Hills)
21	Sammi Gyerman	OF	So.	L-L	San Pedro, Calif. (Palos Verdes)
22	Haley Hansel	OF	So.	L-R	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley Southwest)
23	Kara Misel	IF	Fr.	R-R	Solon, Iowa (Solon)
24	Shayla Starkenburg	P	RS Fr.	R-R	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny)
25	Michaela Johnson	IF	Fr.	R-R	Wake Village, Texas (Texas High School)
55	Holly Hoffman	C	RS So.	R-R	Osceola, Ind. (Penn)

Head Coach: Marla Looper (Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach: Adrianna Baggetta (Fourth Season)

Assistant Coach: Stacy May-Johnson (Fourth Season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Chelsey Carmody (Second Season)

Strength Coach: Landon Evans

Athletic Trainers: Ashley Leggett & Brett Polan

Student Managers: Evan Decker, Reynard Marquez & Jacob Perkins

DAILY DOUBLE

The Hawkeyes average more than one double per game (1.43) and are 61st in the category nationally heading into the sixth week of the season. Six of nine starters have hit at least two doubles so far giving the team 20 doubles on the season, seven more than their opponents. The Hawkeyes recorded a game-high four doubles against Valparaiso on Feb. 28 at the Wildcat Invitational in Tucson, Ariz. Senior Michelle Zoeller leads the team with five doubles, followed by sophomore Erin Erickson who has hit four. Junior Megan Blank, freshman Claire Fritsch, and sophomore Whitney Repole have hit three apiece, while senior Kayla Massey has two doubles on the year.

TURNING TWO

UI softball has turned eight double plays in 14 games, ranking the team 10th nationally in double plays per game (0.57). Every player in the infield with the exception of a pitcher has taken part in at least one double play. First baseman Alyssa Navarro has been a part of seven double plays, and second baseman Claire Fritsch follows closely behind with in six. Shortstop Megan Blank (3), third baseman Michelle Zoeller (2), and catcher Holly Hoffman (1) have also played a part in double plays this season.

ON A ROLL

Junior Megan Blank raised her batting average from .257 to .317 after posting a .667 (4-for-6) average at the Wildcat Invitational, Feb. 28-March 2. She went 2-for-3 with two doubles and an RBI in Iowa's run rule, 8-0 win over Valparaiso on Feb. 28. She finished the weekend with a second 2-for-3 effort at the plate in the team's 4-1 loss to Longwood on March 2.

TOP GUN

Catcher Holly Hoffman has consistently been erasing base runners for the Hawkeyes this season. The redshirt sophomore has thrown out 8-of-17 runners attempting to steal a base (47 percent). Her eight runners caught stealing leads the Big Ten. The second-highest caught stealing total is seven, held by Nebraska's Taylor Edwards. Hoffman needs to catch just four additional runners stealing to match her 2013 season total of 12.

TAKING ON THE BEST

Two of Iowa's 10 losses have come at the hands of ranked foes: No. 14/18 Missouri on Feb. 14 (2-1 in eight innings) and No. 14/16 Baylor on Feb. 15 (2-0). The Hawkeyes have also been defeated by teams receiving votes in at least one of the national polls on six occasions this year: Lipscomb on Feb. 14 (10-0 in five innings), UAB on Feb. 15 (6-1 in nine innings), and Mississippi State on Feb. 21 (2-0), Feb. 22 (5-0), and Feb. 23 (9-1 in five innings).

Iowa is scheduled to play No. 14/17 Nebraska and No. 25/RV Northwestern three times and No. 16/18 Missouri and No. 18/21 Minnesota twice in the remainder of the 2014 season.

IN PURSUIT OF 100

Fourth-year head coach Marla Looper has a career coaching record of 88-84 (.512). She is just 12 wins from achieving her 100th win as a head coach. Looper recorded 27 wins in 2011, 27 wins in 2012, and added 30 wins in 2013. The team's 30 wins last season was the highest win total since 2009 when the Hawkeyes posted a 42-19 mark.

