



## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 14, 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	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
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 travels to Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, for the 27th annual Puerto Rico Classic, Feb. 17-19.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 17 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7 a.m. (CT)  
 Monday, Feb. 18 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7 a.m. (CT)  
 Tuesday, Feb. 19 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 6:30 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. 40 Iowa is joined by a field of 14 other teams that include: Purdue, No. 5 Alabama, No. 12 Clemson, East Carolina, No. 21 Georgia, No. 4 Georgia Tech, Maryland, No. 31 Marquette, Middle Tennessee State, UNC Greensboro, No. 28 N.C. State, Ohio State, No. 13 Oklahoma and Virginia Tech (GolfStat Rankings).

### FIRST ROUND PAIRING

Iowa will be paired with No. 28 N.C. State and No. 31 Marquette for the first round.

### THE LINEUP

The lineup for the Puerto Rico Classic includes one senior (Matthew Walker), two juniors (Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg), one sophomore (Jake Rowe), and one freshman (Gonzalo Leal Montero).

### THE COURSE

The Puerto Rico Classic will be played at the Rio Mar Country Club. Play will take place on the River Course (par-72, 6,902 yards), designed by two-time Major champion Greg Norman along the Mameyes River.

### LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes finished 12th at the Big Ten Match Play Championships after posting a 1-3-0 record. Iowa recorded its lone win against Minnesota, 4.5-1.5, in the final round. Four Hawkeyes -- Walker, Weinberg, Schaake, and Rowe -- secured two individual victories. Walker posted the best individual record, finishing 3-1-0. Weinberg, Schaake, and Rowe all finished with an individual record of 2-2-0.

### HISTORICALLY AT THE PUERTO RICO CLASSIC

This will be Iowa's first appearance in the tournament and first time competing in Puerto Rico.

### 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





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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

#### MEDIA INFORMATION

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### RIVER COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	435	4
2	422	4
3	192	3
4	575	5
5	338	4
6	391	4
7	183	3
8	547	5
9	466	4
OUT	3,549	36
10	177	3
11	562	5
12	358	4
13	289	4
14	174	3
15	544	5
16	423	4
17	392	4
18	434	4
IN	3,353	36
TOTAL	6,902	72

#### MATCH PLAY SUCCESS

Three Hawkeyes -- Walker, Weinberg, and Schaake -- have career winning records at the Big Ten Match Play Championships. Walker has a career record of 12-3-1. Weinberg's career record is 4-3-1, while Schaake has posted a 6-5-1 record.

#### COMPETING WITH THE BEST

Iowa has competed against seven teams ranked in the top-25 of the GolfStat Rankings, including No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 7 SMU, and No. 9 Texas. This week's field includes five top-25 teams and two teams ranked in the top-10 -- No. 4 Georgia Tech and No. 5 Alabama.

#### 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 compete in the Colleton River Collegiate, March 4-5, in Bluffton, South Carolina.

