

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Madison Petersen Gymnastics Contact



WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 11, 2016

2016-17 SCHEDULE

12/3	Black & Gold Intrasquad #	11 a.m.
1/8	at Northern Illinois	1 p.m.
1/13	vs. Michigan State*	7 p.m.
1/15	vs. California-Berkeley	2 p.m.
1/21	at Ohio State *	4 p.m.
1/29	vs. Maryland*	2 p.m.
2/5	at Nebraska*	1 p.m.
2/11	vs. Illinois*, UIC	4 p.m.
2/13	at Illinois *	4 p.m.
2/17	at Quad Meet	7 p.m.
2/19	at LSU	2:30 p.m.
2/24	at BYU	8 p.m.
3/4	Big Five Meet *	8 p.m.
3/19	vs. Iowa State*	11 a.m.
3/11	Big Five Meet*	TBA
3/18	Big Ten Championships	TBA
4/1	NCAA Regional Championships	TBA
4/14-4/17	NCAA Championships	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change -- Home events in BOLD

- Exhibition Event * - Conference Event

2016-17 ROSTER

Savannah Borman	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.
Misty-Jade Carlson	So.	Portland, Ore.
Nicole Chow	So.	Port Coquitlam, B.C.
Mollie Drenth	Sr.	Riverview, Fla.
Ashleigh Edlin	Sr.	Woodlawn, Tenn.
Breanna Fizke	Fr.	West Allis, Wis.
Sydney Hogan	So.	Waterloo, Iowa
Clair Kaji	Fr.	Vancouver, Can.
Annie Kustoff	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
Gina Leal	Fr.	Glastonbury, Conn.
Angel Metcalf	Sr.	Swansboro, N.C.
Lexi Mura	Sr.	Caseyville, Ill.
Maria Ortiz	So.	Fort Myers, Fla.
Rose Piorkowski	So.	Panama City, Fla.
Jori Robertson	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa
Lanie Snyder	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
Charlotte Sullivan	Fr.	Christchurch, N. Z.
Tessa Walsh	So.	Naperville, Ill.
Nikki Youd	Jr.	Panama City, Fla.
Melissa Zurawski	Jr.	Darien, Ill.

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HAWKEYES

vs. Michigan State _____ Jan. 13
 Time _____ 7 p.m. (CT)
 Location _____ Iowa City, Iowa

vs. California-Berkeley _____ Jan. 15
 Time _____ 2 p.m. (CT)
 Location _____ Iowa City, Iowa

Live Stats _____ hawkeyesports.com
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MICHIGAN STATE
SPARTANS



CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY
GOLDEN BEARS

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team hosts Michigan State on Friday at 7:00 p.m. (CT) and hosts California-Berkeley on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. (CT) inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

PROMOTIONS

- On Friday, there will be a season ticket holder reception before the meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Feller Club Room with complementary food and an appearance from head coach Larissa Libby and select GymHawks.
- On Sunday, the GymHawks will sign autographs for fans post meet.
- The hour before every home meet this season will be Hot Dog Happy Hour -- purchase hot dogs for only \$1 (beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Sunday).
- Kids Zone will be available for young Hawkeye fans prior to both meets and will include tattoos, trivia questions, and building snowflakes.
- A few lucky fans will be selected for the "Best Seat in the House" with floor seats.

SEASON TICKET HOLDER PROMOTION

All 2017 Iowa Women's Gymnastics season ticket holders can pick up their sweatshirts at Friday and Sunday's home opener. To receive your sweatshirt, have your ID and stop by the marketing table at the east entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

LAST TIME OUT

- Iowa finished second with a score of 194.200 in their season opener quad meet against Northern Illinois (194.825), Western Michigan (193.250), and Lindenwood (192.075) in Dekalb, Illinois on Jan. 8.
- Junior Melissa Zurawski won the title on floor with a 9.825 to tie her personal best.
- Sophomore Rose Piorkowski recorded a 9.775 to win vault.
- Freshman Clair Kaji took the event title on uneven bars with a score of 9.875.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan took second place in the all-around with a 38.900, which earned her Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors.

SCOUTING THE SPARTANS

- Michigan State won its 2017 season opener 194.175-191.475 against UIC on Jan. 6.
- The Spartans finished the 2016 regular season with a 10-10 overall record and went 4-6 in Big Ten competition.
- MSU ranked sixth in the Big Ten and No. 28 in the nation in 2016. They are currently ranked No.26.
- The Spartans return senior Elena Lagoski, who was named to the 2016 Big Ten All-Championship Team, and senior Kira Frederick, who was named to the 2017 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Preseason Watch List.
- Lagowski and Frederick led the Spartans on floor. Lagowski won seven crowns on floor and one in the all-around throughout the 2016 season. She also took second on floor at the Big Ten Championships and third on floor at the Athens NCAA Regionals. Frederick won three meets on floor and took fourth in the event at the Big Ten Championships.
- Michigan State is led by head coach Kathie Klages, who is in her 27th season.