A LOOK AT THE LONGHORNS

Big 12 Conference member Texas has a 16-13 overall record heading into the weekend. The Longhorn roster is comprised of seven freshmen, six sophomores, two juniors, and four seniors. Eighteenth-year head coach Connie Clark leads the team and is assisted by Corrie Hill and Jennifer McFalls. Twelve Longhorns are hitting above .300 on the season. Gabby Smith has a team-high nine wins in the circle, while Tiarra Davis has a team-best 2.31 earned run average and 73 strikeouts.

SCOUTING THE BOBCATS

Sun Belt member Texas State is 15-10 heading into Spring Break. The Bobcats are led by 14th-year head coach Ricci Woodard, who is assisted by Peejay Brun and Amber Daniel. The roster is made up of five freshmen, four sophomores, three juniors, and five seniors. Three starters are hitting above .300 including: Timishia North (.338), Kelli Baker (.338), and Courtney Harris (.333). Ryan House leads the team in wins (12-5), earned run average (1.81), shutouts (6), innings pitched (108.0), and strikeouts (120).

2014 BIG TEN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Big Ten	Overall
Minnesota	0-0 .000	17-3 .850
Northwestern	0-0 .000	15-5 .750
Michigan	0-0 .000	16-6 .727
Illinois	0-0 .000	12-6 .667
Nebraska	0-0 .000	15-8 .652
Wisconsin	0-0 .000	10-9 .526
Ohio State	0-0 .000	9-12 .429
Purdue	0-0 .000	8-14-1 .370
Penn State	0-0 .000	5-11 .312
Michigan State	0-0 .000	6-14 .300
Iowa	0-0 .000	4-10 .286
Indiana	0-0 .000	5-16-1 .250

ESPN.com/USA Softball Collegiate Top-25 (as of March 11, 2014)

1.	Florida (15)	492
2.	Tennessee (2)	466
3.	UCLA (4)	465
4.	Oregon	433
5.	Arizona State	417
6.	Washington	386
7.	Michigan	376
8.	Arizona	364
9.	Alabama	325
10.	Florida State	322
11.	Kentucky	321
12.	Baylor	281
13.	Oklahoma	240
14.	Nebraska	226
15.	Texas A&M	215
16.	South Alabama	197
17.	Georgia	183
18.	Missouri	145
19.	Stanford	142
20.	Tulsa	118
21.	Minnesota	111
22.	Notre Dame	74
23.	Auburn	58
24.	Louisiana Lafayette	54
25.	LSU	27

Receiving Votes: USC Upstate (17), South Florida (12), **Northwestern (11)**, Arkansas (8), **Mississippi State (4)**, DePaul (4), San Diego State (3), Louisville (2), North Carolina (1)

Iowa opponents in bold.

USA Today/NFCA Division I Top-25 (as of March 11, 2014)

1.	Florida (27)	794
2.	Oregon (2)	755
3.	UCLA (3)	734
4.	Tennessee	719
5.	Washington	614
6.	Arizona	6-5
7.	Arizona State	597
8.	Michigan	582
9.	Kentucky	548
10.	Alabama	504
11.	Florida State	499
12.	Baylor	459
13.	Texas A&M	411
14.	South Alabama	383
15.	Georgia	313
16.	Missouri	297
17.	Nebraska	277
18.	Minnesota	266
19.	Oklahoma	252
20.	Tulsa	206
21.	Stanford	159
22.	Notre Dame	137
23.	Louisiana Lafayette	115
24.	Auburn	68
25.	Northwestern	31

Receiving Votes: LSU (25), DePaul (11), **Mississippi State (11)**, USC Upstate (10), Hofstra (4), Arkansas (3), South Florida (3), Louisville (3), N.C. State (2), San Diego State (2), Fresno State (1), James Madison (1)

Iowa opponents in bold.

