IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS 2008-09 Hawkeyes

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Jennifer Barnes Junior Bettendorf, IA (Bettendorf)



Merel Beelen Senior Grubbenvorst, Holland (College Den Hulster)



Alexis Dorr Sophomore Doylestown, PA (Central Bucks East)



Junior
Overland Park, KS
(Blue Valley North)



Ally Majercik
Freshman
Overland Park, KS
(Olathe East)



Sonja Molnar Freshman Guelph, Ontario (Centennial C.V.I)



Lynne Poggensee-Wei Sophomore Lake Villa, IL (Gray's Lake Central)



Jessica Young Sophomore Bloomfield Hills, MI (Seaholm)



IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS Head Coach Daryl Greenan



Daryl Greenan Head Coach Fifth Season

2006 Big Ten Coach of the Year Daryl Greenan is in his fifth season as head coach of the University of Iowa women's tennis team.

In just four seasons at Iowa, Greenan and the Hawkeyes have compiled a 57-36 (.613) overall record and a 26-14 (.650) mark in

Big Ten play. Iowa posted winning seasons each year, has finished in the top four of the conference four times, qualified for the NCAA tournament twice and crowned 12 academic all-Big Ten honorees.

lowa jumped out to its best start in 18 seasons (10-1) in 2007-08, finishing the season ranked 52nd in the nation. Seniors Jacqueline Lee and Milica Veselinovic were named to the all-Big Ten team, while Veselinovic set school records for most career singles wins (113) and most singles wins for a senior (26). Veselinovic ended her Hawkeye career ranked eighth in the region and 93rd in the nation, while Lee ended her collegiate career ranked 22nd in the region. The team posted a 13-10 overall record, going 3-7 in the Big Ten to tie for sixth in the regular season standings. It

was lowa's fifth-straight winning season, which set a school record. The Hawkeyes advanced to the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament for the fourth-straight season, and tied a school record with five academic all-Big Ten honorees.

In 2006-07, the team finished fourth in the conference and advanced to the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament for the third-straight season. Lee was a unanimous all-Big Ten selection, going 8-5 in conference play. Veselinovic and sophomore Merel Beelen posted winning percentages over .700, with Veselinovic going 27-9 (.750) overall and 8-3 in Big Ten play, and Beelen going 25-7 (.780) overall and 9-2 in the conference. Despite a slower start to the season, the team picked up the pace in the spring and ended the year ranked sixth in the region and 51st in the nation.

The 2005-06 lowa squad went 9-1 in the Big Ten and established a school-record second place finish in the conference. The team's overall record of 18-6 gave the Hawkeyes their best winning percentage (.750) in school history. Iowa qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year and sixth time overall. The results led to a No. 33 final national ranking. Several individuals recorded career-best seasons. Three Hawkeyes finished 9-1 in Big Ten play. Meg Racette, Veselinovic and Lee posted league-leading 9-1 records at the number one, number three and number four positions, respectively. It was the first time three Hawkeyes earned Big Ten leading records for their position in one season. Greenan was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, while Racette was awarded all-Big Ten honors

and finished 2006 ranked 35th in the nation. Racette became only the second Hawkeye to qualify for the NCAA singles tournament and the first to win a match in the draw. Veselinovic finished the season ranked 80th in the nation. Racette and Lee were ranked 48th in the nation in doubles play. Freshman Krissy Dowlin was a Division I ITA Scholar-Athlete.

In 2004-05, Greenan led lowa to a 14-10 record and an NCAA Tournament appearance. The Hawkeyes also recorded a 7-3 mark in the Big Ten, finishing a then school-best fourth in the league. The team ended the season ranked 45th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Racette earned all-Big Ten honors



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Head Coach Daryl Greenan







Greenan At Iowa							
	Big Ten		Overall		Academic	Final ITA	
Year	W-L	Pct.	Finish	W-L	Pct.	All-Big Ten	Ranking
2005	7-3	.700	4th	14-10	.583	1	45th
2006	9-1	.900	2nd	18-6	.750	2	33rd
2007	7-3	.700	4th	12-10	.545	4	51st
2008	3-7	.300	6th	13-10	.565	5	<u>52nd</u>
Career	26-14	.650		57-36	.613	12	

for the second-consecutive season, ending the year ranked 124th. Veselinovic set the school record for most wins by a freshman (30) in her first season at Iowa. Sophomore Hillary Mintz earned a career-high ITA individual ranking of 78th. Sophomore Hilary Tyler was a Division I ITA Scholar-Athlete. Racette was ranked 88th in the nation by ITA in singles, and the doubles team of Racette and Mintz was ranked 44th in the 2005-06 preseason.

