

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

March 1, 2017

### 2017 SCHEDULE

1/8	at Northern Illinois	2nd, 194.200
1/13	<b>Michigan State*</b>	<b>W, 195.475-193.875</b>
1/15	<b>California-Berkeley</b>	<b>L, 195.500-194.400</b>
1/21	at Ohio State *	W, 196.175-195.525
1/29	<b>Maryland *</b>	<b>W, 195.975-193.800</b>
2/5	at Nebraska*	L, 196.825-195.725
2/11	<b>Illinois*, UIC</b>	<b>1st, 196.475</b>
2/17	at George Washington	1st, 196.400
2/19	at LSU	3rd, 194.200
2/24	at BYU	W, 196.550-196.425
3/4	<b>Iowa State*</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
3/11	<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



IOWA  
HAWKEYES

vs. Iowa State \_\_\_\_\_ March 4  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ 11 a.m. (CT)  
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Iowa City, Iowa  
Venue \_\_\_\_\_ Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ @IowaGymnastics  
Live Stats \_\_\_\_\_ hawkeyesports.com



IOWA STATE  
CYCLONES

### THIS WEEK

The No. 14 University of Iowa women's gymnastics team hosts Iowa State on Saturday at 11 a.m. inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena as part of the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawks Corn Series. Doors open at 10 a.m.

### MEET COVERAGE

- Fans can find meet highlights on Twitter @IowaGymnastics.
- Links to live stats are available on the women's gymnastics schedule page at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).
- The meet will be televised on the Big Ten Network and will be available for live streaming on [btn.com](http://btn.com).

### PROMOTIONS

- Saturday is a blackout. The first 250 fans will receive free t-shirts.
- Saturday is Senior Day. The five seniors will be honored for their accomplishments during the meet.
- The meet also marks Student Day. All University of Iowa students will receive free admission and a free hot dog.
- Saturday is also Girl Scout Day. There will be fun activities planned for the girls scouts, and they will have a chance to take a photo with the GymHawks after the meet.
- The hour before every home meet this season will be Hot Dog Happy Hour -- purchase hot dogs for only \$1 (beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday).
- Kids Zone will be available for young Hawkeye fans prior to the meet 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.

### IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa is ranked No. 14 nationally with a regional qualifying score (RQS) of 196.150. As a team, the GymHawks rank 16th nationally on bars (49.055 RQS) and on beam (49.110), 18th on floor (49.100), and 24th on vault (48.945).

Individually, senior Mollie Drenth ranks 31st nationally in the all-around (39.075), while freshman Charlotte Sullivan ranks 59th (38.750). For single events, junior Melissa Zurawski ranks 33rd on bars (9.865) and 48th on floor (9.855). Freshman Clair Kaji ranks 37th on floor (9.865) and 76th on beam (9.825). Senior Angel Metcalf ranks 48th on bars (9.855) and 51st on beam (9.855). Drenth ranks 66th on beam (9.835), 90th on floor (9.825), and 98th on vault (9.800). Sullivan ranks 83rd on bars (9.820) and 95th on beam (9.810). Junior Lanie Snyder ranks 69th on floor (9.840) and sophomore Rose Piorkowski ranks 77th on vault (9.815).

### LAST TIME OUT

- Iowa defeated BYU, 195-550-196.425, last Friday in Provo, Utah. This marks the Hawkeyes' season-high.
- Iowa registered their season-high score on floor with a 49.350.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan took the all-around title with a career-high 39.200.
- Sophomore Misty-Jade Carlson finished on top of the podium on vault with a season-high 9.850.
- Junior Nikki Youd finished first overall on beam with a career-high 9.925.
- Junior Lanie Snyder took the title on floor with a career-high 9.925.

### SCOUTING THE CYCLONES

- Iowa State finished second overall in a tri-meet against West Virginia and Maryland with a 195.950 last Sunday.
- The Cyclones are ranked No. 27 nationally with a RQS of 195.550.

