

IOWA HAWKEYES

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

Jan. 6, 2016

2016-17 SCHEDULE

12/3	Black & Gold Intrasquad #	11 a.m.
1/8	at Northern Illinois	1 p.m.
1/13	vs. Michigan State*	7 p.m.
1/15	vs. California-Berkeley	2 p.m.
1/21	at Ohio State *	4 p.m.
1/29	vs. Maryland*	2 p.m.
2/5	at Nebraska*	1 p.m.
2/11	vs. Illinois*, UIC	4 p.m.
2/13	at Illinois *	4 p.m.
2/17	at Quad Meet	7 p.m.
2/19	at LSU	2:30 p.m.
2/24	at BYU	8 p.m.
3/4	Big Five Meet *	8 p.m.
3/19	vs. Iowa State*	11 a.m.
3/11	Big Five Meet*	TBA
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



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vs. NIU, Lindenwood, & WMU ___ Jan. 8
Time _____ 1 p.m. (CT)
Location _____ Dekalb, Illinois

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NIU HUSKIES



LINDENWOOD LIONS



UWM BRONCOS

THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa women's gymnastics starts the season on the road against Northern Illinois in Dekalb, Illinois, at 1:00 p.m. (CT) on Sunday, Jan. 8.

SEASON TICKETS

For more ticket information, please visit hawkeyesports.com or contact the UI Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-IA-HAWKS. Season tickets are currently on sale for \$42. The package includes premium seating options and a free sweatshirt if purchased before Jan. 17. Fans who purchased season tickets will gain admission to six home competitions inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, against Michigan State, California-Berkeley, Maryland, Iowa State, Illinois and UIC and the home finale of the Big Five Meet. Youth (18 and younger) and UI students are admitted free to all home matches.

SCOUTING THE HUSKIES

- The Huskies finished the 2016 season at the Mid-American Conference Gymnastics Championships. They posted a 194.975 to finish sixth.
- Northern Illinois went 9-10 during the 2016 regular season.
- The Huskies return regional qualifiers Jamyra Carter, who averaged 9.700 on uneven bars, and Megan Greenfield, who averaged 9.700 on beam.
- Northern Illinois is led by head coach Sam Morreale, who is in his sixth season.

SCOUTING THE LIONS

- The Lions finished the 2016 season by winning the Mid-American Conference Gymnastics Championships with a team score of 194.975.
- Lindenwood went 22-14 during the 2016 regular and post season.
- The Lions return All-Americans Rachel Zabawa and Kayla McMullan.
- Zabawa earned USA Gymnastics All-American honors on vault during the 2016 postseason and averaged a score of 9.748 in the event during the season.
- McMullan earned USA Gymnastics All-American honors on floor and vault during the 2016 postseason. She averaged a 9.654 on floor and a 9.735 on vault throughout the season.
- Lindenwood is led by head coach Jen Kesler, who is in her fourth season.

SCOUTING THE BRONCOS

- The Broncos finished the 2016 season by winning the Mid-American Conference Gymnastics Championships with a team score of 194.975.
- Western Michigan went 7-7 during the 2016 regular season.
- The Broncos return all-conference team selection Jessie Peszek, who averaged a 9.771 on uneven bars, and all-around competitor Anna Corbett, who averaged a 38.446.
- Western Michigan is led by head coach Penny Jernigan, who is in her third season.

IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa enters the 2017 season ranked No. 22 in the Road to Nationals Preseason Poll and tied for fifth in the Big Ten Coaches' Preseason Poll. Iowa ended the 2016 regular season ranked No. 19 nationally -- the program's first top 20 ranking since 2011. The GymHawks ended the post-season ranked No. 23 for the second year in a row. The squad closed the regular season ranked 17th on vault (48.933 average score), 17th on uneven bars (49.250), 23rd on beam (48.702), and 28th on floor (49.115).

2016-17 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.