IOWA vs. RANKED TEAMS IN 2013 (6-9)

Date	Team	Score
2/9	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	W, 13-10
2/10	vs. #11 Louisiana-Lafayette	L, 0-11
2/22	at #1 Alabama	L, 0-5
2/23	at #1 Alabama	L, 1-4
3/1	vs. #15 Stanford	W, 7-6
3/1	vs. #24 Oregon State	W, 9-3
3/18	at #11 Louisville	W, 6-2
3/19	at #11 Louisville	L, 4-6
3/20	at #21 Kentucky	W, 3-1
4/5	#19 Nebraska	W, 6-2
4/6	#19 Nebraska	L, 1-11 (5)
4/7	#19 Nebraska	L, 2-3
4/20	at #9 Michigan	L, 3-5
4/21	at #9 Michigan	L, 6-8
4/21	at #9 Michigan	L, 0-8 (5)



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IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

1-Run Games	0-2
2-Run Games	0-2
3-Run Games	1-2
4+-Run Games	3-5
Extra Innings	0-2
At Pearl Field	0-0
On the Road	0-5
At Neutral Site	4-5
Day Games	3-9
Night Games	1-1
vs. Lefty starter	0-3
vs. Righty starter	4-7
Iowa Scores First	3-3
Opponent Scores First	1-7
Scoring 2 Runs Or Less	0-9
Scoring 3+ Runs	4-1
Giving Up 2 Runs Or Less	2-4
Giving up 3+ Runs	1-6
Leading After Four Innings	4-2
Leading After Five Innings	4-1
Leading After Six Innings	2-0
Ranked Opponents	0-2
Massey Starts	2-6
Starkenburg Starts	1-2
Whitney Starts	1-2
Iowa Hits a Home Run	2-1
Iowa Hits No Home Runs	2-9
Opponent Hits a Home Run	0-6
Opponent Hits No Home Runs	4-4
Iowa Outhits Opponent	4-2
Opponent Outhits Iowa	0-5
Equal Number of Hits	0-3
Iowa Pitchers Record More K's	3-3
Opponent Pitchers Record More K's	1-7
Equal Number of Strikeouts	0-0
Flying To Game	4-7
Busing To Game	0-3
On Big Ten Network	0-0
On Big Ten Digital Network	0-0
On Fox Sports South	0-0
In Central Time Zone	1-7
In Eastern Time Zone	2-2
In Mountain Time Zone	1-1
In Pacific Time Zone	0-0
On Sunday	1-3
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	2-4
On Saturday	1-3

NATIONALLY SPEAKING

- As a team, Iowa is nationally ranked 10th in double plays per game (0.57), 39th in triples per game (0.29), 61st in doubles per game (1.43), and 82nd in earned run average (2.93).
- Sophomore Sammi Gyerman is ranked 18th in triples per game (0.18) and 32nd in triples (2).
- Senior Kayla Massey ranks 58th in shutouts (2).
- Senior Michelle Zoeller is ranked 74th in doubles per game (0.36).

2014 BIG TEN RANKINGS

- Sophomore Sammi Gyerman is third in triples (2).
- Senior Kayla Massey is ninth in earned run average (2.27) and 10th in opposing batting average (.221).
- Redshirt freshman Shayla Starkenburg is first in triples allowed (0); second in hits allowed (15); fifth in saves (1), runs allowed (15) and earned runs allowed (11); seventh in home runs allowed (1); eighth in doubles allowed (4); and ninth in opposing batting average (.214) and games finished (4)
- Sophomore Micaela Whitney is first in triples allowed (0); fourth in hits allowed (21) and doubles allowed (3); fifth in runs allowed (15) and earned runs allowed (11); and 10th in walks allowed (14).
- Freshman Alyssa Navarro is third in fielding double plays (7), seventh in chances (122), and eighth in putouts (113).
- Freshman Claire Fritsch is fourth in fielding double plays (6) and 11th in assists (39).
- Redshirt sophomore Holly Hoffman leads the conference in runners caught stealing (8) and ranks fifth in steal attempts against (17).

COLLEGE SPORTS MADNESS RUNDOWN

College Sports Madness recognized Iowa softball on several occasions in the preseason. The Hawkeyes were named the No. 40 team in the country by the site on Jan. 9. College Sports Madness also recognized shortstop Megan Blank as a preseason first team All-Big Ten and preseason second team All-American in February.

