

IOWA HAWKEYES

University of Iowa Athletic Communications – Jack Bacon, Men’s Golf Contact



MEN’S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 3, 2021

2021 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Feb. 5	Big Ten Match Play	7 a.m. (CT)
Feb. 6	Big Ten Match Play	7 a.m. (CT)
Feb. 14	Kiawah Invitational	All Day
Feb. 15	Kiawah Invitational	All Day
Feb. 16	Kiawah Invitational	All Day
March 8	Spartan Collegiate at Sea Island	All Day
March 9	Spartan Collegiate at Sea Island	All Day
April 4	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 5	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 6	Calusa Cup	All Day
April 17	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 18	Hawkeye Invitational	All Day
April 24	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	All Day
April 25	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	All Day
April 30	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 1	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 2	Big Ten Championships	All Day
May 10-12	NCAA Regionals	All Day
May 28-	NCAA Championships	All Day
June 2		

2021 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Matthew Garside	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa
Charles Jahn	RS-Sr.	Sperry, Iowa
Callum Macfie	Fr.	Yorkshire, England
Mac McClear	So.	Hinsdale, Ill.
Gonzalo Leal Montero Jr.	Jr.	Seville, Spain
Felipe Pedraza	Fr.	Lima, Peru
Jake Rowe	Sr.	Portadown, U.K.
Alex Schaake	RS-Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
Garrett Tighe	So.	Algonquin, Ill.
Benton Weinberg	RS-Sr.	Potomac, Md.

2021 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-20
TBD	--	--	--	---

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men’s golf team competes in its first spring event of the season at the 13th annual Big Ten Match Play Championship. Competition takes place Friday and Saturday, in Palm Coast, Florida, at the Hammock Beach Resort.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday -- Two matches, the first beginning at 7 a.m. (CT) and the second beginning at noon

Saturday -- Two matches, the first beginning at 7 a.m. (CT) and the second beginning at noon

FIRST ROUND MATCHUP

The fifth-seeded Hawkeyes will face 12th-seeded Nebraska in the first round on Friday. The winner of this match will advance to the quarterfinals against No. 4 Penn State.

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 access to exclusive coverage, “like” Hawkeye men’s golf on Facebook and follow @IowaHawkeyeGolf on Twitter and Instagram.

THE FORMAT

The Big Ten Match Play is set up in a single-elimination tournament bracket. Teams can have an eight-player tournament roster with five players competing in each match. An individual match win is worth one point. Matches ending in a 2.5-2.5 tie have a tie breaking criteria.

THE LINEUP

Fifth-year senior **Alex Schaake** will lead the Hawkeyes in the No. 1 spot, followed by junior **Gonzalo Leal Montero**, sophomore **Mac McClear**, fifth-year senior **Benton Weinberg**, and fifth-year senior **Charles Jahn**.

THE FIELD

The 12-team field includes Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, Rutgers, and Wisconsin.

THE COURSE

Big Ten Match Play will be played at Hammock Beach Golf Resort’s Ocean Course (par 72; 7,113 yards). The course was designed by Jack Nicklaus, who won a record 18 major championships.

HAWKEYE NEWCOMERS

Two freshman -- **Callum Macfie** (Yorkshire, England) and **Felipe Pedraza** (Lima, Peru) join the Hawkeye roster this spring. Iowa also welcomes **Charles Jahn** (Sperry, Iowa) as a graduate transfer.



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 30,448
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine Golf Course

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith
Year at Iowa: Seventh
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Charlie Hoyle
Year at Iowa: Third
Alma Mater, Year: Lander University, 2010

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OCEAN COURSE

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	380	4
2	540	5
3	414	4
4	192	3
5	434	4
6	526	5
7	431	4
8	185	3
9	437	4
OUT	3,539	36
10	522	5
11	384	4
12	213	3
13	433	4
14	551	5
15	432	4
16	399	4
17	174	3
18	466	4
IN	3,574	36
TOTAL	7,113	72

HISTORICALLY AT THE BIG TEN MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- This will be Iowa's 10th appearance in this tournament. The Hawkeyes have six top-five finishes. Their best finish came in 2012 when they finished first.
- Iowa finished with a 3-1-0 record at last year's Big Ten Match Play Championship. The Hawkeyes notched victories over Michigan (3-3), Michigan State (4-2), and second-seeded Purdue (3-3). Schaake and Weinberg each posted three individual wins. Iowa's lone loss was to top-seeded Northwestern in the quarterfinals, who won the event.
- Against Purdue, Iowa trailed in five of six matches after the ninth hole, but stormed back to win two individual matches and draw two more. **Jake Rowe** birdied three of his final five holes.

ON THE LINKS

- Iowa has not competed since the Big Ten and NCAA cancelled the spring sports season last March due to concerns about the coronavirus pandemic. That has not slowed down Iowa golfers over the offseason.
- Gonzalo Leal Montero won the Copa Andalucia Masculina tournament in Malaga, Spain, on Jan. 21. The tournament featured some of the top amateur talent in Europe. He carded a four-under par 68 in each round for a final score of 16-under par 272. That was six strokes better than the second place finisher (Vidal Mora).
 - Benton Weinberg won The Harvest tournament championship (Oct. 11, 2020). He outlasted teammate Alex Schaake in a playoff after both finished six under par (210). Eight Hawkeyes competed in the tournament unattached.
 - The Harvest marked Schaake's third consecutive top 5 finish while competing unattached over the offseason. He finished third at the Zach Johnson Invitational (Sept. 29, 2020) and fourth at the Trinity Forrest Amateur (Oct. 7, 2020).

ENTERING THE RECORD BOOKS

- Leal Montero finished the Royal Oaks Intercollegiate last season with a career-best 54-hole score of 208 (-5), which ties for the seventh-lowest 54-hole total in school history.
- Schaake's 71.55 and Leal Montero's 71.9 strokes per 18 holes last season were the 5th and 6th lowest season averages in school history.

HAWKEYE TEE SHOTS

- Schaake led the Hawkeyes in rounds at or below par (11) and 18-hole stroke average (71.6) last season. Leal Montero finished second on the team in both categories with 10 rounds at or below par and a 71.9 stroke average.
- Schaake posted four top-20 finishes, while Leal Montero finished in the top-20 twice. Weinberg and **Matthew Garside** each recorded one top-20 finish.

LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa travels to Charleston, South Carolina, to compete in the Kiawah Invitational on Feb. 14-16.

