



# IOWA HAWKEYES

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

ESTABLISHED 1997 | 10 BIG TEN TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 1 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE

### 2019 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 22	Western Michigan	7 p.m.
Aug. 25	Northern Iowa	1 p.m.
Aug. 29	\$ Iowa State	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	Illinois State	3 p.m.
Sept. 5	at North Carolina State	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at UNC Greensboro	Noon
Sept. 13	Northern Colorado	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Notre Dame	Noon
Sept. 20	* at Indiana	2 p.m.
Sept. 22	* at Purdue	Noon
Sept. 26	* Illinois	8 p.m.
Sept. 29	* Northwestern	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	* Nebraska	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	* at Michigan State	Noon
Oct. 11	* Rutgers	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	* Maryland	1 p.m.
Oct. 17	* at Wisconsin	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	* at Minnesota	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	* Ohio State	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	Big Ten Tournament	TBA

All times Central and subject to change | \$ - Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series event | \* - Big Ten contest |

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## IOWA HAWKEYES (0-0-0)

HEAD COACH | DAVE DIANNI (6TH SEASON)

## WESTERN MICHIGAN (0-0-0)

INTERIM HEAD COACH | SAMMY BOATENG (1ST SEASON)



## NORTHERN IOWA (0-0-0)

HEAD COACH | BRUCE ERICKSON (3RD SEASON)

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's soccer team opens the 2019 season with two matches at the Iowa Soccer Complex. The Hawkeyes will host Western Michigan on Thursday at 7 p.m. (CT) in their regular season opener before welcoming Northern Iowa to Iowa City on Sunday at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

### WATCH/FOLLOW LIVE

- Both games will be streamed live on BTN+ -- a paid subscription service.
- Live stats for both contests will be available on hawkeyesports.com.
- Fans can follow the Iowa soccer program on Twitter (@HawkeyeSoccer) for live game updates.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Head coach Dave Dilanni enters his sixth season at the helm of the Iowa women's soccer program. Dilanni signed a five-year contract extension in the summer of 2019.
- Iowa went 8-7-3 last season and 4-5-3 in the Big Ten Conference.
- The Hawkeyes return 10 starters and 22 letterwinners. Iowa returns players that accounted for 17 of the team's 20 goals, a trio of defenders that contributed to six shutouts, and the entire goalkeeper contingent.
- Ten newcomers also joined the program to round out Iowa's 36-player roster.
- Seniors Hannah Drkulec and Isabella Blackman have been voted the Hawkeyes' team captains for the 2019 season.
- Iowa won its lone exhibition game, downing Michigan, 1-0, on Aug. 16 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Freshman Melina Hegelheimer bent the game's lone goal into the net in the 100th minute.

### HAWKEYE TIDBITS

- Iowa went 8-7-3 overall in 2018 with seven of those victories coming at the Iowa Soccer Complex as part of a 7-0-3 record. The seven wins were the most at home since 2013 (8-2-0).
- The Hawkeyes have eight players returning that started double-digit games in 2018. Three players -- Kaleigh Haus, Sara Wheaton, and Hannah Drkulec -- started all 18 games.
- Iowa shut out six opponents in 2018 (Missouri, Creighton, Indiana State, VCU, Michigan State, and Michigan).





Dave Dilanni is entering his sixth season as head coach for the University of Iowa women's soccer program. Dilanni was tabbed as the fifth coach in program history on May 17, 2014, coming to the UI following an 11-year head coaching stint at Grand Valley State.

Dilanni, a native of Ontario, Canada, has amassed a 267-61-25 career record and guided three Grand Valley State teams to three NCAA Division II national championships, nine-consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) titles, seven Final Four appearances in eight seasons, 11-straight NCAA Tournament berths, while coaching 21 All-Americans.

Dilanni's .895 winning percentage was tops in NCAA Division II history. In five seasons at Iowa, Dilanni has 46-40-5 record.

