

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications



WOMEN'S ROWING WEEKLY RELEASE

Apr. 24, 2019

2019 SCHEDULE

All times are Central and subject to change

2/14	ODU & SMU Scrimmage	All Day
2/15	ODU & SMU Scrimmage	All Day
3/30	PAC 12 Invitational	All Day
3/31	PAC 12 Invitational	All Day
4/13	Minnesota / Wisconsin	All Day
4/19	Harvard / Brown	All Day
4/21	Harvard / Brown	All Day
4/27	Longhorn Invitational	All Day
5/19	Big Ten Championship*	All Day
5/31-6/2	NCAA Championships ^	All Day

*Devils Lake, Wisc.
^Indianapolis, Ind.

THIS WEEK

The 13th-ranked University of Iowa women's rowing team will travel to Austin, Texas, to take part in the Longhorn Invitational. The invitational field consists of Indiana, Southern California, Notre Dame, Virginia, Texas, Oregon State, Oklahoma, and Iowa. The event will take place on April 27 and last all day.

FOLLOW ALONG

Liveresults will be posted on Twitter @lowarowing following each event. Texas will be utilizing HereNow for the race timing at this link: <https://herenow.com/results/#/races>.

BIG BOAT OF THE WEEK

The University of Iowa women's rowing team earned Boat of the Week honors for the first varsity eight (1V8) performance at the Big Ten Double Dual on Saturday, April 13. The dual marked the first time the Hawkeyes had competed at home since the 2016 season.

Iowa's 1V8 boat includes two 2018 CRCA All-Americans (Contessa Harold and Hunter Koenigsfeld) and three U23 National Team camp selections (Hannah Greenlee, Harold, and Koenigsfeld). Other members of the boat include Eve Stweart (U23 Dutch National Team), Naomi Visser, Katie Pearson, Elena Waiglein, Paige Schlapkohl, and coxswain Logan Jones.

CRCA/US ROWING COACHES RANKINGS

Rank	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1	University of Washington (18)	469
2	Stanford University (7)	459
3	University of California, Berkeley	444
4	University of Texas	389
5	University of Michigan	371
6	Ohio State University	356
7	Princeton University	352
8	Yale University	342
9	Brown University	337
10	University of Virginia	260
11	University of Southern California	216
12	University of Wisconsin	185
13	University of Iowa	168
14	Rutgers University	159
15	Harvard University	149
16	Indiana University	140
17	Duke University	119
18	Oregon State University	81
19	Syracuse University	65
20	University of Oklahoma	43

*Updated April 24, 2019

Other receiving votes: University of Alabama (41), University of Minnesota (30), University of California, Los Angeles (28), Michigan State University (26), University of Notre Dame (9), University of Central Florida (5), Washington State University (3) and University of Louisville (1).

RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes have been ranked for 25 consecutive weeks— the program's longest streak in school history. The streak capped last season at No. 7 on April 18, 2018. This season, Iowa has been ranked at No. 12, 13, and 14.

WEEKEND CANCELATION

Due to severe weather, the University of Iowa women's rowing team's races against then 6th-ranked Brown and 14th-ranked Harvard were canceled due to high winds and thunderstorms in the forecast on the Seekonk River in Providence, R.I. The coaches called all three days of competition and the Hawkeyes refrained from travel.

LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes faced No. 11 Wisconsin and Minnesota on Lake MacBride in adverse conditions. The environment provided challenges like brisk 31-degree starting temperatures in the morning session, peak 10 mile-per-hour winds during the afternoon session, and white-capping waves during both sessions. Subtle winds rocked the water in the early hours and picked up aggressively as the day progressed.

RECAP: I VARSITY EIGHT - Iowa but on a display in the 1V8 boat, placing first in both events. The Hawkeyes finished a solid 7.5 second up on the No. 11 Wisconsin Badgers in the morning racing. The Varsity took a similar approach against Minnesota in the afternoon, coming out swinging. With only a boat-length lead at 1500m, the Hawkeyes laid down an aggressive finish to stretch the margin out to nearly five seconds, posting the fastest time on the course for the day.