Prior to becoming a Hawkeye, Greenan was an assistant women's tennis coach at the University of Alabama for three years. He worked under Head Coach Jenny Mainz, the Iowa women's tennis coach from 1995-1997. While at Alabama, Greenan was named the 2004 ITA South Region Assistant Coach of the Year. He helped coach the Crimson Tide to two top 30 national rankings, one top 40 national ranking and three consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Greenan served as the head coach at Mississippi University for Women, in Columbus, MS, from 1998-2001. Greenan compiled a 41-25 record with the Blues. He was also an assistant men's and women's coach at Valdosta State (GA) for two years (1996-1998).

Greenan was part of the men's tennis team at Valdosta State from 1986-1988 and from 1994-1996. He was the No. 1 singles player for two seasons, and was part of the No. 1 doubles team for three seasons. Greenan was ranked in the top 20 in singles and achieved his highest doubles ranking in 1995, when he finished second in the nation. He was honored as part of the 1995 all-America team and earned all-Gulf South Conference honors three seasons. Greenan was inducted into the Valdosta State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Born in Ontario, Canada, Greenan currently resides in Iowa City with his wife, Shannon and their three-year-old daughter, Willa. Greenan earned his B.S. degree in health and fitness from Valdosta State in 1997.



Mira Radu Assistant Coach First Season

Mira Radu is in her first season as assistant coach for the Hawkeyes.

A native of Romania, Radu brings both professional and collegiate experience to the Iowa team. She claimed the Romania National and International Championships in 1994, she was a semifinalist at the

Orange Bowl Junior Championships in 1995 and Winner of the Eddie Herr International in 1996. She then won additional events at the same level every year before she accepted a full scholarship to the University of Mississippi in 1999. A two-time all-American and academic all-American for the Rebels, Radu advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships as a senior. She was a semifinalist at the All-American tournament and finalist in the ITA South Regionals. She climbed as high as seventh in the NCAA singles rankings and 245th in the WTA singles poll.

During her collegiate career she was named NCAA Women of the Year for the State of Mississippi in 2003, received the Eugenia Connor Award for Outstanding Female Athlete and the Cissie Leary Sportsmanship Award for the South Region.

Throughout her professional career she won several \$10,000 tournaments. Her largest professional accomplishment came in 1998 with her appearance in the US Open.

Radu graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in international business from Mississippi in 2003, and magna cum laude with a master of arts in Spanish from Mississippi in 2005. She earned her master of business administration degree from the University of Memphis in August 2008. Born to Ana and Mircea Radu, she owes her tennis accomplishments prior to college to her father, her coach and mentor, and her academic achievements to her mother.



Ben Lundell Volunteer Assistant Coach Second Season

Ben Lundell is in his second season as a volunteer assistant coach with the Hawkeyes.

Lundell served in a similar capacity for his alma mater - Gustavus Adolphus College - for the 2005-06 season. He was the assistant tennis professional at North Dodge Athletic Club in Iowa City in 2007.

Lundell was a two-time national tournament qualifier at Gustavus Adolphus were he earned ITA Midwest Region Senior Player of the Year honors in 2005. He won the 2004 ITA Midwest Regional singles title and played on the doubles team that advanced to the tournament finals. Lundell was ranked as high as 10th in the nation in singles as a senior. He helped lead the Golden Gusties to a No. 4 national ranking in NCAA Division III his senior year after the squad won the national indoor title in 2003. During his collegiate career, Lundell served as a tennis instructor at Swanson Tennis Center and an instructor and camp counselor at Tennis and Life Camps in St. Peter, MN.

A Dubuque, IA, native Lundell won the 2001 singles title at the state tournament and was a state team finalist. He trained for two semesters at the John Newcombe Tennis Academy in New Braunfels, TX.

Lundell graduated from Gustavus Adolphus in May 2006 with a B.A. in biology and a minor in coaching. He is currently working towards his doctorate of dental surgery at the University of Iowa.

Iowa Women's Tennis Support Staff



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General Information

Location:	lowa City, IA
Founded:	
Enrollment:	30,561
Nickname/Mascot:	Hawkeyes/Herky the Hawk
Facilities:	. Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex (indoor)
	Klotz Outdoor Courts (outdoor)
Conference:	Big Ten
School Colors:	Black and Gold (PMS 116)
President:	Sally Mason
Director of Athletics:	Gary Barta

Coaching/Staff Information

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Overall Record (Years):	98-61 (7)
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Team Information

2008 Record:	13-10
2008 Conference Record/Finish:	3-7/6th
2008 FILA Final Season Ranking:	52nd
NCAA Tournament Appearances/Most Recent:	6/2006
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:	6/3
First Year of Women's Tennis:	1978
All-Time Record:	392-370 (.514)
All-Big Ten Selections:	21
Academic All-Big Ten Selections:	65