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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 on Dec. 15. 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, finished ninth in the all-around (39.225), took 12th on beam (9.825), and placed 20th on uneven bars (9.825) 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 tenth-place result in the all-around (38.650). She was 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 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 was the beam champion with a 9.900, took third in the all-around (39.450), fourth on uneven bars (9.900), seventh on vault (9.825), and 13th on floor (9.825) to make the All-Championship team and qualify for the NCAA Championships as an individual. She finished the season with All-American honors and a third-place finish (9.9125) at the NCAA Championships.

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.

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.

DRENTH GARNERS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mollie Drenth represented the Hawkeyes at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics National Championships on April 5. She finished in third place on beam with a score of 9.9125. Following the season, Drenth earned First Team All-American honors - Iowa's first since Alexis Maday in 2004.

At the Championships, Drenth earned a 9.8250 on floor and a 9.7750 on vault. She capped off the night on bars where she earned an 8.9625. Drenth finished 13th in the all-around with a total of 38.4750.

In the 2016 season alone, Drenth collected 19 individual titles, which included eight beam titles, seven titles in the all-around, three on vault, and one on floor. She captured Iowa's season high scores on vault (9.950), beam (9.925), and in the all-around (39.475).

2016 NCAA REGIONAL

Last season, the University of Iowa hosted the NCAA Regional in Iowa City on April 2. This was the first time the Hawkeyes hosted the event since 2009. Iowa has had representation at every NCAA Regional since 2005 - with three seasons of individual representation and nine team appearances.

Iowa finished the 2016 NCAA Regional in fourth with a score of 195.450. Six GymHawks placed in the top 15 for individual events. Mollie Drenth posted a score of 9.900 on beam to tie for first. Alie Glover posted a 9.875 to tie for sixth. Drenth and Angel Metcalf tied for fourth on bars, as both tallied a score of 9.900. Lexi Mura and Melissa Zurawski followed with a score of 9.875 to tie for eighth. Drenth also paced the GymHawks on floor with a score of 9.825 (T-13). Drenth and Rose Piorkowski tied for seventh on vault with a score of 9.825. Metcalf and Drenth represented Iowa in the all-around. Drenth tied for third with a 39.450, while Metcalf took 10th with a 38.650.

Metcalf and Drenth were selected to the All-Championship team for the second consecutive year. Drenth advanced to the NCAA Women's Gymnastics National Championships as an individual - Iowa's first NCAA Championship qualifier since 2011.

AWARD WINNING COACHES

At the conclusion of the regional meet, head coach Larissa Libby was named the NCAA North Central Region Coach of the Year. Assistant coaches Jennifer Green and Caleb Phillips were also recognized with NCAA North Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year recognition. The GymHawks coaching staff led the team to a 10-win season and No. 19 ranking.

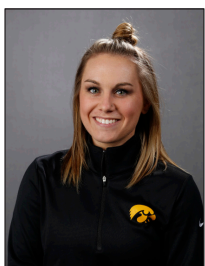
UP NEXT

The GymHawks will take on Michigan State at home inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7:00 p.m.



University of Iowa Women's Gymnastics

2016-17 ROSTER



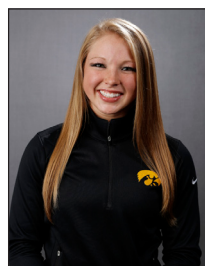
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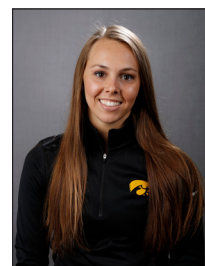
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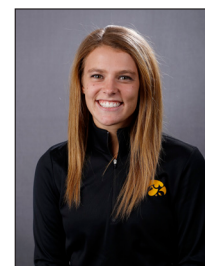
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Larissa Libby
Head Coach
13th Season



Vince Smurro
Assistant Coach
1st Season



Jennifer Green
Assistant Coach
2nd Season