



## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

April 23, 2019

### 2018-19 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 9-10	Gopher Invitational	3rd/15
Sept. 16-17	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	2nd/16
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Intercollegiate at Erin Hills	11th/11
Oct. 7-8	Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic	4th/15
Oct. 22-23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	8th/14
Feb. 8-9	Big Ten Match Play	12th/14
Feb. 17-19	Puerto Rico Classic	7th/15
March 4-5	Colleton River Collegiate	4th/14
April 20-21	Hawkeye Invitational	1st/13
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Big Ten Championships</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Big Ten Championships</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>Big Ten Championships</b>	<b>All Day</b>

### 2018-19 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	Sr.	Clive, Iowa
Joe Kim	So.	Castle Hill, NSW, Australia
Gonzalo Leal Montero	Fr.	Seville, Spain
Jake Rowe	So.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
Matthew Walker	Sr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	Jr.	Potomac, Md.

### 2018-19 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Matthew Walker	21	71.76	66	2
Alex Schaake	23	70.22	63	5
Joe Kim	6	73.83	68	---
Benton Weinberg	23	71.43	64	2
Gonzalo Leal Montero	22	70.64	67	1

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team opens postseason play at the Big Ten Championships this weekend in Philadelphia.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 8 a.m. (CT)  
 Saturday, April 27 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 8 a.m. (CT)  
 Sunday, April 28 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7 a.m. (CT)

### FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting [golfstat.com](http://golfstat.com) for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page on [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

### LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa men's golf program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" Hawkeye men's golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

### THE FIELD

No. 43 Iowa is joined by a field of 13 other teams that include: No. 27 Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, No. 47 Northwestern, No. 45 Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, Rutgers, and Wisconsin (Golfstat Relative Rankings).

### QUOTING HEAD COACH TYLER STITH

"The guys have a lot of confidence right now. We are going to play a course we have never seen so we have to spend some time putting together our course management plan. Overall, we need to work on our putting the next couple of days. That is an area we are going to focus on this week heading into Big Ten's."

### THE LINEUP

The lineup for the Big Ten Championships includes one senior (Matthew Walker), two juniors (Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg), one sophomore (Joe Kim), and one freshman (Gonzalo Leal Montero).

### THE COURSE

The Big Ten Championships will be played on the Wissahickon Course at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. The course opened in 1922 and underwent a complete restoration in 2013-14. The Wissahickon course was ranked 29th on Golf Week's top 100 classic courses in the United States in 2018. The par-70, 7,119 yard course, has a rating of 74.8 and a slope rating of 140.

### LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes earned their fifth top-five and seventh top-10 finish at the Hawkeye Invitational, claiming the team title with a 54-hole score of 809 (-43). Four Hawkeyes -- senior Matthew Walker, juniors Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg, and sophomore Joe Kim finished in the top-20. Walker and Schaake shared co-medalist honors with a three-round total of 199 (-14). Weinberg finished sixth with a score of 204 (-9), while Kim posted a 209 (-4) to tie for 14th.





## QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa  
 Enrollment: 32,948  
 Conference: Big Ten  
 Home Course: Finkbine

### COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith  
 Year at Iowa: 5th  
 Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002  
 Assistant Coach: Charlie Hoyle  
 Year at Iowa: 1st  
 Alma Mater, Year: Lander University, 2010

### MEDIA INFORMATION

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## WISSAHICKON COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	424	4
2	423	4
3	122	3
4	517	4
5	215	3
6	498	4
7	553	5
8	365	4
9	373	4
<b>OUT</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>35</b>
10	172	3
11	427	4
12	546	5
13	447	4
14	435	4
15	240	3
16	426	4
17	449	4
18	487	4
<b>IN</b>	<b>3,629</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,119</b>	<b>70</b>

### HISTORICALLY AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hawkeyes have 13 top-10 finishes over the past 15 years, including nine top-five finishes the past nine years. Iowa has placed fourth or better in the last six tournaments, including finishing runner-up in 2015 and 2016. Iowa placed third at last year's conference tournament third with a 54-hole total of 859 (+19). Weinberg posted the best individual finish, tying for eighth with a three-round total of 213 (+3).

### RECORD SETTING PERFORMANCE AT HAWKEYE INVITE

The Hawkeye shattered the program's 54-hole mark by 24 strokes with an 809 (-43). Iowa set a new program record for 18 holes with its 262 (-22) performance in the first round, topping the previous mark by six strokes. Their third-round total of 270 (-14) is the third lowest 18-hole score in school history. Schaake set a new tournament 18-hole record with a 63 (-8) in the first round. It was also best for second in program history and just one stroke off the school record. Schaake and Weinberg tied the third lowest 18-hole score in school history with a 64 (-7). Weinberg's 54-hole total of 204 (-9) set the new third lowest score in school history. Walker fired a 67 (-4) on the first 18, tying the sixth lowest mark in program history. The senior posted back-to-back rounds of 66 (-5), which ties the fifth best 18-hole score in program history. Kim tied the eighth lowest 54-hole mark in school history with a 209 (-4).

### CAREER WEEKEND

Four Hawkeyes -- Schaake, Weinberg, Kim, and Walker -- posted career low 18-hole scores in the first round of the Hawkeye Invitational. Schaake fired a 63 (-8) with a bogey-free first round. Weinberg carded a 64 (-7). Kim shot a 68 (-3) and Walker posted a 66 (-5). Schaake (199; -14), Walker (199; -14), Weinberg (204; -9), and Kim (209; -4), and sophomore Jake Rowe (224; +11) all fired career best 54-hole scores. Schaake and Walker each earned a career best finish, earning co-medalist honors. Weinberg (6th), and Kim (T-14th) also earned personal best finishes.

### STAYING BELOW PAR

Iowa carded 13 of its 15 rounds at or below par in the Hawkeye Invitational, including five in the first round. Walker (67, 66, 66), Weinberg (64, 70, 70), sophomore Kim (68, 71, 70), each recorded three. Freshman Gonzalo Leal Montero (71, 70) and Schaake (63, 64) both registered two rounds.

### SCHAAKE LEADING THE WAY

Alex Schaake leads the Hawkeyes, posting 16 of his 23 rounds this season at or below par. The Omaha, Nebraska, native has registered the top individual finish for Iowa in a team-leading four tournaments, earning co-medalist honors at the Hawkeye Invitational, finishing runner-up at the Colleton River Collegiate, tied for second at the Golfweek Conference Challenge, and tied for seventh at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic. The junior carded two or more rounds at or below par in six tournaments. Schaake has posted every round at or below par in four competitions. He leads Iowa with a stroke average of 70.22, six top-20 finishes, five top-10 finishes, a low round of 63, and 16 rounds at or below par.

### LOOKING AHEAD

NCAA Regionals will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, at 8 p.m. (CT) on the Golf Channel.