### 2017 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 W-L-T	Big Ten W-L-T	Pct.
Nebraska	13-3-0	4-1-0	.800
Michigan	8-2-0	4-1-0	.800
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>11-5-0</b>	<b>4-1-0</b>	<b>.800</b>
Ohio State	7-3-0	3-2-0	.600
Illinois	10-4-1	3-2-0	.600
Minnesota	8-4-0	3-2-0	.600
Penn State	6-6-0	2-3-0	.400
Rutgers	10-8-0	1-4-0	.200
Maryland	11-11-0	1-4-0	.200
Michigan State	4-6-0	0-5-0	.000

- Iowa State has a 10-3 overall record.
- The team is ranked 27th on bars (48.915 RQS), 29th on beam (48.805), and 32nd on vault (48.825) and on floor (48.965).
- Junior Haylee Young ranks No. 14 nationally in the all-around with a RQS of 39.335. She also leads the team on vault, beam, and floor. Young is ranked 20th on floor (9.890 RQS), 54th on beam (9.850), and 60th on vault (9.825).
- Iowa State is led by head coach Jay Ronayne, who is in his tenth season.

### DOWN GOES NO. 21

- Iowa took first with a total score of 196.475 in a tri-meet against No. 21 Illinois (196.050) and UIC (192.625) on Feb. 11 inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
- Senior Mollie Drenth finished runner-up the all-around with a 39.225.
- Senior Angel Metcalf took the title on beam with a career-high 9.925.
- Sophomore Rose Piorkowski finished at the top of the podium on vault with a 9.875 to tie her career-best.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan took the title on bars with a score of 9.850.

### HAWKEYES DEFEAT NO. 20

- Iowa used a score of 196.400 to defeat No. 20 George Washington (196.050), Maryland (195.275), Pittsburgh (194.725), and William & Mary (192.725) on Feb. 17 in Washington, D.C.
- Senior Mollie Drenth won the all-around with a 39.300 and took first on beam with a career-high 9.950.
- Iowa tallied a 49.150 on floor. Drenth and junior Lanie Snyder both tied their season high with scores of 9.850 to tie for third.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan finished at the top of the podium on uneven bars with a score of 9.900.
- Sophomore Misty-Jade Carlson, Rose Piorkowski, and Maria Ortiz tied for fourth overall on vault with scores of 9.800.

### SULLIVAN EARNS SECOND BIG FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONOR

Charlotte Sullivan was named Big Ten Freshman of the Week on Feb. 13. This is Sullivan's second weekly honor. The freshman last received the award on Jan. 9.

Sullivan earned her second uneven bars title of the year with a score of 9.850 against No. 21 Illinois and UIC inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 10. She also finished runner-up on beam with a career-high 9.875.

The Christchurch, New Zealand, native has earned six event titles this season. She took first in the all-around against Michigan State (39.050), California (38.275), and Maryland (38.775). Sullivan also earned titles on vault against Ohio State (9.800) and on uneven bars against Maryland (9.925). Her career-best 9.925 on bars tied the third-best score in Iowa history.

### HAWKEYES DEFEAT THE FIGHTING TURTLES

- Iowa defeated Big Ten foe Maryland, 195.975-193.800, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 29 for its third consecutive conference win.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan won the all-around with a score of 38.775.
- Senior Mollie Drenth took the title on vault with a season-best 9.875.
- Sullivan, senior Angel Metcalf, and junior Melissa Zurawski all registered career highs on uneven bars with scores of 9.925 to tie for the win. The trio tied the third highest record on uneven bars in Iowa history.
- Freshman Clair Kaji led on floor with a score of 9.850.
- Drenth tied for fourth overall on beam with a score of 9.875.
- Senior Angel Metcalf tied for fourth overall on floor with a 9.875.

### ZURAWSKI NAMED BIG GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Junior Melissa Zurawski was named Big Ten Co-Gymnast of the Week after her performance against Maryland. Zurawski received this honor with Nicole Artz of Michigan. This is Iowa's first Gymnast of the Week honor since Rebecca Simbhudas earned the title on Feb. 1, 2010.

