

# IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Alex Snyder, Men's Golf Contact



## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 29, 2017

### 2016-17 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 13	Gopher Invitational	8th
Sept. 14	Gopher Invitational	7th
Sept. 25	Windon Memorial Classic	T-4th
Sept. 26	Windon Memorial Classic	8th
Sept. 30	Golfweek Conference Challenge	T-7th
Oct. 1	Golfweek Conference Challenge	9th
Oct. 2	Golfweek Conference Challenge	7th
Oct. 10	Paintbrush Intercollegiate	10th
Oct. 11	Paintbrush Intercollegiate	10th
Oct. 24	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	5th
Oct. 25	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	5th
Feb. 10	Big Ten Match Play Championship	4th
Feb. 11	Big Ten Match Play Championship	4th
March 12	Chechessee Creek Club Dual	1st
March 17	Schenkel Invitational	T-3rd
March 18	Schenkel Invitational	7th
March 19	Schenkel Invitational	6th
<b>March 31</b>	<b>Mason Rudolph Championship</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Mason Rudolph Championship</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Mason Rudolph Championship</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
April 15	Hawkeye Invitational	9:00 a.m.
April 16	Hawkeye Invitational	9:00 a.m.
April 22	Robert Kepler Invitational	TBD
April 23	Robert Kepler Invitational	TBD
April 28	Big Ten Championships	TBD
April 29	Big Ten Championships	TBD
April 30	Big Ten Championships	TBD

### 2016-17 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	So.	Clive, Iowa
Ryoto Furuya	Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Raymond Knoll	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.
Sam Meuret	Jr.	Brunswick, Neb.
Alex Moorman	RFr.	Centerville, Iowa
Carson Schaake	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
Alex Schaake	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.
Jack Simpson	Fr.	Aurora, Ontario
Matthew Walker	So.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	Fr.	Potomac, Md.

### 2016-17 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Top-10
Aaron DeNucci	6	76.50	-----
Ryoto Furuya	13	75.69	-----
Raymond Knoll	19	71.68	3
Sam Meuret	12	74.91	-----
Alex Moorman	--	-----	-----
Alex Schaake	13	73.69	-----
Carson Schaake	19	74.63	-----
Jack Simpson	10	79.90	-----
Matthew Walker	19	72.21	4
Benton Weinberg	6	76.16	-----

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team travels to Franklin, Tennessee, for the Mason Rudolph Championship hosted by Vanderbilt this weekend. The three-day, 54-hole event will be played at Vanderbilt Legends Club South Course.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, March 31 -- tee times, 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, April 1 -- tee times, 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday, April 2 -- tee times, 8:00 a.m.  
 \*\*all times are central\*\*

### FOLLOW THE ACTION

Fans can follow this weekend's action by visiting [golfstat.com](http://golfstat.com) or by clicking the live stats link on the men's golf schedule page on [hawkeyesports.com](http://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

Iowa will join a 14-team field including Vanderbilt, Alabama, Ball State, Belmont, Duke, ETSU, Florida, Liberty, Miami (Ohio), Missouri, MTSU, Southern Illinois, Troy. Five teams are ranked in the top-50 Golfstat rankings -- Vanderbilt (3), Florida (6), Duke (21), Missouri (24), and Alabama (50). Iowa is currently ranked 72nd.

### THE COURSE

The 54-hole tournament will be played at Vanderbilt Legends Club South Course, set up as a par-71, 7,100-yard stretch.

### THE LINEUP

1. Raymond Knoll 2. Carson Schaake 3. Matthew Walker 4. Alex Schaake 5. Ryoto Furuya

### LEADER IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Senior Raymond Knoll has been the top finisher for the Hawkeyes four times this season, including top-10 finishes in each of those tournaments. Knoll also claimed medalist honors at the Chechessee Creek Club Dual with an 18-hole total of 70 (E), it marked the second medalist honor of his career. Knoll's season scoring average of 71.68 is fourth on Iowa's all-time scoring average list. He currently sits behind former Hawkeyes Vince India and Steven Ihm, and current teammate and fellow senior Carson Schaake, who recorded a 71.17 scoring average his sophomore year.

### TWICE IS NICE

Iowa faced No. 32 Michigan State at the Chechessee Creek Club Dual in Okatie, South Carolina on March 12. The Hawkeyes defeated the Spartans with a 363 (+13). Iowa also defeated No. 1 seeded Michigan State in the second round of the Big Ten Match Play Championship in Palm Coast, Florida, on Feb. 10.

### KNOLL, WALKER, SCHAAKE PRODUCE WINS AT BIG MATCH PLAY

Senior Raymond Knoll and sophomore Matthew Walker each posted three wins in four rounds at the Big Ten Match Play, while freshman Alex Schaake locked up two wins. Schaake fought back from a four-down deficit through 10 holes to knock off Michigan State's Andrew Walker (2-up), before defeating Penn State in the third round. Knoll and Walker also posted wins against Penn State, Indiana, and Minnesota.

### MOORMAN JOINS IOWA LINEUP

The Hawkeyes welcomed redshirt freshman Alex Moorman to the team this winter. The Centerville, Iowa, native transferred from Kansas after making three starts for the Jayhawks and posting a 73.44 average this past fall. Moorman made his collegiate debut at the Maui Jim Intercollegiate posting a 68 (-3) on Sept. 23.

