# **IOWA HAWKEYES**

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## **WOMEN'S ROWING WEEKLY RELEASE**

**April 12, 2018** 

## **2018 SCHEDULE**

All times are Central and subject to change

3/31	Pac-12 Invitational	11 a.m. (CT)
4/1	Pac-12 Invitational	11 a.m. (CT)
4/7	Michigan State, Michigan	8 a.m. (CT)
4/14	Princeton, Yale	8 a.m. (CT)
4/28	Longhorn Invite	All Day
5/13	Big Ten Championship	All Day
5/25	NCAA Championship	All Day
5/26	NCAA Championship	All Day
5/27	NCAA Championship	All Day

### CRCA/US ROWING COACHES RANKINGS

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Votes
1	University of Washington (25)	499
2	University of California at Berkeley	476
3	University of Texas	417
T-4	Ohio State University	387
T-4	Princeton University	387
6	Yale University	350
7	Stanford University	339
8	Brown University	325
9	University of Virginia	314
10	University of Michigan	307
11	University of Iowa	288
12	University of Wisconsin	211
13	University of Southern California	171
14	Harvard University	153
15	Washington State University	129
16	Michigan State University	118
17	Indiana University	110
18	Syracuse University	70
19	Dartmouth College	60
20.	University of Oklahoma	40

Other Receiving Votes: University of Louisville (28), University of Minnesota (25), Duke University (20), University of California at Los Angeles (12), University of Pennsylvania (7), Oregon State University (4), University of Notre Dame (3),

### THIS WEEK

The No. 11 University of Iowa women's rowing team travels to Princeton, New Jersey, to race against No. 4 Princeton and No. 6 Yale on Saturday at Lake Carnegie. Competition is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. (CT)

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Boat	Time (CT)	
l Varsity Four	8 a.m.	
l Varsity Eight	8:20 a.m.	
II Varsity Eight	8:35 a.m.	
l Novice Eight	8:50 a.m.	
II Varsity Four	9:10 a.m.	

## IN THE RANKINGS

lowa remained at No. 11 in the USRowing/CRCA Coaches' Poll on April 11. This ties the highest national ranking in program history.

### **FOLLOW ALONG**

Follow @iowarowing on twitter to stay up to date on the latest news and scores during Saturday's regatta.

### **LAST TIME OUT**

- No. 11 lowa raced against No. 18 Michigan State in the morning and No. 6 Michigan in the afternoon at the Big Ten Double Dual on Saturday.
- The Hawkeye's I Varsity Eight boat ended the morning with a 10-second margin ahead of the Spartans, crossing the finish line in 6:17.7. In the afternoon, the crew crossed the finish line more than 12 seconds in front of Michigan.
- The II Varsity Eight crew posted an impressive 13-second win over Michigan State and fell to the Wolverines by a mere .3 seconds.
- lowa's I Varsity Four crew crossed the finish line five seconds ahead of Michigan State and fell to Michigan.
- The Hawkeye's II Varsity Four crew crossed the finish line seven seconds ahead of the Spartans and fell to the Wolverines.
- lowa's I Novice Eight boat fell to Michigan State and Michigan.

### **SCOUTING PRINCETON**

The No. 4 Tigers hosed the inaugural lvy League Invitational on Saturday where Princeton defeated both No. 13 Harvard and Cornell in the morning and posted wins over No. 19 Dartmouth and Penn in the afternoon.

## **SCOUTING YALE**

The No. 7 Bulldogs swept Dartmouth, Penn, and Columbia in the morning session of the lvy League Invitational, followed by another sweep over Cornell and Columbia in the afternoon.

## **BIG BOAT OF THE WEEK**

lowa's I Varsity Eight boat, comprised of Ashley Duda, Izzy Dolba, Kaelynn Heiberg, Hannah Greenlee, Hunter Koenigsfeld, Contessa Harold, Katie Pearson, Eve Stewart, and Logan Jones (coxswain), was named the Big Ten Boat of the Week, the conference office announced April 10. The I Varsity Eight crew posted a 10-second margin over Michigan State and upset Michigan by more than 12 seconds at the Big Ten Double Dual on April 7. This is the first Big Ten Conference weekly honor for the Hawkeyes since the second varsity four boat earned the honor on April 25, 2014.

