

IOWA HAWKEYES

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MEN’S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 5, 2020

2019-20 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Sept. 8-9	Gopher Invitational	T-12th/13
Sept. 15-17	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	T-4th/16
Oct. 7-8	Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic	3rd/14
Oct. 21	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	T-10th/12
Oct. 22	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	10th/12
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.

2019-20 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-20
Matthew Garside	3	75	72	---
Joe Kim	12	73.8	71	---
Mac McClear	6	73.7	67	---
Gonzalo Leal Montero	12	71.9	66	---
Jake Rowe	3	78.7	73	---
Alex Schaake	12	71.8	69 X2	2
Garrett Tighe	6	79	73	---
Benton Weinberg	12	73.9	69	1

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men’s golf team competes in its first spring event of the season at the 12th annual Big Ten Match Play Championship Friday and Saturday, in Palm Coast, Fla., at the Hammock Beach Resort.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 7 -- Two matches, the first beginning at 7 a.m. (CT) and the second beginning at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8 -- Two matches, the first beginning at 7 a.m. (CT) and the second beginning at 12:00 p.m.

FIRST ROUND MATCHUP

The eighth-seeded Hawkeyes will face ninth-seeded Michigan in the first round on Friday. The winner of this match will move on to the quarterfinals against No. 1 Northwestern.

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 access to exclusive coverage, “like” Hawkeye men’s golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

THE FORMAT

The Big Ten Match Play is set up in a single-elimination tournament bracket. Teams can have an eight-player tournament roster with six players competing in each match. An individual match win is worth one point. Matches ending in a 3-3 tie have a tie breaking criteria.

THE LINEUP

Senior Alex Schaake will lead the Hawkeyes in the No. 1 spot, followed by sophomore Gonzalo Leal Montero, senior Benton Weinberg, freshman Mac McClear, freshman Matthew Garside, and junior Jake Rowe.

THE FIELD

The 13-team field includes each of the Big Ten schools except Illinois. Four Big Ten teams are featured in the top-60 (Golfstat rankings): Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Michigan State, No. 53 Minnesota, Nebraska, No. 38 Northwestern, No. 56 Ohio State, Penn State, No. 51 Purdue, Rutgers, and Wisconsin.

THE COURSE

Big Ten Match Play will be played at Hammock Beach Golf Resort Ocean Course (par 72; 7,113 yards).

HISTORICALLY AT THE BIG TEN MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- This will be Iowa’s ninth appearance in this tournament. The Hawkeyes have five top-five finishes. Iowa’s best finish came in 2012 when they finished first.
- In last year’s Big Ten Match Play, Iowa lost matches against Nebraska (4-2), Michigan (3.5-2.5), and Rutgers (4-2). Iowa finished strong with a 4.5-1.5 victory over Minnesota in the final round.



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 33,334
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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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

LAST TIME OUT

Iowa placed 10th at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate to conclude the fall season.

- Sophomore Gonzalo Leal Montero lead the Hawkeyes with three straight below-par rounds; Leal Montero posted a 54-hole total of five-under par (208). Leal Montero finished three strokes behind the tournament co-medalists.
- Seniors Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg, and freshman Mac McClear registered even-par 71s in the third round.
- The Hawkeyes finished 35 strokes ahead of conference rival Nebraska. No. 14 SMU and the tournament host No. 12 Baylor placed first and second, respectively.
- All four of Iowa's counted scores were at or below par in the final round. Iowa's third round 282 (-2) was tied for the fifth lowest round of the day.

FALL RECAP

- The Hawkeyes recorded two top-four finishes in their four fall tournaments. The best finish of the season came at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic where they finished third with a three-round score of 855 (+3). Senior Alex Schaake was the top performer for the Hawkeyes with a three-round score of 212 (-1).

ENTERING THE RECORD BOOKS

- Leal Montero finished the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate with a career-best 54-hole score of 208 (-5), which was the lowest Hawkeye score of the fall season and ties for the seventh-lowest 54-hole total in school history.
- McClear recorded a personal-best 67 (-4) in the second round of the Fighting Irish Classic to tie for the sixth-lowest 18-hole round in program history.

HAWKEYE TEE SHOTS

- Schaake leads the Hawkeyes with seven rounds at or below par. With three straight rounds at or below par at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate, Leal Montero boosted his season total to six. Weinberg also has six rounds at or below par.
- Schaake leads the Hawkeyes with 71.8 strokes per round. Leal Montero owns a 71.9 18-hole stroke average.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

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

A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

Iowa has four team titles and four individual medalists since Coach Tyler 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 IN 2019

Coach Tyler Stith signed a five-year contract extension 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 travels to Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, to compete in the Puerto Rico Classic on Feb. 16-18.