In 2019, Dilanni led the Hawkeyes to an 8-7-3 overall record and a 4-5-2 mark in Big Ten play. Iowa was in Big Ten Tournament contention until the final game, but fell short after battling Northwestern to a 1-1 draw. Junior Natalie Winters was a third-team all-region and third-team All-Big Ten selection -- Iowa's first all-region honoree since 2014.

In the classroom, Iowa earned the United Soccer Team Academic Award for a 12th straight season and the Hawkeyes had two Google Cloud Academic All-Americans -- the first two in program history. Kaleigh Haus was a first-team selection; Hannah Drkulec earned second-team honors. Iowa also had 10 players earn Academic All-Big Ten honors, 25 players with a 3.0 GPA or better, 14 Dean's List, and 4 President's List honorees during the spring semester.

In May, 2019, Dilanni led the Iowa soccer program on its first foreign tour in its history. The Hawkeyes traveled to Germany, Sweden, and Denmark for a 10-day tour.

#### DIANNI'S CAREER RECORD

2003	___ GVSU	_____ 17-2-2	2013	___ GVSU	_____ 24-0-1
2004	___ GVSU	_____ 15-5	2014	___ Iowa	_____ 14-7-1
2005	___ GVSU	_____ 19-3	2015	___ Iowa	_____ 7-10-1
2006	___ GVSU	_____ 19-2-1	2016	___ Iowa	_____ 8-11-0
2007	___ GVSU	_____ 21-1-1	2017	___ Iowa	_____ 9-8-2
2008	___ GVSU	_____ 22-1	2018	___ Iowa	_____ 8-7-3
2009	___ GVSU	_____ 22-0-4	At GVSU	_____ 221-18-18	
2010	___ GVSU	_____ 22-1-2	At Iowa	_____ 46-40-5	
2011	___ GVSU	_____ 20-1-4	<b>Career Totals</b>	_____ <b>267-61-25</b>	
2012	___ GVSU	_____ 20-2-3			

• Three Hawkeyes -- Devin Burns, Natalie Winters, and Riley Whitaker -- were named to the Big Ten Preseason Honors list. Iowa was picked to finish 10th in the preseason poll.

#### EXPERIENCE GALORE

- The Hawkeyes boast a roster featuring 12 seniors and 14 total upperclassmen. The 12 seniors are believed to be the most by a team in the nation.
- The 12 seniors have combined to start 326 games in their collegiate careers.
- Midfielder Natalie Winters has started 55 of 56 games as a Hawkeye, Claire Graves has started 50 contests, and Isabella Blackman has started 46 games.

#### IOWA IN SEASON OPENERS

- The Hawkeyes are 3-1-1 in season openers under head coach Dave Dilanni, including a 1-0 overtime victory over UNI in 2014. That was Dilanni's first career win at Iowa.
- Last season, Iowa tied Missouri, 0-0, in its regular season opener.

#### SENIOR NATALIE WINTERS...

- has started 55 of 56 career games.
- is a three-time All-Big Ten selection, earning All-Freshman team honors in 2016 and third-team All-Big Ten honors as a sophomore and junior. She also earned All-Region honors in 2018.
- led the team with five goals in 2018 en route to being named Iowa's team MVP and Offensive Player of the Year.

#### GRAVES CLIMBING IOWA RECORD BOOKS

Senior Claire Graves enters her senior season ranking in the top-five in three career categories in Iowa history. The Indiana native is second in career shutouts (17), third in career victories (24), and fifth in career saves (191).

