

Iowa Softball

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, IA
 Founded: 1847
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 Conference: Big Ten
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 Big Ten Record/Finish: 12-7/3rd
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/5
 Starters Returning/Lost: 6/3
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—2007 Season Outlook—

One word can describe Head Coach **Gayle Blevins'** feelings about the 2007 season - excitement. With 13 returning letterwinners and six returning starters, the 2007 Hawkeyes have the potential to make some serious noise during the season.

"Both the coaches and players are excited for the season to start," Blevins said. "This team is capable of accomplishing many goals throughout the year."

Blevins said the combination of youth and experience on the 2007 squad creates a high-energy team with a lot of potential.

"We return a ton of game experience and have a big chunk of our lineup returning," Blevins said. "We also have talented underclassmen who have a chance to be solid contributors. People might think we have a young team, but our youth is offset by our experience. We could do a lot of good things this season."

Pitching

Sophomore **Brittany Weil** will lead the pitching staff after an impressive freshman campaign. The Garden Grove, CA, native was a third team all-Big Ten selection in 2006 and is already etching her name in the Hawkeye record books. Weil ranks second in single-season innings pitched and complete games, and third in games pitched and strikeouts. Additionally, she already is eighth on the career strikeout list.

"Brittany had a great freshman season," Blevins said.

"She will once again be a major contributor and has proven is equal to the task."

The Hawkeyes have three other pitchers on staff, including junior **Stephanie Ackerson**. Ackerson is listed as the starting first baseman, but has seven appearances in her first two seasons at Iowa.

"Steph has worked really hard, both pitching and at first base," Blevins said.

Two freshmen will also see time in the circle this season. **Katie Brown** was named Iowa's Class 3A Pitcher of the Year in 2004 and 2006, while **Amanda Zust** was the Class 4A Pitcher of the Year in 2006.

"Katie and Amanda offer totally different styles of pitching," Blevins said. "We have a larger staff and I think everyone will be able to fill roles. Our challenge will be to determine how best to utilize our entire staff. We are excited about the possibilities."

Catching

The Hawkeye catching corp consists of senior **Sami Baugh** and junior **Emily Nichols**. Baugh has been a solid starter in her career and Blevins feels she will be even better in her senior campaign.

Nichols has also shared catching responsibilities but her defensive presence expanded to third base last season for the Hawkeyes. Blevins said Nichols, who is projected to spend a significant amount of time at third base in 2007, would be catching more if she wasn't needed at third base.

"We have two great catchers in Sami and Emily," Blevins said. "Sami does a good job communicating with our pitchers and we believe she will take her game to another level this year, which is our challenge for her. Emily is by far the most versatile athlete in our program, playing at three totally different positions. This year we need her to anchor third base, which is where we project her to be. At anytime, she could catch and provide us with what we need. We are very fortunate to have Sami and Emily."

Infield

The Hawkeye infield is loaded with returning experience, despite being young. Coach Blevins returns three starting infielders from last year, although some are going through position changes.

Ackerson returns at first base after being named the team's Golden Glove award winner in 2006. She tallied an impressive .997 fielding percentage and started 54 of 61 games as a sophomore.

"Steph is very solid for us at first base," Blevins said. "Any-

time you can have someone with that high of fielding percentage for you at first base, your infield has confidence that plays are going to be made."

Freshman **Lindsey Digmann** will get the nod at second base. Digmann, who played shortstop in high school, was a three-time first team all-state selection and is having no trouble adapting to the position change.

Sophomore **Erin Riemersma** will move from second base to shortstop. Riemersma was a third team all-Big Ten pick last season and Blevins said she is already assuming the leadership position at shortstop.

"Erin really developed last season, both offensively and defensively," Blevins said. "She also brings a special type of energy to the field. Erin is a great competitor for us. She has already showed her leadership by helping Lindsey adjust to second base. Erin is a fun player to watch. Erin and Lindsey's speed will allow us to be quick up the middle."



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Nichols will see the majority of time at third base after starting 42 contests at the hot corner last season. She led the team with 42 RBI and 14 doubles, and is one of Iowa's leaders at the plate.

"I'm impressed with how quickly Emily adjusted to third base," Blevins said. "She had never really played the position before last year and she has turned in to a solid glove for us at third. This comes as no surprise. Emily is a great athlete with many tools."

Summer Downs could also see some time at third, but will primarily be Iowa's designated player. Downs had a breakout conference season in 2006 and was a first team all-Big Ten honoree.

"Summer is such a good athlete," Blevins said. "We need to get runners on in front of Summer, because we know that she can put runs across the plate. Summer has a calm, determined approach to RBI situations."

Sophomore **Colleen McGlaughlin** could also play at third base along with left field. McGlaughlin was named the team's Most Improved Player in 2006 and has made big strides at the plate in the offseason.

"Colleen has the potential to be a dangerous weapon at the plate," Blevins said. "She is a smart hitter who makes pitchers work. Colleen demonstrates a great mental approach to hitting."

Outfield

The Hawkeyes will have to replace two starters from last year's outfield, but return plenty of experience and add depth in 2007.

Senior **Mindy Heidgerken** returns in center field after starting every game last season. Heidgerken was a third team all-Big Ten selection and Blevins is looking for Heidgerken to lead the outfield in 2007.

"Mindy will be a major leader in the outfield this season," Blevins said. "She needs to take charge of the outfield for us and help the other outfielders evaluate situations. Mindy has worked hard at getting better physically as well. We need her to perform at a high level for us this season and she is more than capable of doing this."

Blevins has numerous options in left field. McGlaughlin, along with senior **Jenna Spratt** and sophomore **Rachel West** will vie for playing time in left field. Both McGlaughlin and Spratt offer different offensive and defensive strengths. West's role was reduced to pinch-running last season after she underwent shoulder surgery in the fall. Spratt has three years of experience roaming the outfield.

Right field looks to be handled by sophomore **Quinn Morelock**. Additional outfielders competing for playing time are sophomores **Lindsey Emery** and **Callie Adreon** along with freshman **Taylor Leichsenring**.

"We have numerous options in our outfield," Blevins said. "Preseason will allow us to see how far some people have come in their development and how well they play together. Additionally, we will always be looking at offensive contributors from our outfielders. Decisions regarding playing time will be based on a combination of these factors."

