

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Shane Sturtz, Men's Golf Contact



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MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

2019-20 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 8	Gopher Invitational	T-12th/13
Sept. 15	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Sept. 16	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Sept. 17	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	All Day
Oct. 7	Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic	All Day
Oct. 8	Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic	All Day
Oct. 21	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Oct. 22	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Feb. 7	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 8	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 16	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
Feb. 17	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
Feb. 18	Puerto Rico Classic	All Day
March 2	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
March 3	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
April 5	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 6	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 7	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 18	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 19	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 21	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
May 1	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 2	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 3	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals	All Day

2019-20 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Matthew Garside	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa
Joe Kim	Jr.	Castle Hill, NSW Australia
Mac McClear	Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill.
Gonzalo Leal Montero	So.	Seville, Spain
Jake Rowe	Jr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
Garrett Tighe	Fr.	Algonquin, Ill.
Benton Weinberg	Sr.	Potomac, Md.

2018-19 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Joe Kim	3	74	71	---
Gonzalo Leal Montero	3	74	69	---
Alex Schaake	3	71	69	1
Garrett Tighe	3	79.7	73	---
Benton Weinberg	3	75.7	71	---

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team hosts the 11th annual Golfweek Conference Challenge, Sept. 15-17, at Cedar Rapids Country Club in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Admission is free to the public. Iowa's lineup will be set later this week after qualifying rounds.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Sunday -- 18 holes; 9:30 a.m. (CT) tee times off holes 1 and 10
 Monday -- 18 holes; 9:30 a.m. (CT) tee times off holes 1 and 10
 Tuesday -- 18 holes; 9 a.m. (CT) shotgun start

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.

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

The Hawkeyes are joined by 15 other schools from 15 different conferences: Arkansas State, Ball State, Campbell, Dayton, Drexel, Furman, Illinois State, Iowa, Jacksonville State, Kansas State, Loyola Marymount, Marshall, Oakland, Sacramento State, San Jose State, and UMKC.

THE COURSE

Set up for the Golfweek Conference Challenge, playing as a par-72, stretching 7,112 yards, the Donald Ross Course at the Cedar Rapids Country Club is the second best course in the state of Iowa, according to *Golf Digest's* 2019 rankings. The course was originally designed in 1904 by Ross and most recently restored in 2015 by Ron Prichard. It's the third straight year the event is at the Cedar Rapids Country Club.

HISTORICALLY AT THE GOLFWEK CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

- Iowa claimed a runner-up finish at last year's rain-shortened Golfweek Conference Challenge with a two-round total of 565 (-11). Alex Schaake (139; -5) tied for second place and Gonzalo Leal Montero (140; -4) tied for fifth place.
- The Hawkeyes have finished third or better in four of the last five years, including back-to-back runner-up finishes, at the Golfweek Conference Challenge.
- Iowa is the only team in the 11-year history of the tournament to own two team and individual titles. In 2015, Raymond Knoll captured medalist honors to lead Iowa to a first-place finish, while Vince India and Chris Brant were co-medalists in 2010 to help Iowa capture its first Golfweek Conference Challenge title.

LAST TIME OUT

- Iowa used a five-over-par (289) third round at the Gopher Invitational to salvage its season-opening tournament. The Hawkeyes tied for 12th.
- Four of Iowa's five golfers carded their best 18-hole score in the third round to end the tournament on a high note.
- Senior Alex Schaake (T8; E) was Iowa's top-finisher and he recorded his 10th career top-10 finish. Sophomore Gonzalo Leal Montero and junior Joe Kim tied for 44th at nine-over-par (222).
- Schaake's third-round 69 and Leal Montero's first-round 69 were Iowa's low 18-hole totals of the tournament.



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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: 6th
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Charlie Hoyle
Year at Iowa: 2nd
Alma Mater, Year: Lander University, 2010

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CEDAR RAPIDS COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	357	4
2	364	4
3	407	4
4	475	4
5	160	3
6	497	5
7	426	4
8	200	3
9	559	5
OUT	3,445	36
10	395	4
11	437	4
12	222	3
13	422	4
14	360	4
15	627	5
16	406	4
17	445	4
18	353	4
IN	3,667	36
TOTAL	7,112	72

3 HAWKEYES EARN BIG PRESEASON HONORS

Seniors Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg, and sophomore Gonzalo Leal Montero were named 2019 Men's Golf Big Ten Preseason Honorees.

- Schaake, who was named a preseason third-team All-American by *Golfweek*, is the reigning Big Ten Men's Golf Player of the Year and Les Bolstad Award winner, which is presented to the player with the lowest stroke average. In his junior campaign, he competed in all 11 events, leading the Hawkeyes in stroke average (71), rounds at or below par (17), top-10 finishes (5), top-20 finishes (6), and low 18-hole round (63).
- Weinberg, a Division I PING All-Midwest Region and All-Big Ten Second Team selection as a junior, competed in all 11 events last season, posting a 71.79 18-hole scoring average with 11 rounds at or below par.
- Leal Montero competed in every event during his freshman season, posting 10 rounds at or below par with four top-20 finishes and one top-10 finish. His best career finish came at the rain-shortened GolfWeek Challenge with a two-round score of 140 (-4) to tie for fifth.

SCHAAKE'S HOT SUMMER

- Senior Alex Schaake entered his name into the Nebraska Amateur record books this summer, winning his fourth consecutive 72-hole Nebraska Amateur Championship at eight-under-par (280). The Omaha, Nebraska, native won a seven-hole playoff after starting the final round five strokes behind the leader. Schaake became the second individual in 111 years to win the tournament four straight years.
- At the 86th Iowa Open, Schaake registered a 10-under-par 206 in the 54-hole tournament to be the low amateur.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Three freshman -- Matthew Garside (Bettendorf, Iowa), Mac McClear (Hinsdale, Ill.), and Garrett Tighe (Algonquin, Ill.) -- joined the Hawkeyes this season.

- Tighe made his Hawkeye debut at the last weekend's Gopher Invitational. In the third round, he fired a personal-best two-over par 73.
- Garside earned medalist honors at the 2018 Class 4A Iowa State Championship with a 65 (-6), which is the lowest 18-hole score at the state tournament since 2011. This summer, Garside was the runner-up low amateur in the Iowa Open at four-under-par (212) behind Schaake.
- McClear comes from Hinsdale Central high school in Hinsdale, Illinois. As a prep, he won three high school state team championships and finished fifth at state as an individual the past two years. He was the fifth ranked golfer in Illinois in the 2019 class.

A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

Iowa has four team titles and four individual medalists since Coach Stith's first year in 2014. Last season, Iowa claimed the Hawkeye Invitational with co-medalists Alex Schaake and Matthew Walker. The Hawkeyes have qualified for the NCAA Tournament 10 of the last 11 years.

STITH SIGNS CONTRACT EXTENSION

Coach Stith signed a five-year contract extension this summer to keep him in Iowa City through 2024. He has led the Hawkeyes to top-four finishes at the Big Ten Championships four times and advanced to four NCAA Regionals in five seasons.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa takes two weekends off before returning to action at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic, Oct. 7-8, in South Bend, Indiana.

