



# THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

## SPORTS INFORMATION

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### **IOWA ANNOUNCES NON-CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL SLATE**

IOWA CITY, IA - - The University of Iowa's 2007-08 non-conference men's basketball schedule features nine home games, including a Nov. 26 date with Wake Forest in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, a Dec. 14 contest with in-state rival Drake and the annual Hawkeye Challenge. Iowa's Big Ten schedule, which includes nine home dates as well, was released last week. Game times and television information will be released when finalized.

Iowa's season-opening exhibition contest is Nov. 1 against Simpson College. The Hawkeyes officially open the Todd Lickliter era against Friday, Nov. 9 when Iowa host Idaho State in the first of four straight home games. Iowa will meet Northern Colorado (Nov. 14) before hosting two preliminary round games in the South Padre Invitational. Florida Gulf Coast University visits Iowa City Sunday, Nov. 18 and Iowa hosts Maryland-Eastern Shore Nov. 20 as part of that event.

This season will mark just the fourth time in school history the Hawkeyes have hosted as many as 18 games. Iowa played 19 home games in 1985 (16-3) and 18 in both 1995 (13-5) and 2003 (11-7).

"With the success this team has had in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, we are excited about the number of home games," said Lickliter, the 2007 national Coach of the Year at Butler. "We would like to continue, and build on, that success. The support of our fans plays a key role in that home court success."

Iowa's first action away from Iowa City is Nov. 23-24 when the Hawkeyes travel to Texas for the finals of the South Padre Invitational. Iowa will meet Bradley on Friday and face either Utah State or Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Iowa's third home game in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge takes place Monday, Nov. 26 as the Hawkeyes host Wake Forest in a game to be televised on ESPN2. Iowa defeated Georgia Tech (85-67) in 2000-01 and North Carolina State (45-42) in 2005-06 in previous home games in the event.

The 26th-annual Hawkeye Challenge (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) includes Iowa facing Louisiana-Monroe in the first round after an opening game that has Eastern Illinois meeting Rice University.

The in-state series includes a home date with Drake (Dec. 14) and road games at Northern Iowa and Iowa State. The Hawkeyes will make their first visit to UNI's McLeod Center Dec. 5 in a game to be televised by FOX, while the Dec. 8 contest at Iowa State will be televised on ESPNU.



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The Hawkeyes close the non-conference schedule by hosting Southeastern Louisiana Dec. 29 before beginning Big Ten Conference play Jan. 2 by hosting Indiana.

“The in-state series is good, and it provides very demanding games,” added Lickliter. “Those games, home or away, are on the level of Big Ten Conference games. They give us the opportunity to prepare in a conference-type environment for the Big Ten season. The in-state games, along with Wake Forest and the games in the South Padre tournament, gives us competition against teams from several of the major conferences.”

Iowa posted a 14-2 home record a year ago after winning all 17 home games in 2005-06. The Hawkeyes are 31-2 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena over the past two seasons, including a 15-1 mark in Big Ten games.

Following is Iowa’s complete 2007-08 schedule:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>
Sat., Oct. 27	Black and Gold Blowout presented by Mediacom	Iowa City
Thur., Nov. 1	Simpson College (Exb.) The annual Miracle Game presented by the Children’s Miracle Network to benefit the Children’s Hospital of Iowa	Iowa City
Fri., Nov. 9	Idaho State	Iowa City
Wed, Nov. 14	Northern Colorado	Iowa City
Sun., Nov. 18	#Florida Gulf Coast	Iowa City
Tue., Nov. 20	#Maryland-Eastern Shore	Iowa City
Fri-Sat., Nov. 23-24	at South Padre Invitational	South Padre, TX
Friday, Nov. 23	(Iowa vs. Bradley; Utah State vs. Vanderbilt)	
Mon., Nov. 26	Wake Forest	Iowa City
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Hawkeye Challenge	Iowa City, IA
Nov. 30	Eastern IL vs. Rice; Louisiana-Monroe vs. Iowa	Iowa City
Wed., Dec. 5	at Northern Iowa	Cedar Falls, IA
Sat., Dec. 8	at Iowa State (Cy-Hawk Series)	Ames, IA
Fri., Dec. 14	Drake	Iowa City
Sat., Dec. 29	Southeastern Louisiana	Iowa City
Wed., Jan. 2	Indiana	Iowa City
Sat., Jan. 5	at Wisconsin	Madison, WI
Wed., Jan. 9	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH
Sat., Jan. 12	Michigan State	Iowa City
Wed., Jan. 16	Purdue	Iowa City
Sat., Jan. 19	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI



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Wed., Jan. 23	at Indiana	Bloomington, IN
Sat., Jan. 26	Penn State	Iowa City
Wed., Jan. 30	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN
Sat., Feb. 2	Ohio State	Iowa City
Wed., Feb. 6	Wisconsin	Iowa City
Sat., Feb. 9	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN
Thu., Feb. 14	Michigan	Iowa City
Tue., Feb. 19	Northwestern	Iowa City
Sat-Sun., Feb. 23-24	at Michigan State	East Lansing, MI
Wed., Feb. 27	at Penn State	State College, PA
Sat.-Sun., Mar. 1-2	Illinois	Iowa City
Tue-Thu., Mar. 4-6	at Northwestern	Evanston, IL
Thu-Sun., Mar. 13-16	at Big Ten Tournament	Indianapolis, IN

**Note: All times listed are Central Time**



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