Schedule

Iowa will play at least 29 games before returning to the friendly confines of Pearl Field.

The Hawkeyes open play at the Stetson Invitational before traveling to the

Littlewood Classic, hosted by Arizona State, who qualified for the College World Series last season. They will then travel to the Red and Black Tournament in Louisville and then return to the Buzz Classic in Atlanta, where they claimed the 2005 tournament title. Iowa set school records for home runs in a game (7) and total bases (36), while Emily Nichols shattered school records for home runs (3), RBI (8) and total bases (12) in a game at the 2005 Buzz Classic. Nichols was named the 2005 Buzz Classic Most Valuable Player.

Iowa then will make its annual spring break trip to California to compete in the National Invitational Softball Tournament in Sunnyvale, where they will face perennial power California, and the Capital Classic in Sacramento, before returning home on March 23 for the Hawkeye Classic.

The Big Ten will once again be loaded with talent. Northwestern returns the majority of its squad that advanced to the national championship series last season and Iowa will have to face the Wildcats in Evanston. Michigan also returns most of its squad that advanced to the super regional round of the NCAA Tournament.

"One of our goals this season is to start faster and to build off this start," Blevins said. "We need to be better prepared for our first games. We have some tough pre-conference opponents in Arizona State and California, and tournaments like the Buzz Classic will give us good matchups. We also have some tough road trips during the conference season and it's always a challenge to win on the road in the Big Ten. Being consistent in our approach will lead to success in 2007."



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— Head Coach Gayle Blevins —



Gayle Blevins

Head Coach

20th Season

University of Dayton, 1973

Head Coach Gayle Blevins is in her 20th season at the University of Iowa and her 27th season as a collegiate head coach. Blevins enters the 2007 season as the third winningest coach in Division I history with a record of 1,099-508-5.

As a head coach, Blevins has led her teams to seven Women's College World Series appearances (four at Iowa), won eight Big Ten titles (five at Iowa) been named both the Big Ten and National Coach of the Year, and has been inducted into both the Indiana University and NFCA Hall of Fame. Blevins enters the 2007 season as the Big Ten's winningest coach with 469 conference wins.

Blevins became Iowa's head coach in 1987 and immediately produced success. Just two years after Blevins took over a struggling program at Iowa, the Hawkeyes secured their first-ever Big Ten Title and their first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. The 1989 Hawkeyes finished the season ranked ninth in the nation, the first time an Iowa team had ever been nationally ranked.

Blevins built on that success and in 1990, the Hawkeyes won another Big Ten title and produced the school's first All-American in Diane Pohl.

The 1995 season proved to be an extraordinary one for Blevins and her Hawkeye squad. After receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, the Hawkeyes became the nation's Cinderella story. Iowa advanced to its first NCAA Women's College World Series after defeating No. 8 Cal State Sacramento, 3-0, and twice beating No. 5 Fresno State (1-0 and 2-1 in nine innings). At the World Series, the Hawkeyes lost to No. 2 UCLA but rallied back to beat No. 9 Michigan, 9-7 in 14 innings and No. 3 Cal State Fullerton, 6-5 in nine innings. Unfortunately, the Hawkeyes fell short in their quest for a national championship, losing to UCLA in the national semifinals.

The 1996 Hawkeyes paved their way to a second-consecutive appearance in the Women's College World Series by winning the Midwest Regional held in Iowa City. The Hawkeyes finished third in the nation after losing to eventual national champion Arizona.

Awards and Honors

1999 NFCA Hall of Fame Inductee

1986 and 1991 NSCA National Coach of the Year

1986, '89, '91, '92, '96 and '97 Midwest Region Coach of the Year

1989, 1997 and 2000 Big Ten Coach of the Year

2003 NFCA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year

Recorded 1,000 Career Win on April 16, 2004

Indiana University Hall of Fame Inductee, Class of 2005

After a 52-9 record and a No. 5 national ranking, the 1997 Hawkeyes made its third-consecutive appearance at the Women's College World Series. During the regular season, Iowa marched through the Big Ten schedule with a perfect 22-0 record, marking the first and only time in conference history that a Big Ten team has completed the conference schedule undefeated.

Iowa returned to Oklahoma City and the Women's College World Series for the fourth time in school history in 2001. Blevins guided the Hawkeyes to a 49-14 record and a Big Ten Tournament Championship.

The 2002 season marked another milestone for Coach Blevins. While competing in the National Invitational Softball Tournament, Iowa defeated eventual NCAA Champion California to give Blevins her 900th career NCAA Division I victory. She was just the fourth coach to reach that mark in NCAA Division I history.

In 2003, Blevins coached the Hawkeyes to both the Big Ten Regular Season and Tournament Championships, the first time an Iowa team had captured both in the same season. She also took the Hawkeyes to the Lincoln, NE Regional Championship game.

Blevins eclipsed the 1,000 win mark during the 2004 season with a 9-1, six-inning victory over Coe College. With the historic win, Blevins became only the third Division I coach to reach 1,000 wins. The win was also her 700th at Iowa.

In 2005, Blevins led the Hawkeyes to their third 50-win season in school history and their sixth straight NCAA Tournament appearance, where they advanced to the Lincoln, NE NCAA Regional Championship game.

The Hawkeyes finished 2006 with a 39-22 overall record and were selected as a host site for the 2006 NCAA Regional tournament. It was the seventh time in school history that Iowa City was selected as a regional site, all under Blevins.

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Head Coach Gayle Blevins

Under her direction, Iowa has finished in the top three in the Big Ten Conference every year but one from 1989-2006 and in 1989, 1990, 1997, 2000 and 2003 her squads captured the Big Ten Conference title. A Blevins coached team has never finished lower than fifth in the conference.

Blevins was one of the first coaches in the country to effectively use the "slap style" hitting as an exciting offensive weapon. One of her student-athletes was the first-ever slapper chosen as a first team All-American in 1983. Blevins is one of the nations best at using the speed game.

Blevins came to the University of Iowa after a successful career at Indiana University, where she led the Hoosiers from 1980-87 and compiled an impressive 301-146 (.670) record. She led Indiana to the Women's College World Series three times where they finished third in 1986, fifth in 1983 and second in 1980, when the series was a part of the AIAW.