FRITSCH SHINES IN HOME STATE

Hawkeye infielder Claire Fritsch was named to the Gettnerman Classic all-tournament team after leading all hitters with a .538 batting average (7-of-13). Of her seven total hits, two were doubles -- the first of her Iowa career. She also added an RBI, stolen base, sacrifice bunt and a run scored.

The freshman grew up in Round Rock, Texas, just an hour and a half from Waco, and her parents were in the stands to see her excel on the field in an Iowa uniform.

A STELLAR DEBUT

Redshirt freshman Shayla Starkenburg made a successful Hawkeye debut at the Carolina Classic. The right-handed pitcher collected the first start, win, shutout, and one-hitter of her Hawkeye career in Iowa's first game of 2014 against UNC Greensboro on Feb. 7. Her no-hit bid held until midway through the sixth, when UNCG recorded a single. She recorded five strikeouts in her seven innings pitched.

Starkenburg made her second appearance of the season in relief against Presbyterian. She entered the contest in a bases loaded situation with two outs and an Iowa lead to protect. With the game on the line, Starkenburg ended the threat, forcing a ground out to end the game in Iowa's favor 6-3 and record her first career save.

Starkenburg made her third and final appearance against Ohio in relief. She held the Bobcats hitless and scoreless. On the weekend, Starkenburg posted 1-0 record, 0.00 ERA, and five strikeouts. She gave up just one hit, holding her opponents to a .043 batting average.

TOP TIER

Hawkeye junior Megan Blank appeared on the Top 50 Watch List for the 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year released on Jan. 29, 2014. The shortstop -- making the list for the first time in her career -- is one-of-seven student-athletes from the Big Ten and one-of-20 juniors included in the Top 50. The list is narrowed to the top 25 on April 9, the top 10 on May 7, and the top 3 on May 21.

The 2014 Softball Collegiate Player of the Year will be announced prior to the start of the Women's College World Series on May 27. The award, given by the National Governing Body for softball in the United States, is designed to recognize outstanding athletic achievement by female collegiate softball players across the country.

A NEW BATTING LEADER

Megan Blank hit .437 in 2013, setting Iowa's single season batting average record. The previous record was .428, set by Kim Davis in 1993. Her career average is .413, also marking the highest in program history. Blank's 59 RBIs in 2013 mark the second-highest single-season total in program history. Debbie Bilbao posted a school record 61 RBIs in 1997. Blank also belted 11 home runs in 2013 -- the third-highest single-season total.

BLANK ATTENDS NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CAMP

Shortstop Megan Blank was invited to the 2013 USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Camp, held in Oklahoma City on June 10-12 at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex following her sophomore season. Blank was one of 32 athletes, and one of six sophomores, invited.





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The Cy-Hawk Series is in its 10th season in 2013-14, being sponsored for the second time by Iowa Corn.

The Cyclones clinched the series on March 7 with a women's gymnastics win over the Hawkeyes, 195.925-192.725. The teams are scheduled to wrap up the series with a softball showdown on April 23 in Ames.

Iowa has won the in-state competition five times, and Iowa State has won five, in a series that began in 2004-05. Iowa captured the inaugural Cy-Hawk Series (13-8) in 2004-05 and won again in 2006-07 (13-8), 2008-09 (21-4) and 2010-11 (15-11). Iowa State won the competition in 2005-06 (13-8), 2007-08 (18-9), 2009-10 (16-11), 2011-12 (17-11) and 2012-13 (17-11).

The 12-event series awards two points (except football, which is worth three) to the winning school in each head-to-head match-up between the two institutions. Additionally, one point is awarded to an institution if the graduation rate of its student-athletes is greater than the national average as reported each fall by the NCAA.

A commemorative Cy-Hawk Series Cup, which stands 31 inches tall and weighs 19 pounds, is displayed on the winning team's campus for an entire year after a victory. Replica cups are also presented as "traveling trophies" for individual victorious teams in the head-to-head competition.

