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## UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Location: ..... Iowa City, IA  
 Enrollment: ..... 30,328  
 Founded: ..... 1847  
 Nickname: ..... Hawkeyes  
 Colors ..... Black and Gold  
 Conference: ..... Big Ten  
 National Affiliation ..... NCAA, Division I  
 President: ..... Sally Mason  
 Director of Athletics: ..... Gary Barta  
 Baseball Administrator: ..... Fred Mims  
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Head Coach..... Jack Dahm (7th Year)  
 Alma Mater/Year ..... Creighton/1989  
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## TEAM INFORMATION

2009 Record ..... 16-35  
 Home ..... 7-14  
 Away ..... 7-16  
 Neutral ..... 2-5  
 Big Ten Record/Finish ..... 4-19/10th  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost ..... 20/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost ..... 6/4  
 Pitchers Returning/Lost ..... 9/7  
 Newcomers ..... 10  
 Home Facility ..... Duane Banks Field  
 Capacity ..... 3,000  
 Opened ..... 1974  
 Dimensions ..... 330-375-400-375-330  
 Surface ..... Natural Grass

## FEBRUARY

20... Sat..... vs. Illinois State..... 11 a.m.  
 20... Sat..... at Austin Peay..... 3 p.m.  
 26... Fri..... vs. Rutgers% ..... 9 a.m.  
 27... Sat..... vs. West Virginia% ..... Noon  
 28... Sun..... vs. Villanova% ..... Noon

## MARCH

5..... Fri..... at Kansas ..... 3 p.m.  
 6..... Sat..... at Kansas (DH) ..... Noon  
 7..... Sun..... at Kansas ..... 1 p.m.  
 12... Fri..... at Texas ..... 6 p.m.  
 13... Sat..... at Texas (DH) ..... Noon  
 14... Sun..... at Texas ..... 1 p.m.  
 16... Tues ..... at UT-San Antonio ..... 6 p.m.  
 17... Wed ..... at UT-San Antonio ..... 6 p.m.  
 19... Fri..... at UT-Pan American ..... 6 p.m.  
 20... Sat..... at UT-Pan American (DH) .. 1 p.m.  
 26... Fri..... **Western Illinois ..... 6:30 p.m.**  
 27... Sat..... **Western Illinois ..... 1 p.m.**  
 28... Sun..... **Western Illinois ..... 1 p.m.**  
 30... Tues ..... **South Dakota State..... 6 p.m.**  
 31... Wed..... **South Dakota State..... 4 p.m.**

## APRIL

2..... Fri..... at Michigan State ..... 2 p.m.  
 3..... Sat..... at Michigan State ..... Noon  
 4..... Sun..... at Michigan State ..... Noon  
 6..... Tues ..... **Western Illinois ..... 6:30 p.m.**  
 7..... Wed ..... at I-Cubs (exh.) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 9..... Fri..... **Illinois ..... 6 p.m.**  
 10... Sat..... **Illinois ..... 1 p.m.**  
 11... Sun ..... **Illinois ..... 1 p.m.**  
 13... Tues ..... **UW-Milwaukee..... 6 p.m.**  
 16... Fri..... at Indiana ..... 2 p.m.  
 17... Sat..... at Indiana ..... Noon  
 18... Sun..... at Indiana ..... Noon  
 23... Fri..... at Michigan ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 24... Sat..... at Michigan ..... Noon  
 25... Sun..... at Michigan ..... Noon  
 27... Tues ..... **Nebraska ..... 6 p.m.**  
 28... Wed ..... at Creighton ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 30... Fri..... **Minnesota ..... 6 p.m.**

## MAY

1..... Sat..... **Minnesota ..... 1 p.m.**  
 2..... Sun ..... **Minnesota ..... 1 p.m.**  
 4 ..... Tues ..... vs. Coe College\* ..... 6 p.m.  
 7..... Fri..... at Penn State ..... 6 p.m.  
 8..... Sat..... at Penn State ..... 3 p.m.  
 9..... Sun..... at Penn State ..... 11 a.m.  
 14... Fri..... **Ohio State..... 6 p.m.**  
 15... Sat..... **Ohio State..... 1 p.m.**  
 16... Sun ..... **Ohio State..... 1 p.m.**  
 18... Tues ..... vs. Western Illinois# ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 20... Thurs .. **Purdue ..... 6 p.m.**  
 21... Fri..... **Purdue ..... 6 p.m.**  
 22... Sat..... **Purdue ..... 1 p.m.**

All times are central and subject to change  
 % - Big East/Big Ten Challenge  
 # - Played at Woodmen Park in Davenport, IA  
 \* - Corridor Classic, Cedar Rapids, IA