Blevins, a native of Dayton, Ohio, is a 1973 graduate of the University of Dayton. After graduating cum laude with a degree in health and physical education, she taught and coached at Dayton's Stebbins High School. Five years later she went on to Indiana University where she earned her master's degree in administration while serving as IU's assistant softball coach. She was named Indiana's head coach during the 1979-80 season. She moved to Iowa during the 1986-87 season and is only the third head softball coach in Hawkeye school history.



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Big Ten	Place	Nat. Finish
1980	Indiana	33-16	.673	--	1st	2nd (AIAW)
1981	Indiana	26-12	.684	--	6th	--
1982	Indiana	30-15	.666	--	4th	--
1983	Indiana	45-20-1	.692	11-4	1st	7th
1984	Indiana	37-22	.633	14-10	3rd	--
1985	Indiana	47-20-1	.701	14-12	3rd	Tie 9th
1986	Indiana	45-18	.714	15-9	1st	3rd
1987	Indiana	37-23	.617	15-9	3rd	--
1988	Iowa	33-20-1	.620	10-13-1	5th	--
1989	Iowa	40-21	.656	17-7	1st	Tie 9th
1990	Iowa	43-28	.606	17-7	1st	--
1991	Iowa	53-11	.828	19-5	2nd	Tie 9th
1992	Iowa	34-20	.630	21-7	2nd	--
1993	Iowa	39-15	.722	20-7	2nd	Tie 9th
1994	Iowa	35-23	.603	20-8	2nd	--
1995	Iowa	41-26-1	.610	18-10	3rd	Tie 3rd
1996	Iowa	47-19	.720	17-7	3rd	Tie 3rd
1997	Iowa	52-9	.852	22-0	1st	Tie 5th
1998	Iowa	38-20	.655	14-9	3rd	Tie 9th
1999	Iowa	41-26-1	.616	14-10	5th	--
2000	Iowa	46-15	.754	14-4	1st	Tie 9th
2001	Iowa	49-14	.778	16-4	2nd	Tie 7th
2002	Iowa	36-20	.643	12-4	3rd	Tie 9th
2003	Iowa	44-15	.746	13-4	1st	Tie 9th
2004	Iowa	39-24	.619	14-6	2nd	--
2005	Iowa	50-14	.781	12-6	3rd	--
2006	Iowa	39-22	.639	12-7	3rd	--

Totals

Overall: 1,099-508-5/26 years (.683)
Iowa: 799-360-3/19 years (.689)

Big Ten Totals

Overall: 469-169-1 (.735)
Iowa: 299-125-1 (.705)

Associate Head Coach Michelle Venturella



Michelle Venturella

Associate Head Coach

Fifth Season

Indiana University, 1996

Michelle Venturella is in her fifth season with the Iowa softball program and her third season as Iowa's associate head coach.

During the summer of 2004, Venturella was promoted and became the first associate head coach in Iowa softball history. Venturella serves as the Hawkeye recruiting coordinator, hitting coach and also coaches Iowa's catchers.

In her first year with the Hawkeyes, Venturella helped the Hawkeyes to a 44-15 record and Big Ten regular season and tournament championships. As the primary hitting coach, she also helped the Hawkeyes set a team record for home runs in a season (41).

Along with Head Coach Gayle Blevins and former assistant Holly Van Vlymen, the Iowa staff was named the 2003 NFCA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

In 2005, Venturella help guide the Hawkeyes to a 50-14 record while setting school records in team home runs (61) and total bases (36) along with individual records in home runs in a game (3), RBI in a game (8) and total bases in a game (12).



As a player, Venturella was one of the best catchers in the country and earned a spot on the United States National Team from 1995-2000.

Throughout her career with USA Softball, she earned four gold medals, including one at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. She also helped the United States to Gold at the 1998 World Championships and was a member of the first-ever United States Olympic Softball Team in 1996.

Venturella came to Iowa after working as a private softball instructor in Indianapolis at Softball Ltd. She also worked for Louisville Slugger as a technical representative, designer and motivational speaker.

Prior to her work with Louisville Slugger, Venturella served as an assistant coach at Northern Illinois University during the 1996-97 season. She helped the Huskies to a runner-up finish in the Mid-Continent Conference in 1997.

A 1996 graduate from Indiana University, Venturella is no stranger to Big Ten softball. She was a two-time NFCA All-American while with the Hoosiers and a recipient of the 1995 Big Ten Medal of Honor. Her junior year, Venturella was a unanimous selection as Big Ten Player of the Year. She still ranks in the top five of eight offensive categories at Indiana and is still its all-time leader in RBI

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Pitching Coach Amanda Scott



Amanda Scott

Pitching Coach
Second Season
Fresno State, 2001

Amanda Scott is in her second season as assistant coach for the Hawkeyes. Scott works primarily with Iowa's pitchers. Additionally, because she is an accomplished pitcher and throws daily to the Hawkeye hitters.

In her first season at Iowa, Scott coached freshman Brittany Weil to third team all-Big Ten honors. Weil finished the 2006 season second in school history in single-season complete games, innings pitched and strikeouts.

Scott played at Fresno State and graduated as one of the school's most decorated athletes. She was named Fresno State's No. 2 greatest athlete of the 20th century and led the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Championship in 1998. While at Fresno State, she compiled a 106-18 (.855) record with a 0.55 ERA and 851 strikeouts. She threw 68 shutouts in 871 innings pitched and was a four-time first team all-American. Scott was also named to the College World Series all-tournament team twice and was M.V.P. in 1998. She was the Western Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year three times and finished her career with a .303 batting average along with 31 home runs and 212 RBI.



While at Fresno State, Scott received the NCAA Top VIII Award in 2001, which singles out eight NCAA student-athletes each year who demonstrate athletic success, academic achievement and community service. She was also a two-time academic all-American.

Scott was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1997-2000 and earned a gold medal at the 1998 World Championships. She was also an alternate on the 2000 Olympic Team.

Scott began her coaching career at Michigan State University where she served as pitching coach from 2002-04. She then pitched professionally for the New York Juggernauts and led them to a National Pro Fastpitch championship in 2004 while earning league M.V.P. honors. She finished the 2004 season with 15 wins and an ERA of 0.88. Scott served as the Juggernauts pitching coach during the 2005 season before moving to Iowa.



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Coaches and Staff



Jen Fried

Volunteer Assistant
First Season
Franklin & Marshall College, 2004

Jen Fried is in her first season as a volunteer assistant coach at Iowa.

