



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 6, 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	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 17	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
Feb. 18	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
Feb. 19	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
March 4	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
March 5	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
March 10	Dual in the Ozarks	All Day
April 20	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 21	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 26	Big Ten Championships	All Day
April 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
April 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team opens spring play at the 11th annual Big Ten Match Play in Palm Coast, Florida, Friday and Saturday.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 8 -- 36 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7 a.m. (CT)
 Saturday, Feb. 9 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7 a.m. (CT)

FIRST ROUND MATCHUP

The No. 3 seed Hawkeyes will face No. 14 Nebraska in the first round on Friday at the Ocean Course.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting golfstat.com for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page on hawkeyesports.com.

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Teams can have an eight-player tournament roster with six players competing in each match. Matches will be scored in a win, loss, or tie fashion. An individual match win is worth one point, and a halved match is worth 1/2 point for each team. Matches ending in a 3-3 tie have a tie breaking criteria. After the three round robin matches, teams will be ranked one through 7 in their Big Ten division, and face the team from the opposing division with the same ranking in Saturday's final round.

THE FIELD

No. 47 Iowa is joined by a field of 13 other teams that include: No. 27 Illinois, No. 36 Northwestern, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan State, Penn State, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Rutgers, Maryland, Purdue, and Nebraska (*Golfweek Rankings*).

THE LINEUP

The lineup for Big Ten Match Play includes two seniors (Matthew Walker and Aaron DeNucci), two juniors (Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg), one sophomore (Jake Rowe), and one freshman (Gonzalo Leal Montero).

THE COURSE

Big Ten Match Play will be played at Hammock Beach Golf Resort. Play will take place at both of the resorts courses, Ocean Course (par 72; 7,113 yards) and Conservatory Course (par 72; 7,777 yards).

2018-19 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Tyler Bussert	Fr.	Port Byron, Ill.
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	12	72.7	66	1
Alex Schaake	14	70.7	67	3
Jake Rowe	2	75.0	71	-----
Benton Weinberg	14	71.6	67	1
Gonzalo Leal Montero	13	71.5	67	1
Aaron DeNucci	5	75.8	69	-----

LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes concluded fall play at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate, finishing eighth with a 54-hole score of 884 (+44). Junior Benton Weinberg earned his first top-10 finish of the season, tying for 10th with a three-round total of 215 (+5). Junior Alex Schaake fired a 54-hole score of 216 (+6) to earn his team-leading fourth top-20 finish of the season, tying for 12th.





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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

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OCEAN COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	380	4
2	540	5
3	414	4
4	192	3
5	434	4
6	526	5
7	431	4
8	185	3
9	437	4
OUT	3,539	36
10	522	5
11	384	4
12	213	3
13	433	4
14	551	5
15	432	4
16	399	4
17	174	3
18	466	4
IN	3,574	36
TOTAL	7,113	72

HISTORICALLY AT BIG TEN MATCH PLAY

This will be Iowa's eighth time competing in this tournament. The Hawkeyes have finished in top-10 all previous seven times, including five top-five finishes. Iowa's best finish came in 2012, when they finished first based on criteria following a 3-3 tie. Last season, Iowa posted a 2-2 record to earn a ninth place finish.

FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes recorded top-10 finishes in four of their five fall tournaments, including three finishes in the top-five. Iowa's best finish of the fall came at the Golfweek Conference Challenge where they finished second with a two-round score of 565 (-11). Junior Alex Schaake recorded the best finish for the Hawkeyes, tying for second with a 36-hole score of 139 (-5).

RECORD PERFORMANCE

The Hawkeyes etched their name into the program record books for their performance at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic. Iowa carded a 277 (-7) in the final round to tie for the sixth lowest 18-hole score in program history. Schaake's 54-hole score of 203 (-10) set a new school record, while his 67 (-4) in the final round tied for the fifth lowest 18-hole score. Weinberg's 54-hole score of 205 (-8) set a new career best and tied Raymond Knoll for the second lowest 54-hole score.

SCHAAKE LEADING THE WAY

Schaake leads the Hawkeyes, posting nine of his 14 rounds this season at or below par. The Omaha, Nebraska, native has registered the top individual finish for Iowa in two of their five tournaments, finishing tied for second at the Golfweek Conference Challenge and tied for seventh at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic. Schaake fired all three rounds below par at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic, including two four-below (67). He leads Iowa with four top-20 finishes, three top-10 finishes, a stroke average of 70.7, and is tied for the team lead low 18-hole score of 67.

STAYING HOT IN THE WINTER

Junior Alex Schaake and senior Matthew Walker competed in the 2018 South Beach International Amateur, Dec. 19-22, at the Miami Beach Golf Club. Schaake finished eighth with a four-round score of 279 (-5). Walker posted a four-round score of 285 (+7), tying for 23rd.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMER

Sophomore Joe Kim joined the Iowa men's golf program in January after transferring from Indian Hills Community College. The Castle Hill, NSW Australia, native led Indian Hills to the 2018 NJCAA National Championship. He recorded a fifth-place individual finish at the NJCAA Championship. Kim will be eligible to compete beginning with the Colleton River Collegiate (March 4-5).

STAYING BELOW PAR

Junior Benton Weinberg carded three-straight rounds below par at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic. He tied a career-low 18-hole score with a 67 (-4) in the second round. Weinberg has four rounds at or below par this season and a stroke average of 71.6.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa will travel to Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, for the Puerto Rico Classic, Feb. 17-19.