#### SCOUTING WESTERN MICHIGAN

- Western Michigan was selected to finish sixth in the Mid-American Conference Pre-season Coaches Poll. The Broncos went 14-7-0 last season, including posting a 7-4 record in MAC play.
- The Broncos return four All-MAC selections in midfielder Hannah Kahn, goalkeeper Hannah Sargent, and defenders Victoria Kyriakopoulos and Kai Sugiyama.
- WMU posted a 4-0 shutout victory over Valparaiso during a Aug. 16 exhibition contest in Kalamazoo. All four goals came in the second half.
- Western Michigan has three of its top five goal scorers returning in Grace Labadie (5 goals), Kahn (5 goals), and Morgan Otteson (5 goals). Labadie finished with a team-leading 20 points in 2018.
- Sargent is back in the fold between the posts after posting a 1.27 goals against average, making 91 saves, and tallying seven shutouts.
- The Broncos are led by interim head coach Sammy Boateng, who joined the program as an assistant coach in January before being promoted to the head chair in July.

#### SCOUTING NORTHERN IOWA

- The Panthers have been selected to place fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference Pre-season Coaches Poll. UNI returns 19 letterwinners and four starters, including honorable mention all-conference forward Sydney Hayden.
- UNI finished 9-7-3 overall and 4-3-0 in MVC a season ago and advanced to the quarter-finals of the MVC Tournament.
- The Panthers dropped a 4-0 decision to Iowa State on Aug. 14 during an exhibition game in Waterloo. The Cyclones out-shot UNI, 13-3, in the game.
- Hayden led UNI with six goals in 2018.



## SERIES RECORDS

- Iowa is 1-0 all-time against Western Michigan. The Hawkeyes downed the Broncos, 3-1, in Iowa City in the second game of the 2013 season.
- The Hawkeyes are 13-0 all-time against Northern Iowa, but the last two meetings -- 2014 and 2015 -- came in overtime. Iowa has outscored the Panthers, 38-5, in the all-time series.

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

- Seniors Kaleigh Haus and Devin Burns return for their third season as Iowa's starting forwards. Haus was second on the team (to midfielder Natalie Winters) in points (four goals, one assist), while Burns found the net twice. Burns was Iowa's top offensive weapon in 2017, scoring nine times, but she battled injury last season.
- Iowa's midfield welcomes back seniors Natalie Winters, Isabella Blackman, Sydney Blit-chok, and sophomore Hailey Rydberg. Winters scored five times in 2018, while Blackman started 16 games.
- Iowa has three defensive stalwarts returning in senior Hannah Drkulec and sophomores Riley Whitaker and Sara Wheaton. Wheaton logged 1,613 minutes -- the second-most on the team -- and Drkulec was third with 1,583 minutes. The trio helped the Hawkeyes post six shutouts.
- Iowa welcomes back both of its goalkeepers in senior Claire Graves and redshirt junior Cora Meyers. Graves tallied seven wins and posted six shutouts, while finishing with a 0.86 goals against average and 43 saves. Meyers started seven contests where she had a 1.64 goals against average and made 18 stops.
- The Hawkeyes welcome 10 newcomers -- nine freshmen and a sophomore. Three players -- Samantha Cary, Samantha Cramin, and Samantha Tawharu -- joined the program in January.
- Tawharu played for the New Zealand Junior National Team, while incoming forward Gianna Gourley was the Nevada Gatorade Player of the Year.

## NEW FACE

Blair Quinn joined the program as associate head coach, where he will coach the Iowa goalkeepers. Quinn joins the program with 16 years of collegiate coaching experience with his most recent stop being at the University of Houston.

## 2019 SCHEDULE

- The 2019 schedule will feature 11 home matches at the Iowa Soccer Complex.
- The Hawkeyes will face six teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament, including two teams that were in the Sweet 16.
- Three opponents -- Penn State (6), Wisconsin (16), and NC State (21) -- are in the United Soccer Coaches Preseason Top-25, while three additional opponents (Minnesota, Rutgers, and Ohio State) are receiving votes.

## PROMOTIONS

- The Hawkeyes will have a variety of themed matches this season, including a Junior Hawk Club Day (Aug. 25), Black Out (Aug. 29), Youth Soccer Night (Sept. 13), Greek Night (Sept. 26), Fan Fest with Iowa Field Hockey (Sept. 29), Pink Night (Oct. 3), and Alumni Night (Oct. 11).
- Fans will have opportunities to college several giveaways as well as participate in autograph sessions with the Hawkeyes.