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## NUMERICAL

- 1 Cory Glieden
- 2 Kurt Lee
- 3 Phil Keppler
- 4 Jeff Pacha
- 6 Keith Brand
- 7 Kevin Gates
- 9 Trevor Willis
- 12 Mike Corbeil
- 13 Mike McQuillan
- 14 Kevin Lee
- 15 Sean Flanagan
- 16 Ryan Durant
- 17 Zach Robertson
- 18 Chett Zeise
- 19 Michael Jacobs
- 20 Patrick Schatz
- 21 Andrew Host
- 22 Phil Schreiber
- 23 Dan Sheppard
- 24 Tyson Blaser
- 25 Zach McCool
- 26 Dallas Burke
- 27 Patrick Harshman
- 28 Kurtis Muller
- 30 Steve Hague
- 31 Ricky Sandquist
- 32 Jarred Hippen
- 35 Nick Brown
- 36 Andrew Ewing
- 37 Patrick Brennan
- 40 Matt Dermody
- 44 Zach Kenyon

## ALPHABETICAL

- 24 Tyson Blaser
- 6 Keith Brand
- 37 Patrick Brennan
- 35 Nick Brown
- 26 Dallas Burke
- 12 Mike Corbeil
- 40 Matt Dermody
- 16 Ryan Durant
- 36 Andrew Ewing
- 15 Sean Flanagan
- 7 Kevin Gates
- 1 Cory Glieden
- 30 Steve Hague
- 27 Patrick Harshman
- 32 Jarred Hippen
- 21 Andrew Host
- 19 Michael Jacobs
- 44 Zach Kenyon
- 3 Phil Keppler
- 14 Kevin Lee
- 25 Zach McCool
- 13 Mike McQuillan
- 28 Kurtis Muller
- 4 Jeff Pacha
- 17 Zach Robertson
- 31 Ricky Sandquist
- 20 Patrick Schatz
- 22 Phil Schreiber
- 23 Dan Sheppard
- 9 Trevor Willis
- 18 Chett Zeise

## PITCHERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Last School
4	Jeff Pacha	OF/LHP	L/L	5-10/180	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	Regina
7	Kevin Gates	RHP	R/R	5-10/185	Fr.	Chesterton, IN	Chesterton
14	Kevin Lee	RHP	R/R	6-5/210	Jr.	Oak Lawn, IL	Richards
15	Sean Flanagan	RHP	R/R	6-3/200	So.	Downers Grove, IL	North
17	Zach Robertson	LHP	L/L	6-1/215	Sr.	Des Moines, IA	Lincoln
19	Michael Jacobs	LHP	L/L	6-1/205	Sr.	Lenexa, KS	St. Thomas Aquinas
20	Patrick Schatz	RHP	R/R	6-1/180	Jr.*	McHenry, IL	McHenry West
22	Phil Schreiber	RHP	R/R	6-0/195	So.	Kaukauna, WI	Kaukauna
30	Steve Hague	RHP	R/R	6-0/175	Fr.	Chicago, IL	St. Ignatius
31	Ricky Sandquist	RHP	L/R	6-4/185	Fr.	Fort Dodge, IA	Fort Dodge
32	Jarred Hippen	LHP	L/L	6-3/195	So.	Rock Falls, IL	Rock Falls
35	Nick Brown	RHP/DH	R/R	6-3/225	So.	Warrenville, IL	Wheaton-Warrenville South
37	Patrick Brennan	LHP	L/L	6-3/220	Fr.*	East Falmouth, MA	The Gunnery
40	Matt Dermody	LHP	R/L	6-5/200	Fr.	Norwalk, IA	Norwalk
44	Zach Kenyon	RHP	R/R	6-6/220	Jr.	Davenport, IA	Central

## CATCHERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Last School
6	Keith Brand	C	R/R	5-10/165	Fr.	Northbrook, IL	Glenbrook North
23	Dan Sheppard	C/OF	R/R	6-0/180	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL	North
24	Tyson Blaser	C	R/R	6-2/220	Jr.*	Taylor Ridge, IL	Rockridge
26	Dallas Burke	C/DH	L/R	6-1/200	So.	Bettendorf, IA	Davenport Central

## INFIELDERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Last School
1	Cory Glieden	IF	L/R	6-0/180	Fr.*	Chaska, MN	Chaska
2	Kurt Lee	IF	R/R	5-10/170	Jr.	Redding, CA	Shasta
3	Phil Keppler	OF/1B	L/R	6-4/195	So.*	Manchester, IA	West Delaware
12	Mike Corbeil	IF	L/R	5-10/195	Fr.	Chesterfield, MO	Marquette
13	Mike McQuillan	IF	L/R	5-11/175	So.	Evergreen Park, IL	Brother Rice
18	Chett Zeise	IF	R/R	5-11/195	So.	Green Bay, WI	Notre Dame Academy
25	Zach McCool	IF	R/R	5-7/175	Jr.	Manchester, IA	West Delaware
36	Andrew Ewing	IF	R/R	6-0/185	So.	Iowa City, IA	West