This season's Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series schedule/results is listed below. All events are worth two points, except football, which is worth three points:

Date	Event	Site/Winner
9/6	Women's Soccer	Iowa
9/14	Football	Iowa
9/21	Volleyball	Iowa State
11/15	Men's Cross Country	Iowa State
11/15	Women's Cross Country	Iowa State
12/1	Wrestling	Iowa
12/12	Women's Basketball	Iowa State
12/13	Women's Swimming & Diving	Iowa
12/13	Men's Basketball	Iowa State
3/7	Women's Gymnastics	Iowa State
4/23	Softball	TBD

BLANK HONORED BY NFCA

Shortstop Megan Blank was named a 2013 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) First Team All-Midwest Region selection, earning her second all-region honor in as many seasons. Blank is the sixth Hawkeye in program history to garner all-region honors in each of her first two seasons. She became the ninth player in program history to earn all-region recognition as a freshman, as she was named to the second team.

BIG TOURNEY RETURNS IN 2013

The Big Ten Tournament returned in 2013 for the first time since 2008. The Hawkeyes have claimed two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003) and won 21 games in the event all-time -- the second most of any team. The conference tournament was discontinued from 2009-12. Iowa fell to Ohio State, 8-4, in the first round at Bowlin Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. The Hawkeyes held a 4-1 advantage moving to the bottom of the fifth before the Buckeyes plated six runs to rally for the victory.

HAWKEYE TRADITION

Iowa has made four Women's College World Series appearances (1995, 1996, 1997, 2001) and played in 16 NCAA Tournaments in school history. The 16 appearances are the second most in Big Ten history, and the four WCWS appearances equal the second most in conference history. The Hawkeyes have won four Big Ten Conference regular season championships (1989, 1997, 2000, 2003) and two Big Ten Tournament titles (2001, 2003).

MAY-JOHNSON SHINES FOR TEAM USA

UI assistant coach Stacy May-Johnson was selected as the 2011 USA Softball Female Athlete of the Year. She earned the honor after helping Team USA to gold medals at the World Cup of Softball VII and the Pan American Games. May-Johnson batted a team-best .418 with team highs in home runs (six), runs (26) and RBI (36). In 2012, May-Johnson helped the USA Softball Team to the gold medal at the 2012 World Cup of Softball presented by Lumber Liquidators. May-Johnson started 5-of-6 games for Team USA, posting a .357 (5-of-14) batting average with three runs, two RBIs and two walks. Her best game came in a 9-0 victory over Canada, where she went 2-for-2 with a run scored. The Americans posted a perfect 6-0 record during the competition, and they outscored their opponents, 41-3, in the five day event.

HAWKEYES IN 2013

The University of Iowa softball team finished 30-24 overall in 2013, posting the most wins since finishing 42-16 in 2009. The Hawkeyes tied for ninth in the Big Ten with an 8-15 mark.

HAWKEYES JUST MISS 2013 NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with an RPI of 33, and just missed the NCAA Tournament. Iowa was 39th in the final RPI -- the fifth-highest mark in the Big Ten.

ON DECK

UI softball opens its Big Ten Conference slate at Illinois. The three-game series begins with a 6 p.m. (CT) contest on March 21, continues with a 1 p.m. (CT) game on March 22, and concludes with a 1 p.m. (CT) game on March 23. The Fighting Illini swept the Hawkeyes last season in double header action, winning game one 8-5 and game two 6-3.



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2014 Iowa Team Highs

Longest Winning Streak	1-game winning streak, four times
Longest Losing Streak	5-game losing streak
Current Streak	L1
Largest Margin of Victory	9 vs. Drake (2/16)
Largest Margin of Defeat	10 vs. Lipscomb (2/14)
Most At-Bats	36 vs. UAB (2/15)
Most Runs Scored	9 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most Hits	16 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most RBIs	8 vs. Drake (2/16)
Most Doubles	4 vs. Valparaiso (2/28)
Most Triples	2 vs. Ohio (2/9)
Most Home Runs	1, three times; last vs. Valparaiso (2/28)
Most Stolen Bases	1, six times
Most Strikeouts (pitching)	7 vs. Missouri (2/15)
Most Errors	4, twice, last vs. Mississippi State (2/23)
Most Runs Allowed	10 vs. Lipscomb (2/14)
Most Hits Allowed	12 vs. Ohio (2/9)
Most Walks Allowed	6 vs. UNC Greensboro (2/7)