### SCHMID NAMED ASSISTANT COACH

Former University of Iowa student-athlete Jeff Schmid was named interim assistant coach for the Iowa men's golf program in early February. Schmid brings 18 years of professional golf experience and nine years of instruction and coaching experience. He most recently served as a golf instructor and professional at country clubs in Columbia, Missouri.

### FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes competed in five tournaments last fall, averaging 75.11 strokes-per-round as a team. Senior Raymond Knoll led the Hawkeyes with a scoring average of 72.06, sophomore Matthew Walker followed close behind at 72.26. Freshman Alex



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## QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa  
Enrollment: 31,387  
Conference: Big Ten  
Home Course: Finkbine

### COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith  
Year at Iowa: 3rd  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002  
Interim Assistant Coach: Jeff Schmid  
Year at Iowa: 1st  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1990

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## VANDERBILT LEGENDS CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	414	4
2	467	4
3	196	3
4	416	4
5	389	4
6	590	5
7	458	4
8	427	4
9	221	3
<b>OUT</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>35</b>
10	465	4
11	166	3
12	467	4
13	184	3
14	517	5
15	424	4
16	201	3
17	576	5
18	522	5
<b>IN</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>71</b>

Schaake recorded a top-20 finish at the Paintbrush Intercollegiate, finishing the fall slate with a 73.78 scoring average.

### CLIMBING THE LEADERBOARD

- Senior Raymond Knoll leads the Hawkeye squad with a scoring average of 71.68 this season. Knoll has been the top finisher for Iowa at four tournaments this year. Sophomore Matthew Walker follows with 72.21 strokes-per-round and has four top-10 finishes.
- Iowa's lowest 18-hole round of the season came on the last day of the Golfweek Conference Challenge (Oct. 2) when the Hawkeyes carded a 284 (-4). Matthew Walker led the team, firing a 66 (-6) -- the lowest round of the entire tournament.
- Freshman Alex Schaake carded a career best at the Paintbrush Invitational on Oct. 11, posting a 54-hole total of 218 (+2). He climbed 23 spots during his final round, posting a 71 and finishing in a tie for 18th overall. The Paintbrush Invitational was Schaake's second tournament as a Hawkeye.

### TOP-10 FINISHERS

Two Hawkeyes have recorded multiple top-10 finishes during this season. Senior Raymond Knoll and sophomore Matthew Walker both registered top-10 finishes at the Golfweek Conference Challenge. Knoll finished third, while Walker finished in a tie for eighth. The duo also finished in the top-10 at the Gopher Invite with Knoll finishing in fourth and Walker in a tie for seventh. Walker finished in a tie for eighth at the Windon Memorial Classic, while Knoll tied for 18th. This spring Knoll has recorded one tournament top-10 at the Schenkel Invitational where he finished tied for eighth. He also claimed medalist honors at the Chechessee Creek Club Dual in March.

### 3 HAWKEYES ON BIG PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

- Seniors Raymond Knoll, Carson Schaake, and sophomore Matthew Walker were named to the 2016 Big Ten Men's Golf Preseason Watch List.
- Knoll competed in every tournament for the Hawkeyes last year, averaging 73 strokes-per-round. He led Iowa with 10 rounds at par or better in the spring. Knoll finished in the top 20 in four events in the spring, including a fifth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships.
- Schaake -- the 2015 Big Ten Champion -- averaged 72.97 strokes-per-round in his junior campaign. He finished at or below par in eight rounds and was Iowa's top finisher in each of the last three 2016 spring events.
- Walker competed in every tournament last season, becoming the first true freshman to do so since 1992 (Sean McCarty). Walker averaged 73.33 strokes-per-round in the spring and shot at or below par in eight rounds.

### LEADING THE CHARGE

Carson Schaake and Raymond Knoll are the lone seniors leading the Hawkeyes this season. Knoll won the 2015 Golfweek Conference Challenge. He won the prestigious event with a 54-hole total of 205 (-11; 66, 67, 72) -- the lowest three-round total in program history. Schaake won the individual Big Ten Championship title as a sophomore in 2015, becoming the third Hawkeye in program history to win a Big Ten Conference Title.

### WALKER MAKES HISTORY

Sophomore Matthew Walker has competed in every event for the Hawkeyes since his freshman year. The Ottumwa, Iowa, native was the first true freshman to compete in every fall tournament for the Hawkeyes since Cole Peevler in 2005.

### 8 STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

Iowa has advanced to NCAA competition in each of the last eight seasons, joining Illinois as the only Big Ten teams selected to NCAA Regional competition in each of the last eight seasons. Iowa has advanced to the NCAA Championship finals three times in the last seven years (2009, 2011, 2012).

### CHAMPIONSHIP CONTENDERS

Iowa has won 12 tournaments since 2008 and has had 15 individual medalists since 2009, including Carson Schaake, who was crowned individual co-champion at the 2015 Big Ten Championships and Raymond Knoll who won last year's GolfWeek Conference Challenge. The Hawkeyes have also had three All-Americans since 2008.

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes continue their spring campaign, hosting the Hawkeye Invitational at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, Iowa, April 15-16.