## OUTFIELDERS

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht./Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Last School
3	Phil Keppler	OF/1B	L/R	6-4/195	So.*	Manchester, IA	West Delaware
4	Jeff Pacha	OF/LHP	L/L	5-10/180	Jr.	Iowa City, IA	Regina
9	Trevor Willis	OF	L/R	6-3/190	Jr.	Homer Glen, IL	Lockport
16	Ryan Durant	OF	R/R	6-1/190	Sr.	Eldridge, IA	North Scott
21	Andrew Host	OF	R/R	6-1/190	Fr.*	Altoona, IA	Southeast Polk
23	Dan Sheppard	C/OF	R/R	6-0/180	Fr.	Downers Grove, IL	North
27	Patrick Harshman	OF	L/L	5-11/185	Fr.*	Centerville, IA	Centerville
28	Kurtis Muller	OF	R/R	5-10/170	Jr.	Sun Prairie, WI	Sun Prairie

**Head Coach:** Jack Dahm (#10)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Ryan Brownlee (#11) & Chris Maliszewski (#29)  
**Volunteer Coach:** Zach Dillon (#42)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tyson Blaser	BLAY-zer
Mike Corbeil	Cor-BEAL
Phil Keppler	KEP-lir
Jeff Pacha	PAY-sha
Cory Glieden	GLEE-din
Steve Hague	HAY-g
Mike McQuillan	Muh-QUILL-in
Kurtis Muller	MULL-ir
Chett Zeise	ZI-zee

## BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

FRESHMAN (11)	SOPHOMORES (9)	JUNIORS (9)	SENIORS (3)
Keith Brand	Nick Brown	Tyson Blaser	Ryan Durant
Patrick Brennan	Dallas Burke	Zach Kenyon	Michael Jacobs
Mike Corbeil	Andrew Ewing	Kevin Lee	Zach Robertson
Matt Dermody	Sean Flanagan	Kurt Lee	
Kevin Gates	Jarred Hippen	Zach McCool	
Cory Glieden	Phil Keppler	Kurtis Muller	
Steve Hague	Mike McQuillan	Jeff Pacha	
Patrick Harshman	Phil Schreiber	Patrick Schatz	
Andrew Host	Chett Zeise	Trevor Willis	
Ricky Sandquist			
Dan Sheppard			



# WELCOME TO IOWA BASEBALL

*Student-athletes throughout the country each year face the difficult task of selecting a University in which to pursue their college degree while reaching their full potential academically and athletically.*

*Selecting a university and baseball program that is the right fit for you is a very important decision. This decision is one that will have a great impact on both the near future as well as the many years that follow your collegiate experience and baseball career.*

*As you begin to compare all of your options, I strongly encourage you to consider The University of Iowa and our baseball program. Many of the same qualities that distinguish Iowa's academic reputation are the foundation we are building within the baseball program... a commitment to excellence, tradition of success, strong community support and first class facilities.*

*Iowa is an outstanding university with a worldwide reputation of academic excellence. The university features faculty and staff members who are committed to making your experience as a student-athlete a positive experience academically, not to mention Iowa City is a classic college town that prides itself on the success of the university in every regard.*

*We are also looking forward to regaining the past success that Iowa baseball has had in winning seven Big Ten Championships, qualifying for three NCAA Tournaments and one appearance in the College World Series. Our coaching staff is looking forward to taking The University of Iowa Baseball program to new heights. We believe that we have an opportunity to become one of the finest baseball programs in the nation, while helping to produce graduates who are prepared for successful careers.*

*The athletic department at the University of Iowa has built its reputation on the sound foundation of academic, athletic and personal integrity. These qualities are present at the very top in University President, Sally Mason; Director of Athletics, Gary Barta; and Associate Athletic Director Fred Mims (Baseball Administrator) and are embraced by each member of our coaching and administrative staff.*

*It is our hope that you will continue to consider The University of Iowa as a place for your future. Our program offers incredible academic opportunities combined with a Big Ten athletic experience that is unparalleled. The University of Iowa and the Iowa City community will provide all the necessary ingredients to make your academic and athletic experiences as rewarding as possible.*

*We hope you will share in the excitement about The University of Iowa and our program.*