2014 Iowa Individual Team Batting Leaders

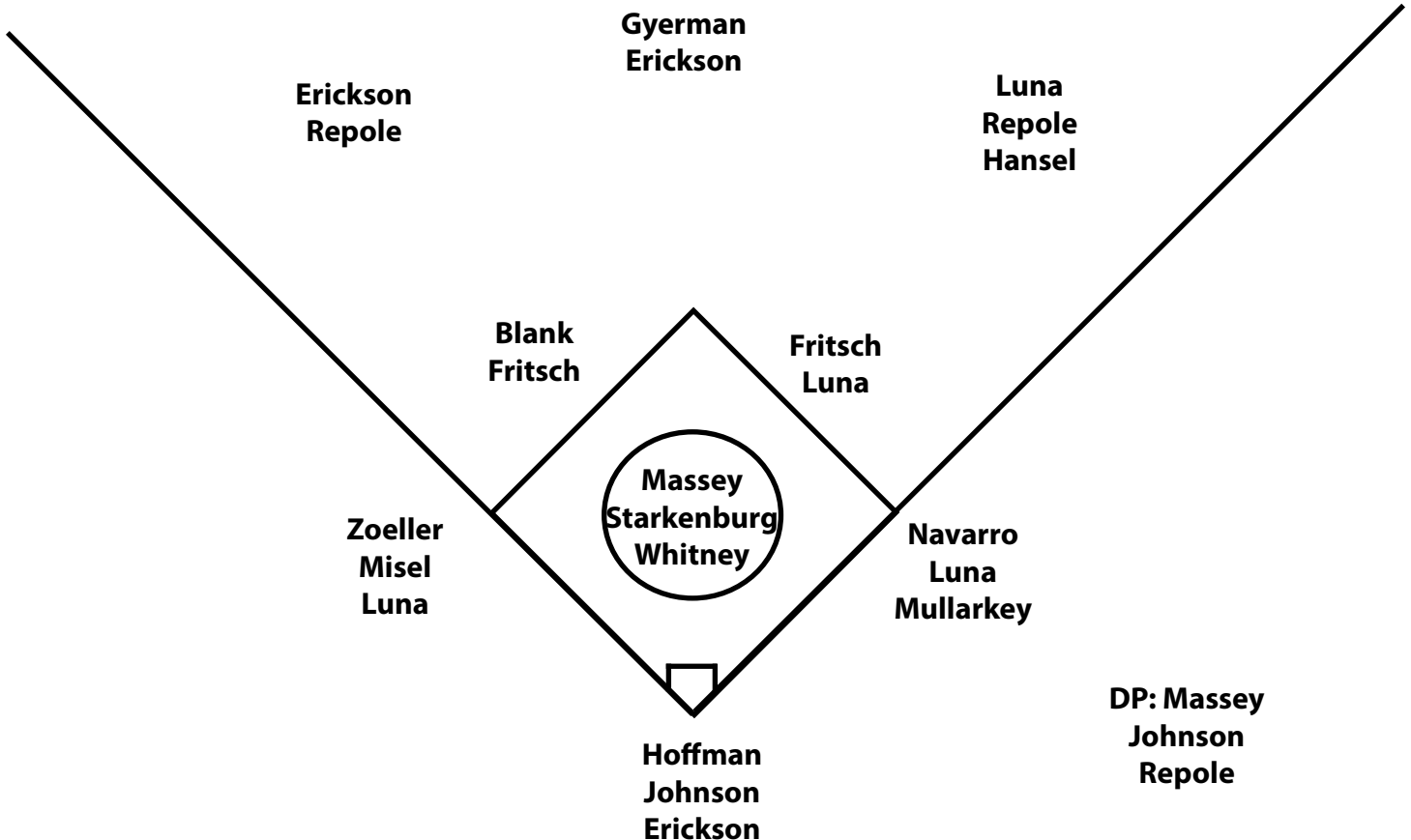
Batting Avg.345, Claire Fritsch
Games Played	14 (7 players)
Games Started	14 (6 players)
At Bats	45, Michelle Zoeller
Runs	8, Erin Erickson

