# IOWA HAWKEYES

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# WOMEN'S ROWING WEEKLY RELEASE

#### THIS WEEK

All times are Central and subject to change

**2018 SCHEDULE** 

3/31 4/1	Pac-12 Invitational Pac-12 Invitational	11 a.m. (CT) 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 (20)	496
2	University of California at Berkeley (5)	470
3	University of Texas	405
4	Princeton University	394
5	The Ohio State University	389
6	University of Michigan	359
T-7	Yale University	337
T-7	Stanford University	337
9	Brown University	322
10	University of Virginia	321
11	University of Iowa	228
12	University of Wisconsin	218
13	Harvard University	172
14	University of Southern California	155
15	Washington State University	137
16	Indiana University	116
17	Syracuse University	92
18	Michigan State University	75
19	Dartmouth College	63
20.	University of Oklahoma	41

Other Receiving Votes: University of Louisville (35), University of Minnesota (35), Duke University (17), University of California at Los Angeles (10), University of Notre Dame (8), University of Pennsylvania (8), Oregon State University (5), Clemson University (2), Gonzaga University (1), Rutgers University (1), and University of Central Florida (1) The No. 11 University of Iowa women's rowing team travels to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to compete at the Big Ten Double Dual against No. 6 Michigan and No.18 Michigan State on Saturday at Belleville Lake. Competition is broken up into two sessions. The morning session begins at 9 a.m. (CT) and the afternoon session begins at 12:30 p.m.

#### IN THE RANKINGS

The University of Iowa women's rowing team moved up six spots to No. 11 in the USRowing/CRCA Coaches' Poll on April 4. 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

- lowa's I Varsity Eight, II Varsity Eight, and I Varsity Four competed at the Pac-12 Invitational on March 31-April 1.
- The Hawkeyes upset No. 12 USC on April 1, defeating the Trojans in all three races.

#### SCOUTING MICHIGAN

- The Wolverine's collected seven wins against Virginia and Clemson on March 31.
- Michigan's I Varsity Eight crew defeated Clemson with a time of 6:14.5 and is 501 on the season.
- The Wolverine's varsity boats won seven of nine races in all, coming in second place once and third place once.

#### SCOUTING MICHIGAN STATE

- The Spartans faced off against Stanford, Cal, and USC at the Pac-12 Invitational on March 31-April 1.
- Michigan State fell to Stanford, Cal, and USC in all races, except the I Varsity Four, which defeated USC.

#### 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 lowa 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.

#### UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes travel to Princeton, New Jersey, to compete against Princeton and Yale. Competition is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. (CT).

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