**IT'S GREAT TO BE A HAWKEYE!**

**Jack Dahm**  
Head Baseball Coach  
University of Iowa



## Hawkeye Academic Accomplishments Under Dahm:

- Awarded 2007 NCAA Public Recognition Award for being in the 90% percentile of Academic Progress Report (APR) for baseball
- Third-best graduation rate for Big Ten baseball behind Northwestern and Michigan
- Forty-eight players named to the academic all-Big Ten team over the past six years; that is the best six-year total in the history of the program
- A team-record 10 players were named academic all-Big Ten in 2006
- Ben Geelan named *ESPN the Magazine* Academic all-District

## Hawkeye Season Accomplishments Under Dahm:

- 2009: Third Team Pre-Season All-American, Justin Toole
- 2009: Kevin Hoef sets career hit-by-pitch record (68)
- 2009: T.J. Cataldo ties game-high four walks in a game record at Purdue
- 2008: Broke season records in singles (436), stolen bases (138), stolen base attempts (176) and HBP (86)
- 2008: Beat No. 5 Vanderbilt (6-3) at Hawkins Field March 1, 2008.
- 2008: Freshman All-American, Kurtis Muller
- 2007: Overall record (31-23) and fourth-place Big Ten (17-13) finish. Best record in 14 years and second trip to Big Ten Tournament in three years after competing once the previous 15 years.
- 2005: Big Ten record was 19-13 with a third-place finish and finished one game out of first. The 19 victories were the second-most conference wins in the history of the program.
- 2007: Twelve-game winning streak -- second-longest in school history
- 2007: Ten-game Big Ten winning streak -- longest in school history
- 2007: Four-game series sweeps of North Dakota State and Northwestern... first four-game sweeps since 1990 sweep of Illinois.
- 2007: First time in school history that Iowa collected three series sweeps of three or more games in a single-season (North Dakota State, Northwestern and Indiana)
- Twenty-four all-Big Ten performers on the field in the past six years
- Eight first team all-Big Ten performers after only four in the previous 15 years
- Fourteen players signing MLB contract in the past six years
- Five ABCA All Mideast Regional Players
- 2007 Stetson Tournament Champions with wins over Nebraska and Notre Dame
- 2006 Austin Peay Tournament Champions
- 2006 Louisiana Cajun Classic Champions

**Hometown:** Morton Grove, Illinois

**Birthdate:** January 19, 1967

**Education:** Creighton University '89  
(B.S. Business Management)

### Dahm's Coaching Experience:

1994-03, Creighton University, Head Coach (283-276-2)  
2004- Present, University of Iowa, Head Coach (140-188)

### Dahm's Year-By-Year Coaching Record:

1994	Creighton University	28-29
1995	Creighton University	35-22
1996	Creighton University	19-31-1
1997	Creighton University	27-27
1998	Creighton University	27-27-1
1999	Creighton University	38-25
2000	Creighton University	38-23
2001	Creighton University	21-31
2002	Creighton University	30-24
2003	Creighton University	20-37
2004	University of Iowa	20-35
2005	University of Iowa	28-29
2006	University of Iowa	23-33
2007	University of Iowa	31-23
2008	University of Iowa	22-33
2009	University of Iowa	16-35

**At Creighton University: 283-276-2**

**At University of Iowa: 140-188**

**Career Total: 423-464-2**

## Hawkeye Traditions Started by Dahm:

- Started the Corridor Classic, the biggest ADA fundraiser in Iowa history
- Began the biannual I-Cubs Exhibition Game
- Started the annual Iowa Baseball Golf Outing, donating money to the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- Established the annual Lead-Off Dinner. Featured speakers have included: Jim Hendry, Tommy Lasorda, Joe Girardi, Fergie Jenkins, Tim McClelland, Wes Obermueller and Michael Gartner.



MATT  
DERMODY

In his seventh season with the Hawkeyes, Iowa Baseball Coach Dahm believes he will see improvement from a year ago. Despite having only three seniors on the 2010 roster, many of the Hawkeye underclassmen saw significant game action last season due to injuries and have the talent to take the next step and lead the Black and Gold.

**STARTING PITCHING**

Last season, the Hawkeye starting rotation was led by a trio of freshmen: Nick Brown, Jarred Hippen and Phil Schreiber. The trio comprised Iowa's Big Ten weekend rotation and gained valuable experience in their rookie campaign. In addition to the three freshmen, transfer Zach Robertson showed flashes as the season progressed and really had an outstanding summer throwing the ball.

Brown, a strong right-hander, will likely begin the season in the starting rotation as the Hawkeyes' Friday starter. Brown made 11 appearances, nine of which were starts and finished with a 6.35 ERA.