## NEXT UP

The Hawkeyes round out their four-game homestand, hosting Iowa State in an Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series matchup on Aug. 29 and Illinois State on Sept. 1.

## TEAM COMPARISON

Below is a look at how Iowa stacks up against this week's opponents.

	IOWA
<b>Overall Record</b>	8-7-3
<b>Home</b>	7-0-3
<b>Away</b>	1-7-0
<b>Conference Record</b>	4-5-2
<b>Last 5 games</b>	3-1-1
<b>Goals</b>	20
<b>Assists</b>	16
<b>Points</b>	56
<b>Shots</b>	206
<b>SOG</b>	101
<b>Goals Against</b>	21
<b>GAA</b>	1.11
<b>Saves</b>	61
<b>Saves Percentage</b>	.744
<b>Shutouts</b>	6
<b>Corner Kicks</b>	69
<b>Fouls</b>	216
<b>Cards (Y-R)</b>	15-5

## 2018 BIG STANDINGS

Team	Big Ten			Overall	
	W-L-T	Pct.	Pts.	W-L-T	Pct.
Illinois	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Indiana	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Iowa	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Maryland	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Michigan	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Michigan State	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Minnesota	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Nebraska	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Northwestern	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Ohio State	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Penn State	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Purdue	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Rutgers	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000
Wisconsin	0-0-0	.000	0	0-0-0	.000



## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Last School)
00	Cora Meyers	GK	6-0	RS Jr.	Riverdale, Iowa/Pleasant Valley
0	Sabrina Shaw	GK	5-9	Fr.	Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville Community
1	Claire Graves	GK	5-8	Sr.	Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville
2	Hailey Rydberg	M	5-8	So.	St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles North
3	Daisy Light	F	5-10	Fr.	Louisville, Colo./Monarch
4	Kaleigh Haus	F	5-9	RS Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Carlisle
5	Riley Whitaker	D	5-6	So.	Ankeny, Iowa/Ankeny
6	Isabella Blackman	M	5-6	Sr.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Bettendorf
7	Skylar Alward	F	5-7	So.	Littleton, Colo./Columbine
8	Natalie Massa	D/M	5-6	Fr.	Naperville, Ill./Waubonsie VALley
9	Samantha Cary	D	5-8	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North
10	Natalie Winters	M/D	5-5	Sr.	Plymouth, Mich./Canton
11	Sydney Blitchok	M	5-7	Sr.	Grandville, Mich.
12	Olivia Fiegel	F	5-9	Sr.	Springfield, Va./Robinson Secondary School
13	Bianca Acuario	F	5-6	Sr.	Marysville, Wash./Marysville Pilchuck (Highline CC)
14	Leah Moss	D	5-6	Sr.	Plymouth, Mich./Salem
15	Samantha Cramin	F	5-4	Fr.	Northbrook, Ill./Glenbrook North
16	Olivia Hellweg	M	5-8	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Kennedy
17	Hannah Drkulec	D	5-8	Sr.	Windsor, Ontario, Canada/St. Anne
18	Diane Senkowski	D	5-9	Jr.	Livonia, Mich./Adlai E. Stevenson
19	Jenny Cape	F	5-9	So.	Brookfield, Wis./Brookfield Central
20	Sam Schroder	M	5-5	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa/Iowa City High
21	Emma Tokuyama	F	5-3	Sr.	Saline, Mich./Saline (Mercer)
22	Grace Necker	D/M	5-6	RS Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley
23	Adrianna Naumoski	F	5-9	So.	St. John, Ind./Lake Central
24	Sara Wheaton	D	5-6	So.	Chandler, Ariz./Basha
25	Josie Durr	M	5-8	RS So.	Solon, Iowa/Solon
26	Melina Hegelheimer	M/F	5-4	Fr.	Ames, Iowa/Ames
27	Samantha Tawharu	F	5-7	So.	Green Bay, Auckland, New Zealand/Forrest Hill Milford
28	Monica Wilhelm	GK	5-10	RS Fr.	Antioch, Ill./Antioch Community
29	Megan Nelson	M	5-4	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley
30	Devin Burns	F	5-5	Sr.	Green Oaks, Ill./Loyola Academy
31	Hannah Rittenhouse	F	5-9	Fr.	Geneva, Ill./St. Francis
32	Gianna Gourley	F	5-9	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman
33	Riley Burns	D	5-5	So.	Green Oaks, Ill./Loyola Academy
99	Zoey Slettehaugh	GK	5-7	Sr.	Lenexa, Kan./Bishop Miege