Hits	14, Michelle Zoeller
Doubles	5, Michelle Zoeller
Triples	2, Sammi Gyerman
Home Runs	2, Erin Erickson
RBIs	6, Kayla Massey/Michelle Zoeller
Total Bases	23, Erin Erickson
Walks	4, Megan Blank/Claire Fritsch/Alyssa Navarro
Hit by Pitch	3, Whitney Repole
Strikeouts	13, Alyssa Navarro
On-Base Percentage412, Claire Fritsch
Sacrifice Flies	1, Claire Fritsch
Sacrifice Hits	2, Claire Fritsch
Stolen Bases	3, Claire Fritsch
Stolen Base Attempts	5, Claire Fritsch

2014 Iowa Individual Pitching Leaders

ERA	2.27, Kayla Massey
Wins	2, Kayla Massey
Appearances	9, Kayla Massey
Games Started	8, Kayla Massey
Complete Games	6, Kayla Massey
Shutouts	2, Kayla Massey
Saves	1, Shayla Starkenburg
Innings Pitched	46.1, Kayla Massey
Strikeouts	23, Kayla Massey
Opponent Batting Average214, Shayla Starkenburg

HAWKEYE DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART





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1
Alyssa Navarro
Fr. • IF • R/R
Dinuba, Calif.



2
Erin Erickson
So. • OF • R/L
Oakland, Calif.



3
Micaela Whitney
So. • P • R/R
Omaha, Neb.



4
Megan Blank
Jr. • IF • L/R
Culver City, Calif.



5
Brianna Luna
Sr. • OF • R/R
Indio, Calif.



7
Claire Fritsch
Fr. • OF • L/R
Round Rock, Texas



8
Whitney Repole
So. • OF • R/R
San Antonio, Texas



11
Kaitlyn Mullarkey
Fr. • 1B • L/L
Des Moines, Iowa



14
Michelle Zoeller
Sr. • IF • R/R
Mequon, Wis.



17
Kayla Massey
Sr. • P • R/R
Foothill Ranch, Calif.



21
Sammi Gyerman
So. • OF • L/L
San Pedro, Calif.



22
Haley Hansel
Fr. • OF • L/R
Overland Park, Kan.



23
Kara Misel
Fr. • IF • R/R
Solon, Iowa



24
Shayla Starkenburg
RS Fr. • P • R/R
Ankeny, Iowa



25
Michaela Johnson
Fr. • IF • R/R
Wake Village, Texas



55
Holly Hoffman
RS So. • C • R/R
Osceola, Ind.



Marla Looper
Head Coach
4th Season



Adrianna Baggetta
Assistant Coach
4th Season



Stacy May-Johnson
Assistant Coach
4th Season



Chelsey Carmody
Volunteer Assistant
2nd Season





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2014 STATS

2014 Iowa Softball Overall Statistics for Iowa (as of Mar 10, 2014) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 4-10 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-5 Neutral: 4-5 : 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
Fritsch, Claire	.345	14-14	29	4	10	3	1	0	3	15	.517	4	0	8	0	.412	1	2	3-5	31	39	7	.909
Blank, Megan	.317	14-14	41	6	13	3	1	0	3	18	.439	4	1	6	0	.391	0	0	0-0	24	31	7	.887
Zoeller, Michelle	.311	14-14	45	4	14	5	0	0	6	19	.422	1	0	7	0	.326	0	1	1-1	12	24	4	.900
Erickson, Erin	.310	14-14	42	8	13	4	0	2	5	23	.548	3	1	8	0	.370	0	0	0-1	12	1	1	.929
Gyerman, Sammi	.296	11-10	27	4	8	0	2	0	4	12	.444	3	0	6	0	.367	0	1	1-2	3	0	0	1.000
Massey, Kayla	.250	14-13	40	1	10	2	0	1	6	15	.375	2	0	8	0	.286	0	0	0-0	3	9	2	.857
Hoffman, Holly	.216	14-14	37	1	8	0	0	0	1	8	.216	1	0	9	0	.237	0	1	0-0	55	11	1	.985
Navarro, Alyssa	.211	14-14	38	4	8	0	0	0	1	8	.211	4	1	13	2	.302	0	1	1-1	113	8	1	.992
Repole, Whitney	.176	13-13	34	4	6	3	0	0	1	9	.265	2	3	10	0	.282	0	1	0-0	7	1	2	.800