Hippen is a southpaw and is coming off a very successful rookie campaign where he posted a team-best 3-4 record in nine starts and 16 appearances. He finished with a 4.87 ERA in a team-best 68.1 innings.

Schreiber, a righty, will be also be returning to the starting rotation after making nine starts on the mound a year ago and leading the starting unit with a 4.57 ERA.

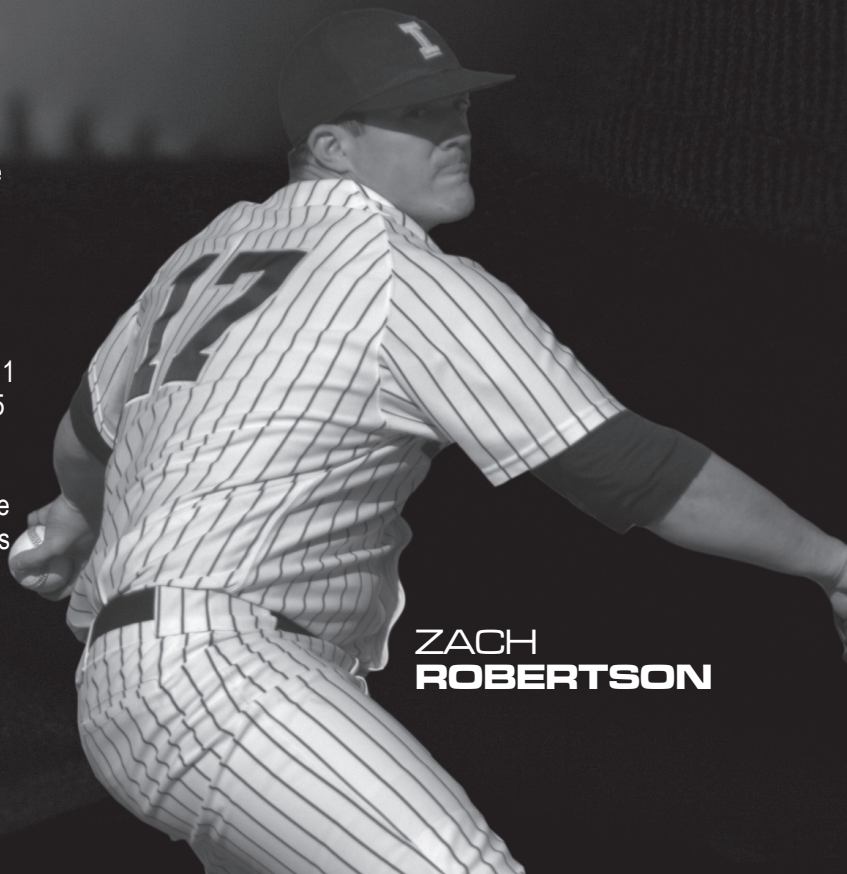
"The sophomore trio really gained experience last season," Dahm said. "They got thrown into the fire, but continued to make huge strides throughout the year and over the summer. Last summer, they combined for an 18-6 record. We are excited about all three of them and the experience they got from last year. They took some lumps, but gained some very valuable experience."

Also vying for a starting position will be Robertson. The senior finished 2009 with 10 appearances and five starts. He had a very successful summer in the Northwoods League, winning the championship for the Rochester Honkers and becoming the league's strikeout leader with over 245 K's throughout his career.

"Zach had a little bit of a transition year a year ago, coming from a junior college to Division-I baseball," Dahm said. "He went out this summer and dominated the Northwoods League. Zach has gained a lot of confidence since last season and he now understands what it takes to compete at this level."

Other pitchers that will likely see mid-week starts are junior Zach Kenyon and freshmen Matt Dermody and Ricky Sandquist. Coach Dahm is excited about each player's potential.

"This is probably the most depth we have had at starting pitching to start a season," Dahm said. "I think those top four guys have separated themselves a little bit, but then we also feel confident in Dermody, Sandquist, Kenyon and even Michael Jacobs or Patrick Schatz. Our starting depth is strong -- with that, is a strong bullpen, as well. We have guys, like Jacobs and Schatz who have thrown a lot for us, add in the young guys and it is going to be a very solid pitching staff. That being said, we need them to throw what they are capable of and compete against that tough schedule."



ZACH  
ROBERTSON



JARRED  
HIPPEN

**RELIEF PITCHING**

Coach Dahm and Pitching Coach Chris Maliszewski have confidence in their stable of arms in the bullpen this season. Dahm has a number of experienced veterans he can hand the ball to when needed in 2010.