Before coming to Iowa, Fried was an assistant coach at Swarthmore College in Media, PA, from 2005-06. Her duties included designing and implementing daily practices for outfielders along with batting instruction.

Fried played both softball and soccer at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. She was named the Centennial Conference Softball Player of the Year in 2004 and was an all-conference selection from 2001-04. Fried holds school records for career hits and doubles.

Fried graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 2004 with a degree in psychology and a minor in Judaic studies. She is currently working on her masters in athletic administration at Iowa.



Stacy May

Student Assistant
First Season

Stacy May is in her first season as a student assistant coach at Iowa.

May was a four-year letterwinner at both third base and shortstop for Iowa from 2003-06. She was named both Big Ten Freshman of the Year and first team all-Big Ten in 2003. May was also three-time NFCA all-Mideast Region pick and was a two-time ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America District 7 selection.

May currently has the second most doubles (51) and home runs (23) in school history. Her 51 doubles is just one shy of the school record while her 23 home runs is six shy of the school record.

May was drafted by the Chicato Bandits of the National Professional Fastpitch League as the fourth pick in the second round. She earned the 2006 Nokona Rookie of the Year award and was also named to the all-NPF team.



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Roster/Schedule

2007 IOWA SOFTBALL ROSTER

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Hometown/Last School</u>
1	Emily Nichols	IF/C	Jr.	R/R	Portland, OR/Westview
2	Summer Downs	DP/IF	Jr.	R/R	San Diego, CA/Rancho Bernardo
3	Katie Brown	P	Fr.	R/R	Spirit Lake, IA/Spirit Lake
4	Quinn Morelock	OF/IF	So.	R/R	Solon, IA/Solon
5	Jenna Spratt	OF	Sr.	L/R	Oxford, IA/Clear Creek-Amana
6	Rachel West	OF	So.	R/R	Burlington, IA/Danville
7	Brittany Weil	P	So.	R/R	Garden Grove, CA/Pacifica
8	Erin Riemersma	IF	So.	R/R	Orland Park, IL/Carl Sandburg
9	Lindsey Emery	OF	So.	R/R	Blue Grass, IA/Davenport West
10	Taylor Leichsenring	OF	Fr.	L/R	Amana, IA/Clear Creek-Amana
11	Mindy Heidgerken	OF	Sr.	R/R	Long Grove, IA/North Scott
12	Colleen McGlaughlin	OF/IF	So.	R/R	Morton, IL/Morton
13	Sami Baugh	C	Sr.	R/R	West Des Moines, IA/Dowling Catholic
14	Amanda Zust	P	Fr.	R/R	Des Moines, IA/Des Moines East
15	Callie Adreon	OF	So.	L/L	Edeyville, IA/EBHS
17	Heidi Daumen	IF	Fr.	R/R	Aurora, IL/Waubonsie Valley
22	Lindsey Digmann	IF	Fr.	L/R	Marion, IA/Linn-Mar
24	Stephanie Ackerson	IF/P	Jr.	R/R	Clive, IA/Dowling Catholic

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Associate Head Coach - Michelle Venturella

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>
Feb. 9-11	at Stetson Tournament (Deland, FL)^	TBA	Apr. 18	vs. Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Feb. 16-18	at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ)^	TBA	Apr. 20	vs. Penn State*	6 p.m.
Feb. 24-25	at Red and Black Tournament (Louisville, KY)^	TBA	Apr. 21	vs. Penn State*	12 p.m.
Mar. 2-4	at Buzz Classic (Atlanta, GA)^	TBA	Apr. 22	vs. Ohio State (DH)*	12 p.m.
Mar. 9-11	at NIST (Sunnyvale, CA)^	TBA	Apr. 24	at Northern Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 13	vs. Colorado State (Sacramento, CA) (DH)	3 p.m.	Apr. 27	at Northwestern*	3 p.m.
Mar. 15-17	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)^	TBA	Apr. 28	at Northwestern*	12 p.m.
Mar. 23-25	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City)^	TBA	Apr. 29	vs. Western Illinois	2 p.m.
Mar. 28	at Northern Illinois	4 p.m.	May 2	vs. Drake	5 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Indiana*	2 p.m.	May 5	vs. Illinois*	12 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Indiana*	11 a.m.	May 6	vs. Illinois*	1 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Purdue (DH)*	11 a.m.	May 10-12	Big Ten Tournament (TBA)	TBA
Apr. 3	vs. Iowa State (Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series)	4 p.m.	May 18-20	NCAA Regional Tournament (TBA)	TBA
Apr. 6	at Minnesota*	6 p.m.	May 25-26	NCAA Super Regional Tournament (TBA)	TBA
Apr. 7	at Minnesota*	12 p.m.	June 1-6	College World Series (Oklahoma City, OK)	TBA
Apr. 8	at Wisconsin (DH)*	12 p.m.			
Apr. 11	vs. South Dakota State	3 p.m.			
Apr. 13	vs. Michigan*	6 p.m.			
Apr. 14	vs. Michigan*	12 p.m.			
Apr. 15	vs. Michigan State (DH)*	12 p.m.			

Home events in **BOLD**

* - Big Ten Conference Game

^ - For a complete list of tournament schedules, visit hawkeyesports.com

All times listed as central

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Stephanie Ackerson

Junior

Infield/Pitcher

Clive, IA

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2006 as a Sophomore... Academic all-Big Ten... named team's Golden Glove award winner... appeared in 55 games with 54 starts at first base... started final 50 games of regular season... pitched in three games and threw three and 2/3 innings with two strikeouts... went 2-3 against South Dakota State in Hawkeye Classic... committed just one error during season... boasted a team-best .997 fielding percentage.

2005 as a Freshman... Appeared in 43 games, including 23 starts... started final four games of the season in NCAA Regional play... first career start was against Virginia Tech (February 12)... pitched in four games, throwing 7 1/3 innings... led the team with a 1.000 fielding percentage.

High School... Gatorade Player of the Year in 2004... three-time elite all-state selection... three-time first team all-district and all-conference selection... selected Pitcher of the Year in the state of Iowa in 2003... named captain to the state all-tournament team in 2004... holds 12 pitching and five hitting school records... hit .423 with eight home runs and 61 RBI while compiling a 31-1 record with a 0.40 ERA with 350 strikeouts in 2004... led her team to four straight conference championships and four state tournament berths... all-state selection in volleyball and basketball.



Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Communications... Parents – Roxy and Steve Ackerson... Born – March 17, 1986... High School – Dowling Catholic... High School Coach – John Wilkinson.



ACKERSON'S STATISTICS

Pitching

Year	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	WP	W	L	ERA
2005	1	0	7.1	13	4	4	6	3	1	0	0	3.82
2006	0	0	3.2	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	5.73
Totals	1	0	11.0	16	7	7	8	4	1	0	0	4.45

Batting/Fielding

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	F%
2005	43	70	8	14	2	0	0	33	8	2	5	.200	127	4	0	1.000
2006	55	94	4	14	0	0	0	20	9	0	1	.149	323	12	1	.997
Totals	99	164	12	28	2	0	0	53	17	2	6	.171	450	16	1	.998

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Callie Adreon

Sophomore

Outfield

Eddyville, IA

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2006 as a Freshman... Played in 28 games as a pinch-runner... scored 11 runs... recorded one stolen base against Santa Clara (March 12).

High School... Four-time academic all-conference selection... selected first team all-conference and first team all-district as a senior... name to special team all-state as a senior... batted .403 with 27 stolen bases as a senior... lettered four years in track and two years in volleyball and basketball... qualified three times for state track meet... her 4x200 meter relay team holds school record.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Left/Left... Major – Nursing... Parents – Dan Adreon and Vicki Adreon... Born – March 30, 1987... High School – EBHS... High School Coach – Shellee Shafer.



ADREON'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	28	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000

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Meet the Hawkeyes



Sami Baugh

Senior

Catcher

West Des Moines, IA

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2006 as a Junior... NFCA Academic all-American Scholar Athlete selection...

Academic all-Big Ten honoree... played

in 53 games with 49 starts... batted .200 on the season... recorded 16 RBI on 24 hits... threw out 13 runners stealing... scored two runs three times... went 1-2 with three RBI against St. Francis (March 11)... went 2-2 with two RBI at Illinois (April 1)... finished 2-3 with a double against Penn State (April 30).

2005 as a Sophomore... Academic all-Big Ten selection... played in 61 games, including 58 starts... batted .271 with six home runs... second on the team with 11 doubles... went 3-4 with three RBI and three runs scored against South Dakota State (April 24).

2004 as a Freshman... Played in 55 games, starting 37 behind the plate... picked up first-career hit as a pinch hitter against Western Kentucky (Feb. 28)... went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and first career home run in Gayle Blevins' 1,000th career win (vs. Coe, Apr. 16)... hit .156 in Big Ten play.



High School... 2001 Iowa Player of the Year as a sophomore... First team all-conference, all-district, all-state as a sophomore... 2001 Iowa Elite All-State team... didn't play high school softball her junior or senior years - instead played ASA Softball for the Phoenix Storm... played in the Women's Canada Cup as a senior... broke school record for most doubles, pick-offs and highest batting average as a sophomore at Dowling Catholic High School... hit .460 with 5 HRs as a sophomore... Presidential Honor Roll in 2002-03.

Personal... Bats/Throws - Right/Right... Major - Health and Sports Studies/Communications... Parent - Anna Zemke... Born - November 24, 1984... High School - Dowling Catholic... High School coach - Bob Ligouri.

BAUGH'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2004	55	105	11	23	2	0	1	21	11	0	9	.219	330	18	6	.983
2005	61	155	22	42	11	0	6	31	18	2	21	.271	289	18	2	.994
2006	55	120	12	24	1	0	1	22	16	2	16	.200	230	25	2	.994
Totals	171	380	45	89	14	0	8	74	45	4	46	.234	939	61	10	.990

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Summer Downs

Junior

DP/Infield

San Diego, CA

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2006 as a Sophomore... First team all-Big Ten honoree... named Peg Augspurger Hawkeye Heart award winner... played in 55 games, including 53 starts... started 23 games at third base before moving to designated player... led team with .333 batting average in conference play... tallied four home runs, seven doubles and 28 RBI... recorded seven multi-hit games and six multi-RBI games... went 3-4 with a home run and four RBI at Illinois (March 31)... went 3-3 against South Dakota State (May 3).

2005 as a Freshman... Appeared in 58 games, starting 57.... batted .269 with 24 RBI and five home runs... hit first career home run against Arizona State (Feb. 18)... lead team with 13 sacrifice hits... went 3-4 with two RBI and two runs scored against Ball State (Feb. 27).

High School... Three-time all-league selection... team captain and offensive player of the year in 2004... All-San Diego Union Tribune Team and All-North County Team... led San Diego County in hits in 2004... member of the San Diego Thunder ASA National Championship team (1998-2001)... member of the Case Batbusters - the ASA All-Southern California Team (2003-04)... San Diego Union Tribune All-Academic Team in 2004... all CIF Scholar Athlete 2000-04... four-year honor roll student.



Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Business... Parents – Rick and Robyn Downs... Born – July 16, 1986... High School – Rancho Bernardo... High School Coach – Tracy Stowe.

DOWN'S' STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2005	58	175	29	47	7	1	5	30	13	3	24	.269	85	79	11	.936
2006	55	147	12	42	7	0	4	25	12	2	28	.286	25	48	4	.948
Totals	113	332	41	89	14	1	9	55	25	5	52	.276	107	127	15	.940

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Lindsey Emery

Sophomore

Blue Grass, IA

Davenport West

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2006 as a Freshman... Played in 10 games... has five pinch-hit appearances with one walk... served as pinch-runner in five games.

High School... Three-time all-conference selection... two time all-district selection... all-state selection as a senior... played club softball her senior year for the Heartland Havoc and won the Illinois state championship in 2005... voted Best Defensive Player while leading the team in home runs and RBI... also played basketball and soccer... four-year honor student.

Personal... Bats/Throws - Right/Right... Major - Communications... Parents - Bob and Cheri Emery... Born - November 27, 1986... High School - Davenport West... High School Coach - Steve Saladino.