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lowa's Roster Breakdown

By State/Country

Canada (1) - Sonja Molnar
Holland (1) - Merel Beelen
Illinois (1) - Lynne Poggensee-Wei
lowa (1) - Jennifer Barnes
Kansas (2) - Kelcie Klockenga, Ally Majercik
Michigan (1) - Jessica Young
Pennsylvania (1) - Alexis Dorr

By Eligibility

Seniors (1) - Merel Beelen
Juniors (2) - Jennifer Barnes, Kelcie Klockenga
Sophomores (3) - Alexis Dorr, Lynne Poggensee-Wei, Jessica Young
Freshmen (2) - Ally Majercik, Sonja Molnar

Practice Attendance & Interviews

All practices are open to the media, and interviews may be conducted 15 minutes prior to or at the completion of practice. The women's tennis team practices Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6-8 a.m. Depending on competition or travel time, the Hawkeyes will practice from either 6-8 a.m. or 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Friday. Practices are held at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex. All interviews should be coordinated by Jordin Hatcher in the sports information office. Please contact her at (319) 335-9411 so an interview time which does not interfere with the student-athlete's academic or practice schedules can be coordinated.

Athletics Department Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Athletics is to provide the administrative and coaching support, facilities, resources and equipment necessary for student-athletes to graduate from The University of Iowa while participating in broad-based championship-caliber athletic competition. The overall well-being of the participant and the integrity of the program will be paramount in all that we do.

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IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS 2009 Season Preview

lowa returns four of its top six players from last year's roster. Senior Merel Beelen, sophomore Alexis Dorr, junior Kelcie Klockenga and sophomore Lynne Poggensee-Wei all saw plenty of action last season. Also returning are sophomore Jessica Young and junior Jennifer Barnes. Freshmen Ally Majercik and Sonja Molnar round out the 2008-09 Hawkeye roster.

"We have three sophomores and two freshmen who will see plenty of playing time this year, "said Hawkeye Head Coach **Daryl Greenan**. "This is a young team with a bright future. I am optimistic and excited to see these athletes take lowa Tennis to the next level."

After getting off to a strong start last year the Hawkeyes struggled with injuries through the Big Ten season, but still managed to post their fifth-straight winning season with a 13-10 overall record. It was the first time in school history that lowa has strung together five straight winning seasons. The Hawkeyes'

3-7 Big Ten record was good enough for a tie for sixth place in the league.

"We were on track for big things last year when injuries eventually slowed us down," explained Greenan. "We have plenty of talent on this year's team and if we stay healthy we hope to add a sixth-straight winning record to the books."

Beelen, who is the lone senior, hopes to make an impact this year. She saw limited action last year due to injury, but underwent surgery in the spring in an attempt to get ready for this season.

"Injuries have been a major frustration for Merel during her career and her recovery has been slow after surgery last spring," explained Greenan. "If she is healthy we will have a much greater chance for success. Merel is a big hitter who when healthy can compete with top players in our conference."



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Klockenga has been a steady performer during her first two seasons. She has competed in every single dual match and has won half of her combined singles and doubles matches.

"Kelcie has gained confidence each year and should be expected to contribute to our success during her junior year," said Greenan.

Barnes is a senior, academically, but in her junior season of eligibility. She has been voted team captain the past two seasons.

"Jennifer has seen limited action in dual play, but has been able to compete during the fall." said Greenan. "She is a good student-athlete and a very hard worker who has improved steadily since joining the team a couple years ago."

Dorr, Poggensee-Wei and Young are part of a recruiting class that was ranked seventh in the country by *tennisrecruiting.net*. Dorr and Poggensee-Wei

played the entire 2007-08 campaign, while Young did not play a single team match due to injury. She also underwent surgery in an effort to play this season.

Dorr carried a heavy workload during her freshman year earning a winning record playing at the #3 and #4 singles positions and at #1 doubles. She played the second half of 2008 in the #3 slot and will be expected to step up and play in the top half of the lineup again this season.

"Alexis is capable of playing a big game with a lot of weapons and can compete with the top players in the Big Ten," said Greenan. "Lynne is a very talented lefty who has the ability to compete with top players in our conference. She had a solid first year and will be called upon to play higher in this year's lineup. Adding Jessica to the lineup will make us a better team this year. She is a big hitter who will get better with every match she plays."

Newcomers Majercik and Molnar will be expected to contribute immediately. Molnar is the 2008 Canadian National Junior Champion. She has several wins over top-ranked juniors in the world and current and former top ranked college players.

"Sonja is a tremendous player and one of the best recruits lowa has ever signed," said Greenan. "She is a fierce competitor with excellent skills. I am excited to see how she does at the collegiate level. Ally is a very hard worker and she has many tools in place. I think she is going to improve at a rapid rate because of her attitude and effort level. She could make an immediate impact this spring."



