

IOWA HAWKEYES

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



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 14, 2018

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	7th/13
Feb. 9	Big Ten Match Play	9th/14
Mar. 12	Southern Intercollegiate	8th/18
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	15	73.67	69	-----
Jaewook Lee	3	79.33	76	-----
Sam Meuret	14	74.5	69	-----
Alex Moorman	9	75.11	67	-----
Jake Rowe	6	77.83	71	-----
Alex Schaake	17	71.41	68	3
Jack Simpson	2	80.5	80	-----
Matthew Walker	17	72.41	68	-----
Benton Weinberg	14	72.92	67	-----

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team is back in action Friday through Sunday at the Schenkel Invitational in Statesboro, Georgia. The three-day, 54-hole event takes place at Forest Heights Country Club where the Hawkeyes have competed the last four years.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Round 1: Friday, March 16 -- Tee times between 9-11 a.m. (ET)
Round 2: Saturday, March 17 -- Tee times between 9-11 a.m. (ET)
Round 3: Sunday, March 18 -- Tee times between 8-10 a.m. (ET)

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.

THE FIELD

The field consists of 14 teams including Iowa: Georgia Southern, Georgia State, No. 4 Florida, Notre Dame, UAB, Charleston, Richmond, No. 3 Vanderbilt, NC State, Kentucky, ETSU, Mississippi State, and Minnesota.

THE COURSE

The 54-hole tournament will be played at Forest Heights Country Club. Playing as a par-72, 6,962 yard course, Forest Heights has hosted the Annual Southeastern Amateur Golf Tournament, as well as the Southern Conference Tournament.

THE LINEUP

Alex Schaake, Matthew Walker, Benton Weinberg, Sam Meuret, and Alex Moorman are the five Hawkeye golfers competing in this weekend's tournament.

QUOTING COACH TYLER STITH

"We identified some areas that need improvement. We have to learn from Monday and bounce to back with a strong team performance. The Schenkel is a great opportunity for us to get back on track. We have experience here and excited for the challenge."

LAST TIME OUT

In Iowa's first stroke-play event of the spring, the Hawkeyes placed eighth in the 36-hole Southern Intercollegiate that featured 18-teams and challenging weather. Schaake paced the Hawkeyes with a third-place finish at two-under-par (142), while Walker tied for 22nd to secure his fifth top-30 finish of the year. Jack Simpson made his first stroke-play appearance in this tournament.

HISTORICALLY AT SCHENKEL

This year will mark the fourth straight year Iowa has played at the Schenkel Invitational. Last year's sixth place finish was Iowa's best finish in the event with a 54-hole total of 862 (-2; 281, 291, 297). Matthew Walker, who tied for 24th with an even-par 216, Alex Schaake, Jack Simpson, and Ryoto Furuya all competed in last year's competition.

WALKER THRIVES IN MATCH PLAY

In this year's Big Ten Match Play Championships, junior Matthew Walker won three out of four individual matches to improve his career match play record to 10-2. He went 4-0 as a freshman, making him one of only six golfers to do so for the tournament. In back-to-back years, Walker finished 3-1 to have only two career losses on his career resume.



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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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FOREST HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	393	4
2	444	4
3	173	4
4	401	5
5	307	4
6	130	3
7	511	4
8	422	4
9	527	5
OUT	3,308	35
10	402	4
11	433	4
12	548	5
13	195	3
14	425	4
15	205	3
16	380	4
17	444	4
18	570	5
IN	3,602	36
TOTAL	6,910	71

SCHAAKE'S THIRD TOP-FIVE FINISH

Adding to his two top-five finishes in the fall, Alex Schaake placed third in the Southern Intercollegiate on Monday. The sophomore fired back-to-back even par or better rounds to finish the tournament two-under-par and one stroke off the lead. His first top-five finish of the season came in a runner-up performance at the Golfweek Conference Challenge at the Cedar Rapids Country Club. Next, at the Windon Memorial Classic, he posted three consecutive rounds at or below par at the Evanston Golf Club to tie for fifth place.

FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes competed in five fall tournaments, averaging 73.63 strokes per round as a team. Iowa's best finish came at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where they finished second out of 15 teams with four Hawkeye golfers finishing in the top 20. Sophomore Alex Schaake, who finished second in the Golfweek Conference Challenge, had the lowest Hawkeye scoring average of 71.47. For the fall, seven Hawkeyes had top-20 finishes, while the team recorded 27 rounds at or below par.

CLIMBING THE LEADERBOARD

- Five Hawkeyes -- Ryoto Furuya, Sam Meuret, Alex Schaake, Matthew Walker, and Benton Weinberg -- have competed in at least 14 rounds.
- Schaake now has eight rounds at or below par after shooting in the red twice in the Southern Intercollegiate. Schaake also holds Iowa's low 18-hole average of 71.41, followed by Matthew Walker's 72.41 strokes-per-round average.
- The Hawkeyes have now competed in 100 rounds of play this season and are averaging 73.91 strokes per round.
- Iowa's low 18-hole score of the season came in the first round of the Windon Memorial Classic when they fired a 276 (-4). Schaake, Walker, and Alex Moorman carded below par rounds, while Moorman's 67 tied for the lowest 18-hole round of the season.
- Benton Weinberg's best performance of the season happened at Iowa's last fall tournament in the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate when he used a career-best 54-hole score of 212 (-1) to finish a season-best tied for 17th.

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. In two and a half years as a Hawkeye, Walker has competed in every event dating back to his freshman year.

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.

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).

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

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LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes travel to Eugene, Oregon, to compete in the Duck Invitational, March 26-27. It will be Iowa's first ever appearance in this tournament.