EMERY'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000

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Mindy Heidgerken

Senior

Long Grove, IA

North Scott

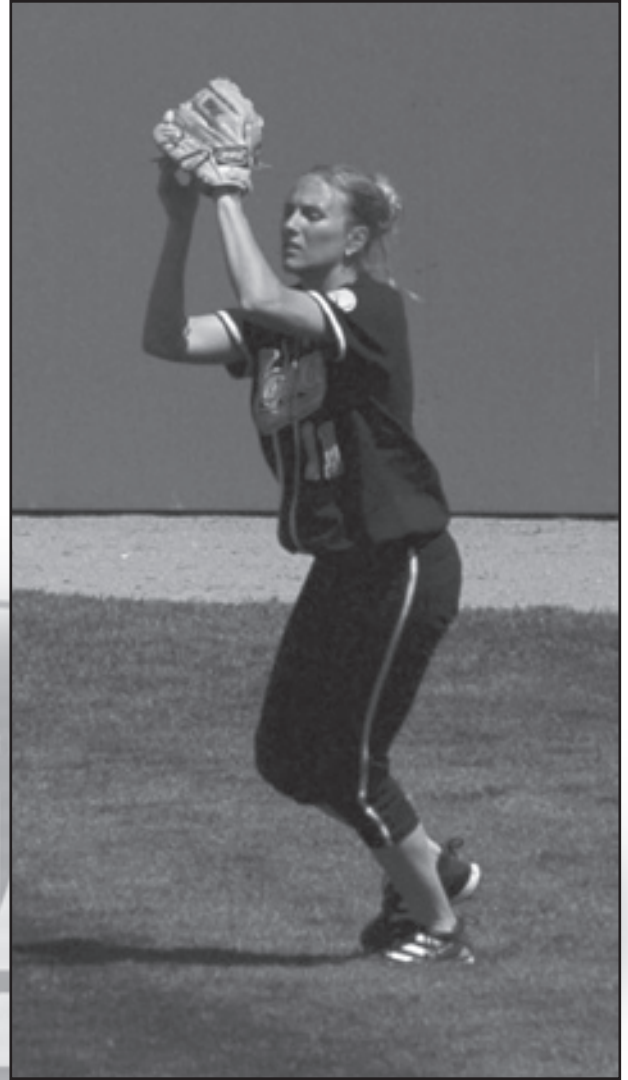
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2006 as a Junior... Third team all-Big Ten selection... ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America District 7 selection... NFCA Academic all-American Scholar

Athlete... Academic all-Big Ten... started all 61 games in center field... batted .302 with four home runs and 26 RBI ... recorded team-best three triples... stole nine bases in 14 attempts... scored 28 runs... had 13 multi-hit games... went 3-4 and was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle against Purdue (April 21)... went 2-3 with an RBI against Illinois State in NCAA Regionals (May 20).

2005 as a Sophomore... Unanimous first team all-Big Ten selection... started all 64 games in center field... led team with a .421 batting average and .421 on base percentage in conference play... led the team with 22 stolen bases.

2004 as a Freshman... Played in 61 games, starting 33... lead the team with 12 stolen bases... hit a seventh-inning, game-tying pinch hit home run in Iowa's 14-inning win over Penn State (Apr. 23)... hit a three-run home run against Western Illinois (Apr. 28).



High School... 2003 Iowa Player of the Year as a senior... also 2003 Iowa Class 3A Player of the Year and Offensive/Defensive Player of the Year... four-time all-state selection, being named to the Elite team in 2002 and 2003... led North Scott High School to a state title as a junior and runner-up finishes in 2000, 2001 and 2003.

Personal... Bats/Throws - Right/Right... Major - Art/Journalism... Parents - Bernie and Deb Heidgerken... Born - April 9, 1985... High School - North Scott... High School coach - Dennis Johnson.

HEIDGERKEN'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2004	61	114	12	21	3	0	2	23	4	12	8	.184	23	3	4	.867
2005	64	153	30	41	10	3	2	41	6	22	19	.268	32	1	2	.943
2006	61	189	28	57	7	3	4	42	11	9	26	.302	54	3	1	.983
Totals	186	456	70	119	20	6	8	106	21	43	53	.261	109	7	7	.943

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Colleen McGlaughlin

Sophomore

Outfield/Infield

Morton, IL

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2006 as a Freshman... NFCA Academic all-American Scholar Athlete selection... named team's Most Improved Player...

played in 48 games with 19 starts... collected two home runs, three doubles and seven RBI... hit first career home run at Illinois (April 1)... went 1-3 with two-RBI double against Penn State (April 30).

High School... Four-time all-state, all-area and all-conference selection... named team MVP all four years... four-time Chicago Tribune all-state selection... team captain as junior and senior... hit .505 as a freshman... holds 14 school records... hit 29 career home runs and finished with a .467 career batting average... member of U-18 Illinois Southern Force that won Gold division national championship in 2004... lettered four years in volleyball... two-time all-state selection... holds seven school records in volleyball... scored a 35 on her ACT... Presidential Scholarship recipient.



Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Actuarial Science... Parents – Mack and Kim McGlaughlin... Born – July 23, 1987... High School – Morton... High School Coach – Stacey Whitcomb.

McGLAUGHLIN'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	48	72	5	12	3	0	2	21	7	0	7	.167	10	1	2	.846

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Quinn Morelock

Sophomore
Outfield/Infield
Solon, IA

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2006 as a Freshman... Appeared in 43 games with 21 starts... batted .277 with two home runs and 11 RBI... recorded first career home run against Illinois State (February 17)... went 2-3 with two RBI against St. Francis (March 11).

High School... Named Gatorade Player of the Year in 2005... five-year letterwinner... named team MVP all five years of career... four-time all-state selection, including elite team selection as a senior... three-time all-district and all-conference selection... led team to state championship in 2003 and runner-up finish in 2005... holds four school records helped team to back-to-back conference titles in 2004 and 2005... hit 23 home runs in 2005, one shy of the Iowa state record for home runs in a season... finished with 45 career home runs... lettered four years in volleyball and track... holds three volleyball school records and was an all-state selection... qualified for state track in four events her junior year and three her senior year... also lettered twice in basketball.



Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Health and Sports Studies... Parents – Allen and Patti Morelock... Born – June 20, 1987... High School – Solon... High School Coach – John Begley.