Junior Kevin Lee will be given the opportunity to be the Hawkeyes' closer this season, taking the place of Mike Schurz. Lee led the team in ERA last season (3.38) in 15 appearances as a situational pitcher; he struck out 11 in 13.1 innings. Besides a strong year in 2009, Lee also excelled in the Prospect League last summer, with 57 strikeouts in 38 innings of work, helping the Quincy Gems win the Prospect League title and earning an all-star appearance.

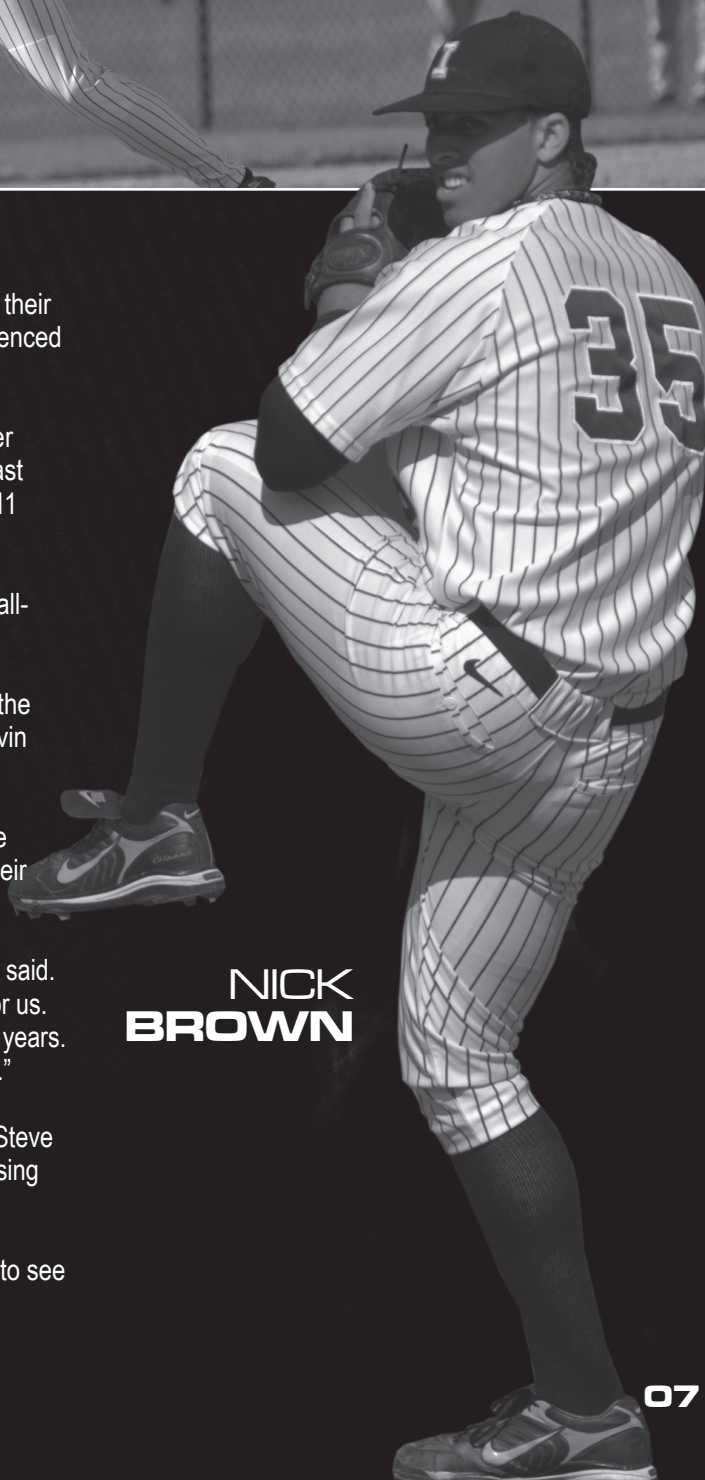
"Kevin really had a great summer at Quincy," Dahm said. "He is one of the most competitive guys we have. I have been very pleased with how Kevin has improved his secondary pitches."

Two pitchers with experience that will be in the relief role this season are Jacobs and Schatz. The upperclassmen duo can eat up innings, and their ability to go two or three frames will be valuable to the Hawkeyes.

"Michael was in that role as a freshman, coming out of the bullpen," Dahm said. "We can bring him in to get one lefty out or to throw two or three innings for us. He really has had some of the biggest wins in our program throughout the years. Having an experienced lefty out of the pen will give us some good options."

Other pitchers to see action in the bullpen are right-handers Matt Gates, Steve Hague, Kenyon and Sandquist. Gates is a sidewinder that will give opposing batters a different look the Hawkeyes have not had in recent seasons.