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Dave Dilanni (Spring Arbor University, 1997, 6th Year)

**Associate Head Coach:** Blair Quinn (Rockhurst, 2005, 1st Year)

**Assistant Coach:** Katelyn Longino (Columbus State, 2016, 2nd Year)

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Drago Ceranic (Mount Mercy, 2010, 2nd Year)

**Director, Soccer Operations:** Stephanie Burak (Michigan, 2016, 2nd Year)

## SQUAD ANALYSIS

**Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 10/1

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 22/4

**Total Players/Newcomers:** 36/10

**Class Breakdown:** Freshman - 12, Sophomores - 10, Juniors - 2, Seniors - 12

**Newcomer Breakdown:** 10 (9 Freshman, 1 Soph.)

**States/Countries:** Arizona (1), Canada (1), Colorado (2), Illinois (7), Indiana (3), Iowa (10), Kansas (1), Michigan (5), Missouri (1), Nevada (1), New Zealand (1), Virginia (1), Washington (1), Wisconsin (1).

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

13	ACUARIO, Bianca
7	ALWARD, Skylar
6	BLACKMAN, Isabella
11	BLITCHOK, Sydney
30	BURNS, Devin
33	BURNS, Riley
19	CAPE, Jenny
8	CARY, Samantha
15	CRAMIN, Samantha
17	DRKULEC, Hannah
25	DURR, Josie
12	FIEGEL, Olivia
32	GOURLEY, Gianna
1	GRAVES, Claire
4	HAUS, Kaleigh
26	HEGELHEIMER, Melina
16	HELLWEG, Olivia
3	LIGHT, Daisy
8	MASSA, Natalie
00	MEYERS, Cora
14	MOSS, Leah
23	NAUMOSKI, Adrianna
22	NECKER, Grace
29	NELSON, Megan
31	RITTENHOUSE, Hannah
2	RYDBERG, Hailey
20	SCHRODER, Sam
18	SENKOWSKI, Diane
0	SHAW, Sabrina
99	SLETTEHAUGH, Zoey
27	TAWHARU, Samantha
21	TOKUYAMA, Emma
24	WHEATON, Sara
5	WHITAKER, Riley
28	WILHELM, Monica
10	WINTERS, Natalie

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Bianca <b>Acuario</b>	A-quari-o
Sydney <b>Blitchok</b>	Blitch-ock
Stephanie <b>Burak</b>	BYUR-ack
Drago <b>Ceranic</b>	Cera-nich
Dave <b>Dilanni</b>	Di-Awn-ee
Hannah <b>Drkulec</b>	Druh-koo-lick
Olivia <b>Fiegel</b>	Fee-gull
Gianna <b>Gourley</b>	Gurley
Kaleigh <b>Haus</b>	Haw-ss
Melina <b>Hegelheimer</b>	High-gull-high-mer
Natalie <b>Massa</b>	Mass-uh
Adrianna <b>Naumoski</b>	Nuh-Mah-ski
Hailey <b>Rydberg</b>	Ry-berg
Zoey <b>Slettehaugh</b>	Slet-e-hoff
Samantha <b>Tawharu</b>	Tuh-hair-ru
Emma <b>Tokuyama</b>	Toak-e-yama

