



IOWA FIELD HOCKEY

BIG/ACC CHALLENGE

2017 SCHEDULE (0-0)

8/26.....vs. #15 Wake Forest #	2 p.m.
8/27.....vs. #1 North Carolina #	2 p.m.
9/1.....at Stanford	4 p.m.
9/3.....at California	12 p.m.
9/4.....at UC Davis	12 p.m.
9/8.....vs. New Hampshire #	6 p.m.
9/10.....vs. New Hampshire #	12 p.m.
9/15.....at Penn State *	5 p.m.
9/17.....at Penn.....	12 p.m.
9/22.....at Maryland *	3 p.m.
9/24.....at Rutgers *	12 p.m.
9/29.....vs. Indiana * !	3 p.m.
10/8.....at Duke.....	12 p.m.
10/13.....vs. Northwestern * #	3 p.m.
10/15.....vs. Michigan * #	12 p.m.
10/20...at Michigan State *	3 p.m.
10/22...vs. Ohio State * #	1 p.m.

Big Ten Tournament

10/29...First Round.....	TBA
11/3.....Semifinals!.....	TBA
11/5.....Final!.....	TBA

NCAA Tournament (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

11/8..... Play-In Games.....	TBA
11/11.... Round One.....	TBA
11/12.... Quarterfinals.....	TBA
11/17.... Semifinals.....	TBA
11/19... Championship.....	TBA

All game times listed are Central

* Big Ten Conference Games

! Televised by Big Ten Network

Streamed live on BTN2GO

PENN MONTO/NFCA RANKINGS

No.	Team	Points
1.	North Carolina (14)	1,137
2.	Duke (15)	1,081
3.	Delaware (7)	1,003
4.	Connecticut (4)	993
5.	Syracuse	978
6.	Maryland (3)	949
7.	Penn State (1)	879
8.	Princeton (2)	808
9.	Louisville (1)	760
10.	Virginia (1)	746
11.	Michigan	673
12.	Boston College	666
13.	Stanford	617
14.	Northwestern	613
15.	Wake Forest	457
16.	Boston University	443
17.	IOWA	340
18.	Albany	329
19.	James Madison	295
20.	Harvard	289
21.	Saint Joseph's	249
22.	Massachusetts	177
23.	Old Dominion	151
24.	Maine	124
25.	Pacific	107
	Liberty	107

THIS WEEK

The 17th-ranked University of Iowa field hockey team opens the 2017 season hosting the Big Ten/ACC Challenge at Grant Field this weekend. The Hawkeyes take on 15th-ranked Wake Forest on Saturday before hosting top-ranked North Carolina on Sunday. Both games are set for 2 p.m. (CT). Admission is free.

WATCH LIVE

Saturday and Sunday's matches will be streamed live on BTN Plus. To see if your cable package gives you access to BTN Plus content, sign up for BTN Plus, or learn more about it visit btn2go.com.

FOLLOW ON THE WEB

Iowa field hockey fans can follow all contest via live stats on hawkeyesports.com. Click on the "Live Stats" link found on the field hockey schedule page to access the live stats feed. Fans can also follow @IowaFieldHockey on Twitter for live in-game updates.

PROMOTIONS

- Saturday is Dollar Dog Day. All hotdogs will be on sale for \$1.
- A Fan Fest will be held prior to the start of Sunday's match against North Carolina. The fest will include Herky, the Hawkeye Pep Band, inflatables, and giveaways. It will begin one hour prior to the match.

HAWKEYES IN THE BIG TEN/ACC CHALLENGE

- This year marks the 16th year for the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, which began in 2002. • The Hawkeyes are 5-5 in their last 10 Big Ten/ACC Challenge matches. In last year's event, Iowa defeated #7 Wake Forest, 2-1, before being edged by #1 North Carolina, 2-1.

SCOUTING #15 WAKE FOREST

- No. 15 Wake Forest played to an 11-8 overall record in 2016.
- Head coach Jennifer Averill returns for her 26th season at Wake Forest.
- The Demon Deacons return their top two goal scorers and their top three in assists from last season. Junior Jule Grashoff and sophomore Nicola Pluta combined to score 33 of the team's 58 goals in 2016, while junior Megan Anderson led the Deacs with 11 assists.
- Pluta was the 2016 ACC Freshman of the Year. The third team NFCA All-American was named to the 2017 Preseason All-ACC Team.

IOWA VS. WAKE FOREST -- THE SERIES

- Wake Forest leads the all-time series, 9-8.
- Iowa has won the last six matchups, including a 2-1 victory over the seventh-ranked Demon Deacons in Winston-Salem last season.