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## **HEAD COACH ANDREW CARTER**



Andrew Carter was named the third head coach in program history for the University of Iowa rowing program in July 2013.

During his coaching career, Carter has earned more than 50 championship medals, and over the last 15 years, he has coached nine All-Americans and 41 National Scholar-Athletes. Before becoming a Hawkeye, he turned Miami into a nationally-ranked program, and led Clemson to its first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference title and NCAA Championship appearance.

In 2017, Carter led lowa to its second NCAA Championship in program history and its first since 2001. The Hawkeyes tied for fourth at the Big Ten Championship and scored 116 points at the conference meet, which marks the highest point total in program history. Senior Cristy Hartman earned first team All-Big Ten honors and junior Ashley Duda earned second team All-Big Ten honors. Senior Sarah Powell earned the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award. Morgan Grastorf and Cristy Hartman were named All-Region athletes and Victoria Bricker, Kaelynn Heiberg, Gemma Kerr, and Rachel Canon were selected as CRCA Scholar Athletes. Carter led the Hawkeyes to their highest national ranking in program history with a No. 11 mark in the April 25 selcted as CRCA/USRowing poll.

Carter is a U.S. Rowing Level III Coach and a Rowing Canada Aviron Level IV Coach, as well as a National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Master Instructor and Master Coach Evaluator. He is affiliated with the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association and U.S. Rowing.

Carter earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology-biomechanics from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and a master's degree in kinesiology-biomechanics from the University of Western Ontario. Highly regarded in both the academic and coaching fields, Carter is a regular speaker at national and international coaching conferences on topics in biomechanics, technique, equipment, and training.

### **HISTORIC SEASON**

The 2017 season was a historic season for the University of Iowa women's rowing program. The Hawkeyes broke their national poll record four times throughout the season, peaking at No. 11 in the country. They also broke the team point record at the Big Ten Championships on May 14, scoring 116 points to tie for fourth place. The team was selected to the NCAA Championships for the second time in program history, ending a 16-year drought dating back to 2001.

## **REGIONAL STAFF OF THE YEAR**

The University of Iowa women's rowing staff was named the 2017 Region 4 Staff of the Year by the College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA). The Regional Staff of the Year Award recognizes a staff that had outstanding success during the season, demonstrated a great team improvement from the prior season, fulfilled the team's potential, and demonstrated a high level of professionalism and integrity as a coach.

## **CRCA SCHOLAR ATHLETES**

Six University of Iowa rowing student-athletes -- Victoria Bricker, Kaelynn Heiberg, Gemma Kerr, Rachel Canon, Logan Jones, and Georgia Sanderson -- were named 2017 Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar Athletes. To qualify for the honor, student-athletes must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher, race in 75 percent of their team's races, and be in their second, third, or fourth year of eligibility.

## **B1G DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS**

Seven rowers -- Allison Blevins, Rachel Canon, Kaelynn Heiberg, Gemma Kerr, Carly Millerd, Elizabeth Pritchard, and Georgia Sanderson -- were named 2017 Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholars. Heiberg, Millerd, and Sanderson maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the 2016-17 academic term. Athletes must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institution and have a minimum GPA of 3.7 or higher for the previous academic year, excluding summer school.

#### **ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN**

15 University of Iowa rowers -- Danielle Bender, Allison Blevins, Victoria Bricker, Rachel Canon, Kaelynn Heiberg, Logan Jones, Laura Justis, Gemma Kerr, Baillie McCunn, Sarah Powell, Elizabeth Pritchard, Georgia Sanderson, Megan Sprengeler, Kat Tillman, and Faith Wieland -- were named to the 2017 Spring Academic All-Big Ten team. To be eligible for an Academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

Natasia Giles joined the Hawkeye staff in July as an assistant coach. Giles joins the Hawkeyes after a four-year coaching stint at Texas. She spent her first two years as a volunteer assistant coach where her duties included recruiting and training novice athletes. She was promoted to graduate assistant coach in 2015 and held that position for two years. As a graduate assistant, Giles let the 1V4 boat to a fourth-place finish at the 2017 NCAA Championships and helped transition the novice athletes to varsity competition.

#### **UP NEXT**

The Hawkeyes travel to Austin, Texas, to compete at the Longhorn Invitational on April 28.