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BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall W-L-T	Big Ten W-L-T	Pct.
Penn State	3-0-0	0-0-0	1.000
Michigan State	1-0-0	0-0-0	1.000
Ohio State	1-0-0	0-0-0	1.000
Iowa	2-1-0	0-0-0	.667
Rutgers	2-1-0	0-0-0	.667
Illinois	1-1-0	0-0-0	.500
Nebraska	0-0-0	0-0-0	.000
Maryland	0-1-0	0-0-0	.000
Michigan	0-1-0	0-0-0	.000
Minnesota	0-1-0	0-0-0	.000

(As of Jan. 11)

ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	LSU	197.825
2	Oklahoma	197.750
3	Florida	197.100
4	Alabama	196.700
5	Utah	196.625
6	Missouri	196.225
7	Denver	195.875
8	UCLA	195.700
9	Oregon State	195.575
10	George Washington	195.550
11	Michigan	195.525
12	Arkansas	195.350
13	California	195.325
14	Auburn	195.275
15	Kentucky	195.075
16	North Carolina State	194.925
17	Northern Illinois	194.825
18	Minnesota	194.725
19	Penn State	194.625
20	Sacramento State	194.475
21	West Virginia	194.400
22	Ohio State	194.375
23	BYU	194.225
24	Iowa	194.200
	Illinois-Champaign	194.200

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- 2017 opponents in bold

SCOUTING THE GOLDEN BEARS

- California-Berkeley placed first with a team score of 195.325 in its season opener of the NorCal Classic against Stanford, UC Davis, San Jose State, and Sacramento State on Jan. 9.
- The Golden Bears are currently ranked No. 13 in the nation.
- Cal finished ranked second in the Pac-12 and No. 7 in the nation in 2016.
- The Bears finished the 2016 season at the NCAA National Championships where they placed seventh in the nation with a team score of 195.9500.
- Cal returns All-American and Olympian Toni-Ann Williams and All-Pac 12 second team selection Arianna Robinson for their junior season.
- Williams competed in 12 meets on bars, floor, and beam and in five meets in the all-around to win 17 event titles and 26 total top-three finishes last season. She won floor at the Pac-12 Championships with a score of 9.925. She was also the first Jamaican gymnast to qualify for the Olympics.
- Robinson competed in every meet on vault and floor to win six top-three finishes and place second on vault at the Pac-12 Championships with a score of 9.900.

IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is currently tied for No. 24 in the Road to Nationals polls and tied for No. 4 in the Big Ten Conference after their season opener at Northern Illinois.

The GymHawks started the season ranked No. 22 in the Road to Nationals Preseason Poll and tied for No. 5 in the Big Ten Coaches' Preseason Poll.

SULLIVAN EARNS BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Freshman Charlotte Sullivan earned Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors after taking home second in the all-around (38.900) in her Hawkeye debut in the quad meet against Northern Illinois, Western Michigan, and Lindenwood in Dekalb, Ill. on Jan. 8.

The New Zealand native placed third on vault with a score of 9.750. She went on to record a 9.775 on beam, a 9.700 on uneven bars, and a 9.675 on floor.

The freshman comes to Iowa from a successful career on the New Zealand national team. Sullivan won the New Zealand Nationals in 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, and 2007. She also won a bronze medal on beam at the World Cup Event in Portugal in 2015.

DRENTH, METCALF NAMED TO BIG WATCH LIST

Seniors Mollie Drenth and Angel Metcalf were named to the 2017 Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List for the second consecutive year on Dec. 15.

Metcalf, who has been featured on the Big Ten Watch List for three consecutive years, took part in all 14 meets during the 2016 season and competed in the all-around in 13 meets. At the Big Ten Championships, she took 12th on beam (9.825), 20th on uneven bars (9.825), and finished ninth in the all-around (39.225) to be named to the All-Big Ten Championship Team for the second year in a row. She ended the season at her third NCAA Regionals with a fourth-place finish on bars (9.900) and tenth-place result in the all-around (38.650) and was selected to the All-Championship Team.

Drenth competed in every meet in the all-around during the 2016 season and owns Iowa's individual season best on vault (9.950 at No. 13 Denver, Feb. 27), beam (9.925 at Iowa State, March 4), and the all-around (39.475 vs. No. 14 Nebraska, Feb. 6). The senior earned a runner-up finish on vault (9.925) and placed 20th on uneven bars (9.825) at the Big Ten Championships to be named to the All-Big Ten Championship Team. At the NCAA Regionals, she finished seventh on vault (9.825), fourth on uneven bars (9.900), 13th on floor (9.825), third in the all-around (39.450) and was the beam champion with a 9.900 to make the All-Championship team and qualify for the NCAA Championships as an individual. She finished the season with a third-place finish (9.9125) at the NCAA Championships and All-American honors.