MORELOCK'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	43	65	8	18	1	1	2	19	6	3	11	.277	7	0	0	1.000

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Emily Nichols

Junior

Infield/Catcher

Portland, OR

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2006 as a Sophomore... Second team NFCA Mideast all-Regional honoree... third team all-Big Ten selection... named Peg Augspurger Hawkeye Heart award winner... appeared in 59 games with 58 starts... played 42 games at third base, 12 at catcher and 12 at first base... team-best 34 RBI and 14 doubles... second on the team with a .315 batting average... tied for second on the team with five home runs... scored 26 runs.

2005 as a Freshman... First team NFCA Mideast all-Regional pick... started all 64 games... broke single-season home run record against Ball State (Mar. 26)... set school records by hitting three home runs and recording eight RBI against Auburn (Mar. 6)... recorded two home runs against Georgia Southern (Mar. 4) and Northern Illinois (Apr. 6)... hit seven home runs in eight games at the Buzz Classic... named Buzz Classic Tournament MVP... lead team in slugging percentage (.633), RBI (49), home runs (16) and walks (28).



High School... Four-time all-state and all-metro selection... led team to three-straight conference championships and four-straight state tournament berths... member of the ASA National Champion Sun Supply... Sun Supply also placed third in 2001 and were ASA state champions in 2002... holds state record for most RBI and home runs in a game (3 home runs and a grand slam, 11 RBI).

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Pre-law... Parents – Chuck and Dana Nichols... Born – October 31, 1985... High School – Westview... High School Coach – Ronda McKenzie.



NICHOLS' STATISTICS

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2005	64	169	35	48	9	1	16	27	28	1	16	.284	400	30	8	.982
2006	59	181	26	57	14	0	5	26	20	6	34	.315	133	89	5	.978
Totals	123	350	61	105	23	1	21	53	48	7	83	.300	533	119	13	.980



Erin Riemersma

Sophomore

Infield

Orland Park, IL

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2005 as a Freshman... Named third team all-Big Ten... NFCA Academic all-American Scholar Athlete selection... named team's Coaches Award winner...

started all 61 games at second base... batted .265 with five home runs, team-best three triples, nine doubles and 19 RBI... 9-10 in stolen base attempts... went 2-3 with two home runs against Illinois State (Feb. 18)... was 3-4 with a home run at Illinois (March 31).

High School... Two-time all-conference and all-area selection... Chicago Sun Times all-area selection as a junior... named team MVP as a sophomore... led her team to conference titles in 2003 and 2005 and two quarterfinal appearances in the Illinois AA State Tournament... played ASA ball for the Illinois Bandits Gold and led team to top 15 finish... named No. 3 female athlete by Chicago Sun Times in 2005... also lettered four years in basketball and was an all-conference and all-area selection... four-year honor student... graduated in top 5% in graduating class of 800.



Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Finance... Parents – Tim and Eileen Riemersma... Born – February 6, 1987... High School – Carl Sandburg... High School Coach – Randy Couwenhoven.

RIEMERSMA'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	61	166	30	44	9	3	5	29	15	9	19	.265	116	79	9	.956

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Jenna Spratt

Senior

Outfield

Oxford, IA

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2006 as a Junior... Academic all-Big Ten... appeared in 51 games, starting 10... batted .185 with five hits... perfect

5-5 in stolen bases.

2005 as a Sopomore... Academic all-Big Ten... played in 59 games, starting 35... batted .225 with five stolen bases... went 3-3 with a run scored against South Dakota State (Mar. 26)... went 2-2 with a run scored against Ohio State (Apr. 16).

2004 as a Freshman... Appeared in 54 games with three starts... 5-for-8 in stolen base attempts... got first-career start against Chattanooga (Mar. 5)... went 2-for-2 against Northern Illinois with a run scored (Mar. 8).



High School... 2003 Class 2A Player of the Year... three-time all-state selection, named to the Elite team as a senior... three time first team all-conference and all-area pick... led her Clear Creek-Amana team to the 2002 state championship... set Iowa state tournament record with six RBIs as a junior... hit .532 as a senior after posting a .474 mark her junior year... stole 64 bases her senior year alone.

Personal... Bats/Throws - Left/Right... Major - Health Promotion... Parents - Gary and Debbie Spratt... Born - February, 19 1985... High School - Clear Creek-Amana... High School coach - Jim White.

SPRATT'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2004	54	20	13	5	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	.250	1	0	0	1.000
2005	59	80	15	18	0	0	0	22	1	5	8	.225	17	1	3	.857
2006	51	27	15	5	0	0	0	8	2	5	0	.185	9	0	3	.750
Totals	164	127	43	28	0	0	0	33	3	15	8	.220	27	1	6	.824

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Brittany Weil

Sophomore

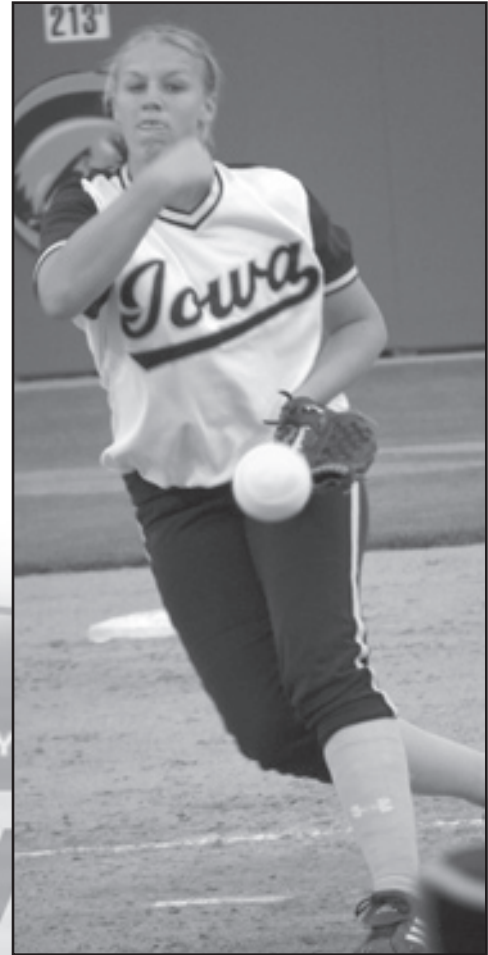
Pitcher

Garden Grove, CA

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2006 as a Freshman... Third team all-Big Ten selection... named team co-MVP... pitched in 51 games with 37 starts... compiled 27-16 record with 2.34

ERA during regular season... ranks second in school history for complete games in a season (34), innings pitched for a season (296.0) and single-season strikeouts (270), seventh in wins (27) and eighth in career strikeouts (270)... threw six one-hitters... tossed seven shutouts... tallied three double-digit strikeout games... recorded five or more strikeouts in 27 games... struck out career-high 13 batters against Loyola (March 24) and Indiana (May 12)... recorded game-winning single against Georgia (Feb. 10) in first and only at-bat of the season.