SCOUTING #1 NORTH CAROLINA

- No. 1 North Carolina finished the 2016 season with a 20-6 record. The Tar Heels advanced to the NCAA Championship game before falling to Delaware, 3-2.
- Head coach Karen Shelton is in her 37th year at the helm. She owns a 628-159-9 career record.
- The Tar Heels have reached the semifinals of the NCAA Championship in each of the past eight years.
- Juniors Ashley Hoffman and Eva van't Hoog were named to the 2017 Preseason All-ACC Team. Hoffman registered nine goals and 10 assists last season, while van't Hoog scored eight goals and registered five assists.

2016 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf.	Over.
Maryland	7-1	18-5
Penn State	6-2	17-2
Northwestern	5-3	13-8
Michigan	5-3	12-8
IOWA	4-4	12-7
Indiana	3-5	8-12
Michigan State	3-5	8-12
Rutgers	2-6	9-9
Ohio State	1-7	6-11

2017 ROSTER

00 Katie Jones	Sr.
1 Ashley Drum	Fr.
2 Emily Deuell	Fr.
4 Makenna Grewe	Jr.
6 Mallory Lefkowitz	Sr.
7 Ellie Holley	Fr.
8 Nikki Freeman	Fr.
9 Lizzy Cimilluca	Fr.
10 Isabella Brown	Jr.
11 Katie Birch	So.
12 Taylor Omweg	Sr.
15 Riley Kniptash	Jr.
16 Isabella Solaroli	So.
18 Mya Christopher	Fr.
19 Ryley Miller	So.
20 Sophie Sunderland	So.
21 Lucie Daman	Fr.
24 Melissa Progar	Sr.
26 Madeleine Murphy	Fr.
96 Leslie Speight	So.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

Members of the University of Iowa field hockey team and coaching staff will be available for interviews each Tuesday before practice during the regular season.

To attend, please contact UI field hockey communications contact Kevin Quinn by phone (708-336-1294) or email (kevin-quinn@uiowa.edu). Be sure to include which coaches and student-athletes you would like to speak with to ensure availability.

IOWA VS. NORTH CAROLINA -- THE SERIES

- The Tar Heels lead the all-time series, 26-3.
- North Carolina edged the Hawkeyes, 2-1, at the 2016 Big Ten/ACC Challenge in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

NATIONALLY SPEAKING

Eight of Iowa's 2017 opponents are ranked in the top-15 of the Penn Monto/NFHCA Preseason Rankings (8/22). They include: No. 1 North Carolina, No. 2 Duke, No. 6 Maryland, No. 7 Penn State, No. 11 Michigan, No. 13 Stanford, No. 14 Northwestern, and No. 15 Wake Forest.

THE ROSTER AT A GLANCE

- The Hawkeyes return 12 letterwinners from last season.
- Seven of Iowa's 12 letterwinners saw action in all 19 contests last season.
- Iowa welcomes eight newcomers, including Ashley Drum (F), Emily Deuell (D), Ellie Holley (MF/F), Nikki Freeman (MF), Lizzy Cimilluca (F), Mya Christopher (F), Lucie Daman (D), and Madeleine Murphy (F).

BIG PRESEASON HONOREES

- Katie Birch, Mallory Lefkowitz, and Melissa Progar earned preseason All-Big Ten recognition.
- Birch, a sophomore midfielder, started all 19 games in 2016. She recorded 12 goals and four assists for 28 points for the Hawkeyes in her freshman campaign – the second most on the team. The York, England, native earned second-team All-Big Ten honors last season and was named Freshman of the Year by the league office.

- Lefkowitz, a senior forward started all 19 games last season. She registered one goal and three assists for five points. The Kingston, Pennsylvania, native earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2016 for the second consecutive year.

- Progar, a senior midfielder, who earned preseason All-Big Ten recognition in 2016, started all 19 games last season. She recorded a team-high 12 assists (second in the Big Ten). The Yorktown, Virginia, native earned Academic All-Big Ten and NFHCA Academic honors in 2016.

5 HAWKEYES SELECTED FOR YOUNG WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- Seniors Mallory Lefkowitz, Melissa Progar, Taylor Omweg, and Katie Jones, and junior Makenna Grewe were selected to compete at the 2017 Young Women's National Championships from June 12-16.

- The Young Women's National Championship is a high-level, international structured competi-

tion that serves as the selection avenue to the Junior National Camps and the Development Squad Camp.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING -- INDIVIDUAL STATS

- Sophomore Katie Birch, the 2016 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, ranked second in the conference in shots (89) and shots per game (4.63) last season. She also ranked ninth in goals (12) and goals per game (0.63).
- Senior Melissa Progar ranked second in the conference in assists (12). Progar's 0.63 assists per game ranked third among Big Ten opponents.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING -- TEAM STATS

- The Hawkeyes ranked third in the Big Ten in goals (64) and goals per game (3.37) last season.
- Iowa's 15.68 shots per game was the fourth-highest mark in the Big Ten. Iowa also ranked third in assists per game (2.63) and fourth in points per game (9.37).