Also, look for talented lefties Patrick Brennan, Dermody and Jeff Pacha to see action on the bump.



NICK  
BROWN



**KURT  
LEE**

**INFIELD**

While it will not be easy to replace veterans Kevin Hoef or Justin Toole in the infield, the Black and Gold will still have an experienced and talented core with Mike McQuillan, Chett Zeise and junior transfer Kurt Lee.

“We have a lot of work to do,” said Dahm. “Losing Kevin and Justin, who were basically everyday players the past three to four years, it’s tough to replace their experience and leadership. One of the positives, from all of the injuries we had last season, was that a lot of young infielders gained valuable experience.”

Zeise, a sophomore, will be moving to third base for the Black and Gold after playing a majority of time at second base and shortstop last year. As a freshman, Zeise appeared in 45 games with 34 starts. He also had the most at bats of any freshman on the team (118).

Lee will play shortstop for Iowa this season. At Shasta College, Lee batted lead off and led Shasta with a .379 batting average, 41 runs scored, 24 walks and 17 steals.

“I am excited to watch Kurt play this spring,” Dahm said. “He plays with a lot of energy and as he gets comfortable I believe he will be a very good offensive and defensive player for us.”

Starting at second will be McQuillan, a sophomore. McQuillan’s .363 batting average ranked second on the team in 2009. The native of Evergreen Park, IL, stepped up his play during Big Ten action last year, leading the team with a .431 batting average. He finished with a .513 slugging percentage and a freshman team-best 20 RBI.

“Mike is developing into a very good defensive player,” Dahm said. “He is known as a good offensive player, but he wants to be a well-rounded player and he has made some nice progress.”

Also in the mix will be utility player Zach McCool, who had a very good fall. McCool will also battle for the right-handed designated hitter (DH) position and will be a valuable bat off the bench.

“Zach is developing into a very well-rounded player for us,” Dahm said. “He had a very good fall for us offensively and defensively and should be in our lineup on a regular basis at various positions.”

Flanagan will take over at first base, replacing departing seniors T.J. Cataldo and Wes Freie. Flanagan was our starting first baseman at the end of last season. He finished up, offensively in 2009, with a .301 batting average and six home runs.

“He’s a tremendous athlete,” Dahm said. “Sean has made some nice progress over there. It made a big difference to our team last year when we put him over at first base due to his athleticism. He could really play any infield position.”

Tyson Blaser, Mike Corbeil, Andrew Ewing and Phil Keppler could also see time at first. Also available at other positions in the infield is Ewing, Corbeil and Cory Glieden. Glieden will give the team infield depth, coming off injury. Corbeil is a talented left-handed hitter that can play first, third and DH.

**CATCHER**

The Hawkeyes enter the 20010 season with numbers and experience behind the plate.

After coming off a season-ending hand injury suffered in 2009 and using a medical redshirt, Blaser starts the season as Iowa’s No. 1 catcher.



**TYSON  
BLASER**



**RYAN DURANT**

"It is great to have Tyson back," Dahm said. "He definitely had his best fall this year and this is the first time he has been healthy since his freshman campaign. Tyson is someone we have been excited about ever since he got here and we would like to see him be healthy. Tyson has taken an active role in leadership and the development of our other catchers this year, as well."

Pushing Blaser for playing time will be freshman Dan Sheppard. Sheppard was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 30th round (920th pick) earlier this summer and elected to come to the University of Iowa.

"Dan is probably the most talented catcher I have had the opportunity to coach," Dahm said. "He has a very bright future and Tyson and Dallas know that."

Burke will also compete for playing time at the catcher position. Burke earned all-freshman accolades in 2009. The third-string catcher was called into duty after two untimely injuries and truly excelled offensively for the Hawkeyes. Burke finished with a .367 average in the conference and was named to the all-Big Ten freshman squad.

Freshman Keith Brand is also vying for playing time.

**OUTFIELD**

The Hawkeyes return two-thirds of their starting outfield. Iowa returns senior Ryan Durant and junior Kurtis Muller, who are athletic outfielders and are offensive threats. Muller will be stationed in center, while Durant will be patrolling right field.

"It is going to be interesting, we have some really good athletes out there," Dahm said. "We have an opportunity to have a very good defensive outfield."

Durant earned first team all-conference laurels last season as Iowa's right-fielder after hitting a team-high .370, which ranked sixth in the league. He also laced a team-best 67 hits and amassed 12 doubles, 29 RBI and eight stolen bases.

"Since Ryan got adjusted to playing Division-I, he has been really consistent," Dahm said. "He made the all-star team in the Northwoods League this summer. He knows how to hit, he has a very good feel for hitting, a very mature plan at the plate and doesn't try to do too much. For him to be a first team selection on a team that struggled really says how he played last year."

