

# IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Madison Petersen Gymnastics Contact



## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 19, 2017

### 2016-17 SCHEDULE

1/8	at Northern Illinois	2nd, 194.200
<b>1/13</b>	<b>vs. Michigan State*</b>	<b>W, 195.475-193.875</b>
<b>1/15</b>	<b>vs. California-Berkeley</b>	<b>L, 195.500-194.400</b>
1/21	at Ohio State *	4 p.m.
<b>1/29</b>	<b>vs. Maryland*</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
2/5	at Nebraska*	1 p.m.
<b>2/11</b>	<b>vs. Illinois*, UIC</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
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.
<b>3/19</b>	<b>vs. Iowa State*</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>3/11</b>	<b>Big Five Meet*</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
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



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HAWKEYES

vs. Ohio State \_\_\_\_\_ Jan. 21  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ 4 p.m. (CT)  
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus, Ohio  
  
Live Stats \_\_\_\_\_ hawkeyesports.com  
Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics



OHIO STATE  
BUCKEYES

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics team travels to Columbus, Ohio to face off against Big Ten foe Ohio State on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. (CT).

### LAST TIME OUT

- Iowa fell to No. 14 California-Berkeley 195.500-194.400 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 15.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan won the all-around for the second consecutive meet with a score of 38.275.
- Senior Angel Metcalf finished on the top of the podium on uneven bars with a score of 9.900 to tie her previous personal best.
- Freshman Clair Kaji tied for first overall on floor with with a score of 9.825.

### SCOUTING THE BUCKEYES

- Ohio State finished first with a 195.800 in their annual quad meet against Michigan, Washington, and Kent State.
- The Buckeyes returned 10 letterwinners off of its 2016 NCAA Regional squad, including juniors Kaitlyn Hofland and Alexis Mattern.
- Last season, Hofland held individual season records on beam (9.925) and uneven bars (9.900). Hofland tied for fourth on unven bars at the Big Ten Championships with a 9.900 to earn second team All-Big Ten honors.
- Mattern posted a season individual high for the team in the all-around with a 39.175 at the Big Ten Championships to be named second team All-Big Ten for the second consecutive year.
- The Buckeyes finished the 2016 season with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Minneapolis Regional, after posting a score of 194.775.
- OSU owned an overall record of 13-16 in 2016.
- Ohio State is led by head coach Carey Fagan, who is in her 13th season.

### SPARTANS FALL TO HAWKEYES

- Iowa notched their first conference win of the season against Michigan State, 195.475-193.875, on Jan. 13 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
- In the all-around, freshman Charlotte Sullivan finished at the top of the podium with a 39.050 for the first all-around win of her collegiate career.
- Senior Mollie Drenth and sophomore Rose Piorkowski tied for first on vault with scores of 9.850.
- Senior Angel Metcalf and freshman Clair Kaji tied for the win on beam, as both tallied scores of 9.850.

### 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, Illinois 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 after 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.

### 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.

### FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

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### BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Big Ten	Pct.
	W-L-T	W-L-T	
Ohio State	4-0-0	1-0-0	1.000
Nebraska	1-0-0	1-0-0	1.000
Illinois	4-1-0	1-0-0	1.000
Minnesota	3-1-0	1-0-0	1.000
Iowa	3-2-0	1-0-0	1.000
Penn State	3-1-0	0-1-0	.000
Michigan State	1-10	0-1-0	.000
Michigan	2-2-0	0-1-0	.000
Rutgers	3-3-0	0-1-0	.000
Maryland	1-3-0	0-1-0	.000

(As of Jan. 19)

### ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	Oklahoma	197.888
2	LSU	197.700
3	Florida	197.350
4	Alabama	196.900
5	Utah	196.763
6	UCLA	196.263
7	Denver	196.113
8	Missouri	196.100
9	Kentucky	196.013
10	Nebraska	195.700
11	Auburn	195.700
12	Michigan	195.625
13	California	195.438
14	George Washington	195.338
15	Boise State	195.300
16	Georgia	195.200
17	Washington	195.175
18	Ohio State	195.088
19	Oregon State	195.050
20	Illinois	195.050
21	Minnesota	194.813
22	Iowa	194.692
23	Arkansas	194.650
24	Sacramento State	194.438
25	North Carolina State	194.413

(As of Jan. 19)

- 2017 opponents in bold

### IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is currently ranked No.22 in the Road to Nationals polls and No. 5 in the Big Ten Conference after its opening weekend against Michigan State and California-Berkeley.

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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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.



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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.

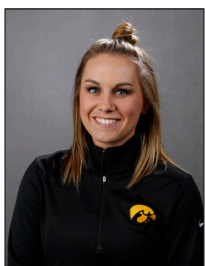
### UP NEXT

The GymHawks host Big Ten opponent Maryland on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2:00 p.m. (CT) inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



# University of Iowa Women's Gymnastics

**2016-17 ROSTER**



**Savannah Borman**  
Sr.  
Chesapeake, Va.



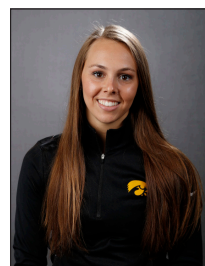
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**Larissa Libby**  
Head Coach  
13th Season



**Vince Smurro**  
Assistant Coach  
1st Season



**Jennifer Green**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season