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HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

The Hawkeyes welcome five new freshmen -- Charlotte Sullivan, Clair Kaji, Breanna Fitzke, Gina Leal, and Annie Kustoff-- to the 2017 squad.

Sullivan is from Christchurch, New Zealand and is a five-time New Zealand Nationals Champion. She also won a bronze medal on beam at the World Cup in Portugal (2015).

Kaji is from Vancouver, Canada. She is a four-time Canadian Championship qualifier and a four-time Elite Canada competitor. In 2015, she placed sixth in the all-around at the Canada Winter Games to help her team take home the bronze.

Fitzke is from West Allis, Wisconsin. She is a three-time regional qualifier and a two-time state qualifier. Fitzke finished fifth in the state on floor in 2014 and fourth in 2015.

Leal is from Glastonbury, Connecticut. In 2012, she was the state champion on vault and bars and runner-up on floor and in the all-around, was the regional champion on vault and bars, and won vault at the Western National Championship.

Kustoff is from San Antonio, Texas. In 2014, she placed first on bars and second in the all-around at state competition, won bars at regionals, and was the champion on beam and runner-up on bars at the Western National Championship.

SEASON TICKETS

For more ticket information, please visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$42. Fans who purchased season tickets will gain admission to six home competitions inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, against Michigan State, California-Berkeley, Maryland, Iowa State, Illinois and UIC and the home finale of the Big Five Meet. Youth (18 and younger) and UI students are admitted free to all home matches.

DRENTH GARNERS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mollie Drenth represented the Hawkeyes at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships on April 5. She finished in third place on beam with a score of 9.9125. Following the season, Drenth earned First Team All-American honors - Iowa's first since Alexis Maday in 2004.

At the Championships, Drenth earned a 9.8250 on floor and a 9.7750 on vault. She capped off the night on bars where she earned an 8.9625. Drenth finished 13th in the all-around with a total of 38.4750.

In the 2016 season alone, Drenth collected 19 individual titles, which included eight beam titles, seven titles in the all-around, three on vault, and one on floor. She captured Iowa's season high scores on vault (9.950), beam (9.925), and in the all-around (39.475).

2016 NCAA REGIONAL

Last season, the University of Iowa hosted the NCAA Regional in Iowa City on April 2. This was the first time the Hawkeyes hosted the event since 2009. Iowa has had representation at every NCAA Regional since 2005 - with three seasons of individual representation and nine team appearances.

Iowa finished the 2016 NCAA Regional in fourth with a score of 195.450. Six GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events. Mollie Drenth posted a score of 9.900 on beam to tie for first. Alie Glover posted a 9.875 to tie for sixth. Drenth and junior Angel Metcalf tied for fourth on bars, as both tallied a score of 9.900. Lexi Mura and Melissa Zurawski followed with scores of 9.875 to tie for eighth. Drenth also paced the GymHawks on floor with a score of 9.825 (T-13). Drenth and Rose Piorkowski tied for seventh on vault with a score of 9.825. Metcalf and Drenth represented Iowa in the all-around. Drenth tied for third with a 39.450, while Metcalf took 10th with a 38.650.

Metcalf and Drenth were selected to the All-Championship team for the second consecutive year. Drenth advanced to the NCAA Championship as an individual - Iowa's first NCAA Championship qualifier since 2011.

AWARD WINNING COACHES

At the conclusion of the regional meet, head coach Larissa Libby was named the NCAA North Central Region Coach of the Year. Assistant coaches Jennifer Green and Caleb Phillips were also recognized with NCAA North Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year recognition. The GymHawks coaching staff led the team to a 10-win season and No. 19 ranking.

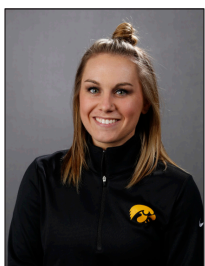
UP NEXT

The GymHawks hit the road to face off against Big Ten rival Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. (CT).



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2016-17 ROSTER



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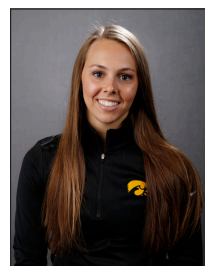
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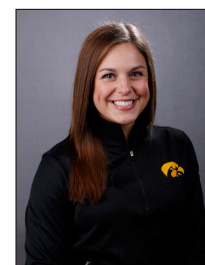
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