



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 1, 2019

2018-19 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 9-10	Gopher Invitational	3rd/15
Sept. 16-17	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	2nd/16
Sept. 30-Oct. 2	Intercollegiate at Erin Hills	11th/11
Oct. 7-8	Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic	4th/15
Oct. 22-23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	8th/14
Feb. 8-9	Big Ten Match Play	12th/14
Feb. 17-19	Puerto Rico Classic	7th/15
March 4	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
March 5	Colleton River Collegiate	All Day
April 20	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 21	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 26	Big Ten Championships	All Day
April 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
April 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day

2018-19 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Tyler Bussert	Fr.	Port Byron, Ill.
Aaron DeNucci	Sr.	Clive, Iowa
Joe Kim	So.	Castle Hill, NSW, Australia
Gonzalo Leal Montero	Fr.	Seville, Spain
Jake Rowe	So.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.
Matthew Walker	Sr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	Jr.	Potomac, Md.

2018-19 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Matthew Walker	15	72.67	66	1
Alex Schaake	17	71	67	3
Joe Kim	---	---	---	---
Benton Weinberg	17	71.88	67	1
Gonzalo Leal Montero	16	69.63	67	1

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team travels to compete in the seventh annual Colleton River Collegiate, March 4-5, in Bluffton, South Carolina.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, March 4 -- 36 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7:15 a.m. (CT)
 Tuesday, March 5 -- 18 holes, shotgun start beginning at 7:15 a.m. (CT)

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

No. 47 Iowa is joined by a field of 13 other teams that include: Michigan State, Bowling Green State, Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Georgia Southern, No. 45 Iowa State, Kansas State, Memphis, Miami (OH), Oakland, Penn State, Rutgers, and Wisconsin (Golfstat Relative Rankings).

QUOTING HEAD COACH TYLER STITH

"After finishing as strong as we did in Puerto Rico, the guys have been really motivated. We have had some good practice over the last couple of weeks doing what we can inside, but I know they are anxious to get back on grass and compete again."

THE LINEUP

The lineup for the Colleton River Collegiate includes one senior (Matthew Walker), two juniors (Alex Schaake and Benton Weinberg), one sophomore (Joe Kim), and one freshman (Gonzalo Leal Montero).

THE COURSE

The Colleton River Collegiate will be played on the links-type par-72 (7,403 yards) Colleton River Pete Dye Course, which opened in 1998. The course has a course rating of 76.5.

LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes moved up four spots in the final round of the Puerto Rico Classic to earn their fifth top-10 finish of the season, finishing seventh with a 54-hole score of 871 (+7). Freshman Gonzalo Leal Montero moved up 22 spots in the third round to earn his third top-20 finish, tying 15th, with a three-round score of 214 (-2). Junior Alex Schaake soared 17 spots in the final round to finish tied 41st with a 54-hole score of 217 (+4). Senior Matthew Walker finished tied 30th with a score of 218 (+2) after moving up 12 spots in the final round.





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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: 5th
 Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
 Assistant Coach: Charlie Hoyle
 Year at Iowa: 1st
 Alma Mater, Year: Lander University, 2010

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PETE DYE COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	349	4
2	548	5
3	205	3
4	473	4
5	403	4
6	192	3
7	425	4
8	577	5
9	481	4
OUT	3,653	36
10	414	4
11	562	5
12	432	4
13	146	3
14	394	4
15	482	4
16	598	5
17	232	3
18	490	4
IN	3,750	36
TOTAL	7,403	72

HISTORICALLY AT THE COLLETON RIVER COLLEGIATE

This will be Iowa's first appearance in the tournament. Iowa last competed in South Carolina in 2017, in a dual against Michigan State in Oaktie, South Carolina.

EARNING HIS SPOT

Leal Montero leads Iowa with a stroke average of 69.63. He is second on the team with seven rounds at or below par and four top-20 finishes. The freshman is tied second with a low round of 67 (-5) and has one top-10 finish. The Seville, Spain, native earned his first top individual finish for the Hawkeyes, tying 15th, at the Puerto Rico Classic.

HAWKEYE DEBUT

Sophomore Joe Kim joined the Iowa men's golf program in January after transferring from Indian Hills Community College. The Castle Hill, NSW Australia, native led Indian Hills to the 2018 NJCAA National Championship. He recorded a fifth-place individual finish at the NJCAA Championship. Kim will make his Hawkeye debut at the Colleton River Collegiate, March 4-5.

STAYING BELOW PAR

Iowa carded six rounds at or below par in the Puerto Rico Classic. Leal Montero registered two rounds (72 (E) and 67 (-5), Walker carded a 70 (-2) in the final round, junior Benton Weinberg fired a 69 (-3) in the first round, and junior Alex Schaake shot two rounds (72 (E) and 68 (-4).

MATCH PLAY SUCCESS

Three Hawkeyes -- Walker, Weinberg, and Schaake -- have career winning records at the Big Ten Match Play Championships. Walker has a career record of 12-3-1. Weinberg's career record is 4-3-1, while Schaake has posted a 6-5-1 record.

SCHAAKE LEADING THE WAY

Schaake leads the Hawkeyes, posting 11 of his 17 rounds this season at or below par. The Omaha, Nebraska, native has registered the top individual finish for Iowa in two of their seven tournaments, finishing tied for second at the Golfweek Conference Challenge and tied for seventh at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic. The junior carded two of his three rounds at or below par in the Puerto Rico Classic. Schaake fired all three rounds below par at the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic, including two four-below (67). He leads Iowa with four top-20 finishes, three top-10 finishes, and 11 rounds at or below par.

STAYING HOT IN THE WINTER

Junior Alex Schaake and senior Matthew Walker competed in the 2018 South Beach International Amateur, Dec. 19-22, at the Miami Beach Golf Club. Schaake finished eighth with a four-round score of 279 (-5). Walker posted a four-round score of 285 (+7), tying for 23rd.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa returns home to host the Hawkeye Invitational, April 20-21, in Iowa City, Iowa, at Finkbine Golf Course.