In center, the Hawkeyes will look to Muller, who Coach Dahm says is one of the "most underrated outfielder in the Big Ten". Muller had an outstanding summer, named MVP of the Northwoods League All-Star Game.

"Maybe the biggest surprise at the end of last year was to see where Kurtis wound up," Dahm said. "He may have been healthy for a hand full of games last season. He tore his hamstring at the first tournament of the year and we really rushed him back. Kurtis really sets the tone at the top of the lineup, he is a great defensive outfielder and a great competitor when he's hitting. He just wasn't healthy, but he still hit .296 and stole 19 bases with not only a bad hamstring, but with a broken finger for part of the season. He's worked really hard and had a great, healthy summer."

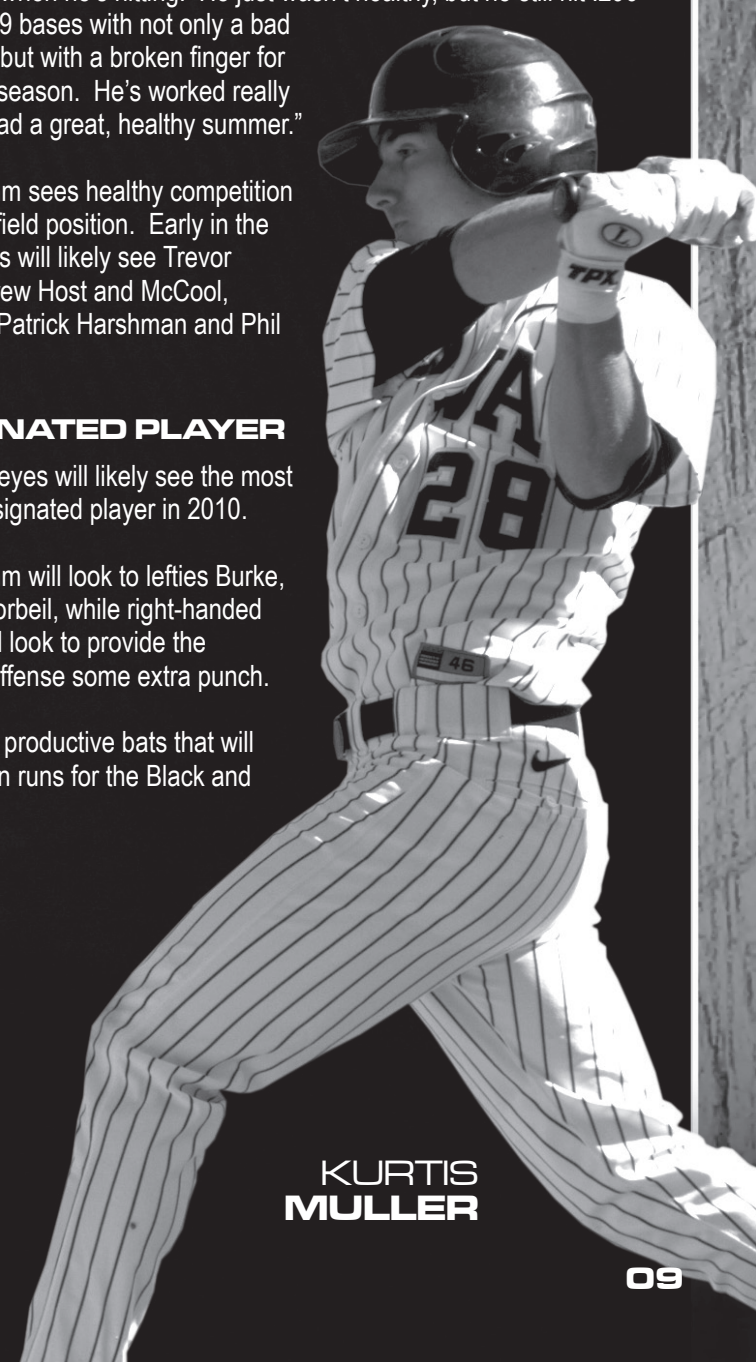
Coach Dahm sees healthy competition for the left field position. Early in the season fans will likely see Trevor Willis, Andrew Host and McCool, along with Patrick Harshman and Phil Keppler."

**DESIGNATED PLAYER**

Four Hawkeyes will likely see the most time as designated player in 2010.

Coach Dahm will look to lefties Burke, Keppler, Corbeil, while right-handed McCool will look to provide the Hawkeye offense some extra punch.

All four are productive bats that will help drive in runs for the Black and Gold.



**KURTIS MULLER**