High School... Named first team all-league, all-county and all-CIF all four years... three-time all-regional selection... two-time all-American... named Orange County Player of the Year as a junior... L.A. Times Pitcher of the Year as a senior... led her team to four straight league championships and two state championships... high school team was national runner-up in 2003... named Most Valuable Player at seven tournaments in high school, including the California Tournament of Champions in 2003 and 2005... holds CIF record with 102 career wins... high school coach was her father, Rob Weil... played ASA ball for the Gordon Panthers and led them to back-to-back seventh place finishes at the ASA National Tournament... four-year honor student.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Elementary Education... Parents – Rob and Sara Weil... Born – July 21, 1987... High School – Pacifica... High School Coach – Rob Weil.

WEIL'S STATISTICS

Pitching													
Year	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	WP	W	L	ERA	
2006	37	34	296.0	236	111	99	270	110	8	27	16	2.34	

Batting/Fielding													
Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO A E F%
2006	53	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	14 79 3 .969

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Rachel West

Sophomore

Outfield

Burlington, IA

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2006 as a Freshman... Appeared in 52 games as pinch-runner... had surgery before season to repair shoulder damage and suffered hand injury during season... led team with 15 stolen bases on 22 attempts... scored 21 runs during regular season.

High School... Three-time first team all-conference and all-Hawkeye selection... two-time first-team all-district and all-state selection... holds eight school records... batted .547 as a junior and .459 as a senior... stole 77 bases in her career... hit a school record 21 triples... led high school team to back-to-back SE Superconference runner-up finishes... also lettered twice in basketball and track... two-time all-conference selection in basketball... lettered in golf, volleyball and soccer... honor roll student.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Health and Sports Studies/Exercise Science... Parents – Jeff and Tracy West... Born – August 1, 1986... High School – Danville... High School Coach – Randy and Kara Kester.



WEST'S STATISTICS

Batting/Fielding

YEAR	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	AVG	PO	A	E	FD%
2006	52	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	.000	0	0	0	.000

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Katie Brown

Freshman

Pitcher

Spirit Lake, IA

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High School... Named 2004 Gatorade Softball Player of the Year... selected as Class 3A Player and Pitcher of the Year in 2004 and 2006... four-year first team all-state selection... four-time unanimous first team all-conference selection... four-year all-district pick... led her team to four-straight state tournament appearances with a state championship in 2004... selected to state all-tournament team all four years her team competed and was named captain of the all-tournament team in 2004... also led her team to four-straight conference titles... featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd"... only Iowa player to strike out 22 batters in a seven inning game... holds 18 school records... career pitching record of 163-29... member of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii... three-time state champion in the discus and holds the Iowa Class 3A state meet record... four-year Drake Relay qualifier... holds 22 basketball school records.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Education... Parents – John and Joleen Brown... Born – November 25, 1987... High School – Spirit Lake... High School Coach – Chuck Skogerboe.



Heidi Daumen

Freshman

Infield

Aurora, IL

17

High School... Three-time all-conference selection, including unanimous pick as a senior... *Daily Herald* and *Chicago Sun-Times* all-conference selection as a senior... led

her high school team in fielding percentage as a sophomore... member of the ASA affiliated Naperville Diamonds and Homer Hawks... helped the Homer Hawks to a Division A North national championship... also lettered in basketball.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Pre-Business... Parents – Bill and Winnie Daumen... sister Gretchen Daumen is the softball student trainer... Born – August 17, 1988... High School – Waubonsie Valley ... High School Coach – Kris Kalivas.



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Lindsey Digmann

Freshman

Infield

Marion, IA

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High School... Three-year first team all-state selection... four-year all-metro pick... named first team all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior... named MVC Athlete of the year as a junior... batted .497 as a freshman and .501 as a junior... finished career with 70 RBI and 189 stolen bases... holds school records in steals, runs scored, triples and hits... led her team to four-straight MVC titles... member of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii... four-time state qualifier and three-time Drake Relays qualifier as a sprinter in track... also lettered three years in volleyball.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Left/Right... Major – Health and Sports Studies... Parents – Dean and Sherry Digmann... Born – October 10, 1987... High School – Linn-Mar... High School Coach – Don Menke.



Amanda Zust

Freshman

Pitcher

Des Moines, IA

14

High School... Named both Class 4A Player and Pitcher of the Year in 2006... two-time first team all-state selection... named first team all-conference as a sophomore, junior and senior... named National Fastpitch Coaches Association Academic all-American... led her team to a class 4A state title in 2006 and was named captain of the all-tournament team... finished her career with a .371 batting average with 97 RBI... recorded a pitching record of 66-14 with a 0.86 ERA and 798 strikeouts... struck out 315 batters as a senior and compiled a 45-5 record.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Right/Right... Major – Open... Parents – Joel and Cathy Zust... Born – May 24, 1988... High School –Des Moines East... High School Coach –Bob Ligouri.



Taylor Leichsenring

Freshman

Outfield

Amana, IA

10

High School... Named Class 3A Offensive Player of the Year as a senior... four-year all-state selection, including first team honors as a junior and senior... named to first team all-area and all-district teams as a junior and senior... three-year first team all-conference selection... led her team to class 2A state titles in 2002 and 2004 along with a 3A state championship in 2006... named captain of the all-tournament team in 2006... finished her career with 158 stolen bases... member of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii... three-time all-conference selection as an outside hitter in volleyball... four-time state qualifier and three-time Drake Relays qualifier in track as a sprinter.

Personal... Bats/Throws – Left/Right... Major – Communications... Parents – Bill and Karen Leichsenring... Born – December 5, 1987... High School – Clear Creek-Amana... High School Coach – Jim White.



Freshmen Amanda Zust, Katie Brown, Taylor Leichsenring and Lindsey Digmann were members of the Iowa Select All-Star team that won the Rainbow Classic championship in Hawaii.