### ROAD TO NATIONALS RANKINGS

Rank	Team Name	Average
1	Oklahoma	197.990
2	<b>LSU</b>	<b>197.695</b>
3	Florida	197.4995
4	UCLA	197.305
5	Utah	197.180
6	Alabama	197.085
7	Denver	196.875
8	Georgia	196.820
9	Oregon State	196.635
10	Boise State	196.605
11 (t)	Kentucky	196.535
<b>11 (t)</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>196.535</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>196.450</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Iowa</b>	<b>196.150</b>
15	Missouri	196.145
<b>16</b>	<b>George Washington</b>	<b>196.140</b>
17	Washington	196.130
18	Auburn	196.090
<b>19</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>196.000</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Illinois-Champaign</b>	<b>195.995</b>
21	Southern Utah	195.915
22	Utah State	195.915
23	Arizona	195.680
24	Eastern Michigan	195.670
<b>25</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>195.565</b>

- 2017 opponents in bold



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Zurawski led the GymHawks in a 195.975-193.800 win over Maryland. The junior earned first or runner-up in every event she competed in. The Darien, Illinois, native won her second event title of the season on uneven bars with a career-high 9.925, a mark which also tied the third best score in Iowa history. She set another career high on vault with a 9.850 to place second overall. Zurawski earned an additional runner-up title on floor with a score of 9.875, which tied her career-high in the event for the fourth time this season.

### DOWN GOES NO. 18

- Iowa defeated No. 18 Ohio State, 196.175-195.525, on Jan. 21 in Columbus, Ohio, for its second conference win.
- Senior Mollie Drenth took first in the all-around with a season-best 39.350.
- Drenth also took the title on beam with a score of 9.925.
- Freshman Clair Kaji earned her second floor title of the year with a season high score of 9.900. She received Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors for her accomplishments.
- Junior Melissa Zurawski received first-place honors on uneven bars with a score of 9.875.
- Freshman Charlotte Sullivan brought home the title on vault with a score of 9.800.

### KAJI TAKES BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONORS

Freshman Clair Kaji earned Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors after winning her second floor title of the year with a career-best 9.900 against Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, on Jan. 21. The Vancouver, Canada, native placed fourth overall on beam with a season best score of 9.875.

Kaji comes to Iowa from a successful career on the Canadian national team. She took first on beam and in the all-around at the B.C. Provincial Championships in 2014, and then returned in 2015 to take first in the all-around again. In 2014, Kaji also won on vault and placed second on beam at the Western Canadian Championships. She highlighted her career by taking sixth in the all-around at the 2015 Canada Winter Games to help her team take home the bronze medal.

### SPARTANS FALL TO HAWKEYES

- Iowa notched its 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 at 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.

### 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.

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 10th-place result in the all-around (38.650) to be 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 in 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) on beam at the NCAA Championships and earned 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.



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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.

### **BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2017 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships will be hosted by Rutgers in Piscataway, New Jersey, on March 18. The event will consist of two meets that day, with the first four teams competing at 11 a.m. (CT) and the remaining six taking the stage at 4 p.m. (CT). To purchase tickets, call the Rutgers ticket office at 1-866-455-4678 or visit [scarletknights.com](http://scarletknights.com). The meet will be available on BTN.

### **TICKETS**

For more ticket information, please visit [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800 IA-HAWKS. Single game tickets are on sale for \$6. Fans can purchase tickets for the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series match against Iowa State on March 4 and the home finale Big Five Meet on March 11. Youth (18 and younger) and UI students are admitted free to all home matches.

### **UP NEXT**

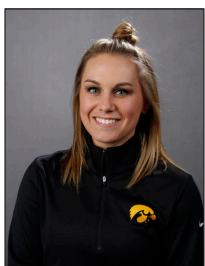
The GymHawks close their home slate on March 11 when they host Michigan, Rutgers, Penn State, and Minnesota for the Big Five Meet at 3 p.m. inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.





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## 2017 ROSTER



Savannah Borman  
Sr.  
Chesapeake, Va.



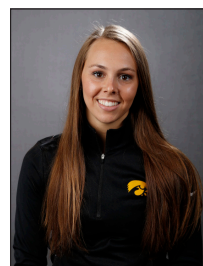
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Maria Ortiz  
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Rose Piorkowski  
So.  
Panama City, Fla.



Jori Robertson  
Jr.  
Iowa City, Iowa



Lanie Snyder  
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Darien, Ill.



Larissa Libby  
Head Coach  
13th Season



Vince Smurro  
Assistant Coach  
1st Season



Jennifer Green  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season