Luna, Brianna	.333	1-1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Mullarkey, Kaitlyn	.250	6-2	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-1	2	0	0	1.000
Johnson, Michaela	.111	6-1	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.111	0	0	2	0	.111	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Hansel, Haley	.000	10-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	.000
Misel, Kara	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Starkenbug, Shayla	.000	3-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	5	1	.833
Whitney, Micaela	.000	4-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	3	0	1.000
Totals	.263	14	353	38	93	20	4	3	32	130	.368	24	7	82	2	.322	1	7	6-11	265	132	27	.936
Opponents	.226	14	336	53	76	13	0	7	43	110	.327	47	4	51	5	.325	4	6	9-17	275	97	16	.959

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
Massey, Kayla	2.27	2-6	9	8	6	2/0	0	46.1	40	23	15	19	23	6	0	3	.221	2	0	0	1	3
Whitney, Micaela	3.30	1-2	5	3	1	0/0	0	23.1	21	15	11	14	14	3	0	3	.247	3	4	1	1	2
Starkenbug, Shayla	4.12	1-2	7	3	1	1/0	1	18.2	15	15	11	14	14	4	0	1	.214	1	0	2	2	1
Totals	2.93	4-10	14	14	8	3/0	1	88.1	76	53	37	47	51	13	0	7	.226	6	4	3	4	6
Opponents	2.37	10-4	14	14	5	5/2	3	91.2	93	38	31	24	82	20	4	3	.263	7	7	2	1	7





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2014 RESULTS

2014 Iowa Softball Game Results for Iowa (as of Mar 10, 2014) (All games)

Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
& Feb 7, 2014	vs UNC Greensboro	w 5-0	7	1-0-0	0-0-0 Starkenburg (W 1-0)	464	2:01
& Feb 7, 2014	at South Carolina	L 0-1	7	1-1-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-1)	1123	1:46
& Feb 8, 2014	vs Presbyterian	w 6-3	7	2-1-0	0-0-0 Whitney (W 1-0)	1444	1:55
& Feb 9, 2014	vs Ohio	L 6-9	7	2-2-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-2)	209	2:34
^ Feb 14, 2014	vs Lipscomb	L 0-10	5	2-3-0	0-0-0 Starkenburg (L 1-1)	658	1:35
^ Feb 14, 2014	vs #14 MISSOURI	L 1-2	(8)	2-4-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-3)	0	2:51
^ Feb 15, 2014	vs UAB	L 1-6	(9)	2-5-0	0-0-0 Whitney (L 1-1)	203	3:05
^ Feb 15, 2014	at #14 Baylor	L 0-2	7	2-6-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 0-4)	1247	1:30
^ Feb 16, 2014	vs Drake	w 9-0	6	3-6-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 1-4)	753	1:43
Feb 21, 2014	at Mississippi State	L 0-2	7	3-7-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 1-5)	345	1:41
Feb 22, 2014	at Mississippi State	L 0-5	7	3-8-0	0-0-0 Whitney (L 1-2)	354	2:02
Feb 23, 2014	at Mississippi State	L 1-9	5	3-9-0	0-0-0 Massey (L 1-6)	369	1:34
% Feb 28, 2014	vs Valparaiso	w 8-0	5	4-9-0	0-0-0 Massey (W 2-6)	417	1:25
% Mar 02, 2014	vs Longwood	L 1-4	7	4-10-0	0-0-0 Starkenburg (L 1-2)	173	1:46

() extra inning game

