

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Shane Sturtz, Men's Golf Contact



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Oct. 19, 2017

2017-18 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME/RESULTS
Sept. 10-12	Gopher Invitational	14th/16
Sept. 17-19	GolfWeek Conference Challenge	2nd/15
Sept. 24	Trinity Forest Invitational	9th/13
Oct. 8	Windon Memorial Classic	7th/15
Oct. 23	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Oct. 24	Royal Oaks Intercollegiate	All Day
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Feb. 10	Big Ten Match Play	All Day
Mar. 16	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 17	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 18	Schenkel Invitational	All Day
Mar. 26	Duck Invitational	All Day
Mar. 27	Duck Invitational	All Day
Apr. 14	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 16	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
Apr. 21	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 22	Kepler Invitational	All Day
Apr. 27	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 28	Big Ten Championships	All Day
Apr. 29	Big Ten Championships	All Day

2017-18 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Aaron DeNucci	Jr.	Clive, Iowa
Ryoto Furuya	So.	Alpharetta, Ga.
Jaewook Lee	Fr.	Langley, British Columbia
Sam Meuret	Sr.	Brunswick, Neb.
Alex Moorman	So.	Centerville, Iowa
Jake Rowe	Fr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	So.	Omaha, Neb.
Jack Simpson	So.	Aurora, Ontario
Matthew Walker	Jr.	Ottumwa, Iowa
Benton Weinberg	So.	Potomac, Md.

2017-18 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-10
Aaron DeNucci	3	78.33	75	-----
Ryoto Furuya	12	73.25	69	-----
Jaewook Lee	3	79.33	76	-----
Sam Meuret	9	74.67	69	-----
Alex Moorman	9	75.11	67	-----
Jake Rowe	6	77.83	71	-----
Alex Schaake	12	71.25	68	2
Matthew Walker	12	72.25	68	-----
Benton Weinberg	9	72.44	69	-----

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team returns to action at the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate in Dallas, Texas on Sunday. Seventh-ranked Baylor is hosting the tournament at Royal Oaks Country Club.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

First and second round: Monday, Oct. 23 -- 36 holes, 8:30 a.m. (CT) shotgun start
Third round: Tuesday, Oct. 24 -- 18 holes, 8:15 a.m. (CT) tee times off holes 1 and 10

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament will be played in "The Maxwell" format, which means all five golfers from each team will play together on the same hole.

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 at 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 is joined by 12 teams from around the country. Host Baylor (7), Kent State (13), and Arkansas (16) are the ranked opponents. While Charlotte, Houston, Liberty, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Pepperdine, SMU, and UTSA round out the field.

THE COURSE

The par-71 Royal Oaks Country Club stretches 7,068 yards and was built in 1969. Dean Larsson is the Head Golf Professional, and is assisted by Randy Smith, the Golf Professional Emeritus. Royal Oaks CC is home to PGA Professional Ryan Palmer who has three all-time wins on the PGA Tour.

QUOTING COACH TYLER STITH

"Heading into the offseason there is always a sense of urgency to play well. We want to finish the season with our best performance of the fall. It's a good field with a number of postseason caliber teams. We can't worry about the other teams. We have to manage ourselves and the golf course. We are returning four guys from a year ago. Experience at a golf course is valuable, but we still have to execute shots."

LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes finished seventh at the Windon Memorial at the Evanston Golf Club in Skokie, Illinois on Oct. 8-9. Iowa's top finisher Alex Schaake tied for fifth place with a career-tying 54-hole score of 208 (-2; 68, 70, 70). Matthew Walker (T-20) and Alex Moorman (T-29) both finished in the top 30. Moorman recorded the low 18-hole Hawkeye score with a 67 in the first round. Competing as an individual, freshman Jake Rowe lowered his season 18-hole best to 71.

HAWKS AT ROYAL OAKS

The Hawkeyes finished fifth out of 11 teams in last year's Royal Oaks Intercollegiate. Matthew Walker tied for a team-best ninth place, Sam Meuret tied for 36th, and Schaake and Furuya tied for 43rd. In 2010, Iowa won the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate with a 17-under-par behind Vince India's medalist 10-under-par performance.



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 33,564
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: Fourth
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Jeff Schmid
Year at Iowa: Second
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1990

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ROYAL OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	436	4
2	411	4
3	456	4
4	186	3
5	551	5
6	428	4
7	453	4
8	175	3
9	393	4
OUT	3,489	35
10	434	4
11	434	4
12	196	3
13	475	4
14	563	5
15	349	4
16	213	3
17	403	4
18	512	5
IN	3,579	36
TOTAL	7,068	71

THE LINEUP

Alex Schaake, Matthew Walker, Benton Weinberg, Ryoto Furuya, and Sam Meuert are the five Hawkeye golfers competing in the last fall tournament of the season.

SCHAAKE'S SECOND TOP-10 FINISH

Schaake posted three consecutive rounds at or below par in the Windon Memorial at the par-70 Evanston Golf Club to tie for fifth place, which marks his second top-five finish of the year. His first top-five finish came in a runner-up performance at the Golfweek Conference Challenge at the Cedar Rapids Country Club. Schaake used career-best 54-hole scores of 208 in his top-five finishes.

CLIMBING THE LEADERBOARD

- Alex Schaake leads the team with six rounds at or below par. Walker and Ryoto Furuya have five rounds at or below par.
- Schaake leads the team with an 18-hol average of 71.25. Walker averages 72.25 strokes-per-round and Benton Weinberg averages 72.44 strokes-per-round.
- Schaake leads the team with two top-10 finishes. Walker has two top-20 finishes, followed by Furuya and Meuret who each have one top-20 finish.
- Alex Moorman now holds Iowa's low 18-hole score of 67 (-3) after his first round performance in the Windon Memorial Classic.

3 HAWKEYES ON BIG PLAYERS TO WATCH LIST

- Walker competed in every event for the second consecutive year, averaging 72.73 strokes per round as a sophomore. Last fall he led the Hawkeyes with four top-10 finishes and 16 rounds at or below par. Walker tied for 19th at the 2017 Big Ten Championships and tied for 46th place at the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional.
- Schaake played in seven tournaments last year and posted a 75.1 stroke average per 18-holes. At the 2017 Big Ten Championships, Schaake placed 29th after shooting a career-best 66 (-4).
- Simpson competed in six events, averaging 77.43 strokes-per-round with three rounds at or below par and two top-20 finishes. Simpson shined at the 2017 Big Ten Championships placing a team-best 16th place.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Iowa added two freshmen to its 2017-18 roster. Jaewook Lee (Langley, British Columbia) and Jake Rowe (Portadown, Northern Ireland). The freshmen competed in their first collegiate tournaments as individuals in the Zach Johnson Invitational, Oct. 2-3.

WALKER IS A WORK HORSE

Junior Matthew Walker was the first true freshman to compete in every fall tournament for the Hawkeyes since Cole Peevler in 2015. Walker followed up his freshman season by competing in every event as a sophomore.

9 STRAIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa opens its spring schedule Feb. 9-10 at the Big Ten Match Play Championship in Palm Coast, Florida.