HAWKEYES FINISH STRONG

The University of Iowa field hockey team has won five out of its last seven matches in 2016, including three Big Ten wins over No. 9 Northwestern (2-1) in overtime, Michigan State (5-3), and Ohio State (3-2).

IOWA IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

The Hawkeyes have been selected to the NCAA Tournament 22 times in program history – the most of any school as a member of the Big Ten Conference. The Hawkeyes are 26-23 all-time in tournament play, including 9-5 in first round match-ups and 11-6 in second round contests. Iowa has advanced to 11 NCAA Final Fours, winning the 1986 national championship. The Hawkeyes' 26 tournament victories and 11 NCAA Final Fours are the most of any school as a member of the Big Ten Conference.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes return to action next weekend, traveling to California for three matches. Iowa will take on Stanford on Sept. 1, California on Sept. 3, and UC Davis on Sept. 4.

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa field hockey program and to access exclusive coverage, "like" The University of Iowa Field Hockey Team on Facebook and follow @IowaFieldHockey on Twitter and Instagram.



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2016 SEASON STATS

2016 Iowa Field Hockey Iowa Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 03, 2016) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	12-7	6-3	5-2	1-2
CONFERENCE	4-4	1-3	3-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	8-3	5-0	2-1	1-2

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	ps-att	dsv	
Aug 27	at #7 Wake Forest	w	2-1	446	9	CAFONE, NATALIE	19	20	8	48	89	.225	50	.562	4	0-0	0
Aug 28	vs #1 North Carolina	L	1-4	146	11	BIRCH, KATIE	19	12	4	28	88	.136	41	.466	3	0-0	4
Sep 02	FAIRFIELD	w	4-1	143	1	ACKERS, CHANDLER	19	8	7	23	30	.267	17	.567	0	1-2	1
Sep 04	SAINT LOUIS	w	11-0	170	7	PLASTERAS, SOPHIE	19	9	3	21	26	.346	22	.846	1	0-0	0
Sep 10	vs Monmouth	w	4-0	0	20	SUNDERLAND, SOPHI	19	4	4	12	18	.222	10	.556	1	0-0	0
Sep 11	at Kent State	w	2-0	112	5	GUAGLIARDO, JOELLA	19	4	1	9	13	.308	8	.615	1	0-0	0
* Sep 16	#4 PENN STATE	L	3-4	195	6	LEFKOWITZ, MALLORY	19	1	3	5	10	.100	6	.600	0	0-0	0
Sep 18	BALL STATE	w	4-1	213	16	SOLAROLI, ISABELLA	19	2	0	4	7	.286	5	.714	0	0-0	0
* Sep 23	#6 MARYLAND	L	2-4	150	24	PROGAR, MELISSA	19	1	12	14	5	.200	4	.800	1	0-0	0
* Sep 25	RUTGERS	L	1-2	150	4	GREWE, MAKENNA	8	2	3	7	5	.400	3	.600	1	0-0	0
* Sep 30	at Indiana	Wot	2-1	203	12	OMWEG, TAYLOR	19	0	5	5	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0	0
Oct 02	at #7 Louisville	L	0-2	246	22	BAMPFIELD,LARA	8	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	0	0-0	0
Oct 07	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	w	11-0	101	10	BROWN, ISABELLA	19	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Oct 09	UC DAVIS	w	5-0	177	19	MILLER, RYLEY	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
* Oct 14	at #9 Northwestern	Wot	2-1	170	25	SEMLER, AVERY	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
* Oct 16	at #12 Michigan	Lot	1-2	265	15	KNIPTASH,RILEY	14	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
* Oct 21	MICHIGAN STATE	w	5-3	257		Total	19	64	50	178	298	.215	169	.567	12	1-2	5
* Oct 27	at Ohio State	w	3-2	255		Opponents	19	31	21	83	180	.172	101	.561	7	1-1	2
Nov 03	vs #12 Northwestern	L	1-3	565													

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	64-298	31-180
Goals scored per game	3.37	1.63
Shot pct.	.215	.172
Shots on goal-Attempts	169-298	101-180
SOG pct.	.567	.561
Shots/Game	15.7	9.5
PENALTY CORNERS	122	76
PENALTY STROKES	1-2	1-1
PENALTIES		
Green cards	13	15
Yellow cards	6	5
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1556	1697
Dates/Avg Per Date	9/173	7/242
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/237	

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
00	JONES, KATIE	2	70:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0/2
44	PECORA, ALEXANDR	19	1275:46	31	2.19	65	.677	12-7-0	3/2
	Total	19	1345:46	31	2.07	70	.693	12-7-0	5
	Opponents	19	1345:46	64	4.28	105	.621	7-12-0	1

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Iowa	30	32	2	64
Opponents	14	16	1	31

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Iowa	147	149	2	298
Opponents	76	101	3	180

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Iowa	27	41	2	70
Opponents	58	47	0	105

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Iowa	63	58	1	122
Opponents	33	43	0	76