RECAP: II VARSITY EIGHT - In the opener against Wisconsin, the Hawkeyes jumped out to an early lead and crossed the mid-way point with a half boat-length ahead of the Badgers. The Hawkeyes fell behind at the 1500m mark, inevitably finishing second. Iowa fell victim to poor circumstance in the afternoon with the officials using a "quick start" procedure. Iowa clawed back to get on terms with Minnesota by the 500m mark, but the effort took its toll and the crew wasn't able to sustain pace. Minnesota finished with the one-length lead.

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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.

Carter has led Iowa to the NCAA Championships in each of the last two seasons, securing just the second and third championship appearances in school history.

The Hawkeyes have improved one spot in the conference standings in each of Carter's five years at the Big Ten Championships.

The 2018 crews finished fourth with a school-record 111 points. This finish matches the best finish in program history.

In 2018, then sophomore Contessa Harold was named Big Ten Conference Co-Athlete of the Year. Harold is the first Hawkeye in program history to earn the conference honor. Harold was named to the All-Big Ten first team, and senior Kaelynn Heiberg and sophomore Hunter Koenigsfeld were named to the second team.

In 2017, Carter ended Iowa's 16-year postseason drought by leading the Hawkeyes to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 2001. The Hawkeyes tied for fourth at the Big Ten Championship and scored 106 points at the conference meet, a then-program record. Cristy Hartman earned first team All-Big Ten honors and Ashley Duda earned second team All-Big Ten honors. 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, coming in at No. 7 in the April 18, 2018, CRCA/USRowing poll.

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.

RECAP: I VARSITY FOUR - This crew was able to get out to a good start against Wisconsin, but the Badgers pulled away in the second 500m. Wisconsin was able to take advantage of the lead and stretched it over the second half of the course, finishing with a solid lead over the Hawkeyes. Iowa was caught off guard by the start in the afternoon and gave up a significant margin to the Gophers early. Once in front, Minnesota took full advantage of being out of sight and grew their lead over the full course finishing with a commanding lead.

RECAP: II VARSITY FOUR - Despite strong starts in every boat, the 2V4 could not keep pace with a strong Wisconsin crew. The crew had trouble finding traction in the second leg of the day, falling behind the Gophers early and never recovered.

RECAP: I NOVICE EIGHT - The crew opened their first competition of the season with an unexpected victory by seven seconds over the favored Badgers in the morning session. The crew struggled early in the rough conditions against Minnesota and gave up close to a boat-length to the Gophers in the first half of the course. Minnesota wasn't able to stretch the lead any further but maintain edtheir lead to finish.

RECAP: II NOVICE EIGHT - The II Novice Eight opened competition this season against both the Gophers and Badgers. The crew fell behind both teams early and finished in the third position, but made significant gains in the afternoon, racing much closer with Wisconsin and Minnesota. They were not able to close the gap and again crossed the line in third position.

3 HAWKEYES SELECTED FOR U23 NATIONAL TEAM CAMP

Three University of Iowa junior rowers - Hannah Greenlee, Contessa Harold, and Hunter Koenigsfeld -- have been invited to the U23 World Rowing Championship Team selection camp in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Selected athletes will travel to the University of Virginia to train with head coach Kevin Sauer for a chance to participate in the 2019 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, July 24-28 in Sarasota-Bradenton, Fla.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 2018-19 roster is composed of athletes from eight different states and five different countries. Iowa leads the roster with 20 athletes from the home state, followed by border neighbors Illinois (6) and Minnesota (3).

Newcomers holding a promising future for the program include 19 freshman on the 2018-19 squad. The team retained nine sophomores, eight juniors, and has 10 seniors returning for their final season. In addition, the roster includes one athlete on their fifth year of eligibility.

The roster also includes several international athletes from Canada, Netherlands, Serbia, and England.

UP NEXT

Iowa enters the postseason with the Big Ten Championships on May 19 at Devils Lake, Wisconsin.

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