

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## MEN’S TENNIS WEEKLY RELEASE

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### SCHEDULE/RESULTS (4-7, 4-5)

|                 |                           |                    |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 22         | vs. #22 Virginia *        | L, 0-4             |
| Jan. 23         | vs. Middle Tennessee St * | L, 0-4             |
| Feb. 19         | Indiana                   | W, 5-2             |
| Feb. 21         | Purdue                    | W, 4-0             |
| Feb. 28         | Nebraska                  | W, 5-2             |
| March 5         | at #9 Illinois            | L, 0-7             |
| March 7         | at #29 Northwestern       | L, 1-6             |
| March 12        | Wisconsin                 | W, 5-2             |
| March 14        | #48 Minnesota             | L, 3-4             |
| March 19        | #8 Michigan               | L, 2-5             |
| March 21        | Michigan State            | L, 3-4             |
| <b>March 26</b> | <b>at Penn State</b>      | <b>4 p.m. (ET)</b> |
| <b>March 28</b> | <b>at #16 Ohio State</b>  | <b>noon (ET)</b>   |
| April 4         | at Nebraska               | noon               |
| April 9         | Illinois                  | 1 p.m.             |
| April 11        | Northwestern              | noon               |
| April 16        | at Wisconsin              | 3 p.m.             |
| April 18        | at Minnesota              | noon               |
| April 29-       | at Big Ten Championships  |                    |
| May 2           | Lincoln, NE               |                    |

### 2021 Roster & Results (Singles/Doubles)

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Peter Alam, Fr.....     | 0-6/5-2 |
| Kareem Allaf, Sr.....   | 7-4/6-8 |
| Matt Clegg, So.....     | 0-4/0-5 |
| Will Davies, Sr.....    | 7-5/8-2 |
| Rudra Dixit, Fr.....    | 0-3/1-2 |
| Jason Kerst, Sr.....    | 3-9/0-3 |
| Oliver Okonkwo, Jr..... | 3-9/8-2 |
| Nikita Snezhko, Jr..... | 0-5/4-6 |
| Joe Tyler, Sr.....      | 6-4/5-4 |

### THIS WEEK:

The University of Iowa men’s tennis team hits the road for two matches. The Hawkeyes will face Penn State on Friday (3 p.m. CT) in University Park, Pennsylvania, then traveling to Columbus, Ohio, to challenge No. 16 Ohio State on Sunday (11 a.m. CT).

### FOLLOW THE ACTION LIVE:

Fans can follow the action from every home match this season with live scoring and/or live stream via PlaySight. Click on the live links on the Iowa Men’s Tennis Schedule webpage at [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com).

### ALLAF APPROACHES SCHOOL RECORD:

Redshirt senior Kareem Allaf has 159 combined wins in singles and doubles, one victory shy of the program record set by Tyler Cleveland (1998-2001). Allaf has amassed 92 career singles wins, which ranks second in school history.

### ON IOWA:

The Hawkeyes are a veteran squad featuring seven upperclassmen and two freshmen. Kareem Allaf is in his sixth year in the program; Jason Kerst is a fifth-year senior, while Will Davies and Joe Tyler are in their fourth year at Iowa.

### PENN STATE BREAKDOWN:

- The Nittany Lions are 3-6 overall, including 3-6 in Big Ten play. Penn State lost two matches last weekend on the road at Wisconsin (6-1) and at Minnesota (4-3).
- Penn State has 11 international student-athletes on its 16-player roster.
- Iowa is 13-21 all-time against Penn State. The Hawkeyes beat the Nittany Lions the last time the two teams met (4-3) on April 5, 2019, in Iowa City.

### #16 OHIO STATE BREAKDOWN:

- The Buckeyes are 11-2 overall and 8-1 in conference play. Ohio State recorded a pair of 6-1 victories at Minnesota and at Wisconsin last weekend.
- Five Buckeyes are nationally ranked, led by No. 19 Cannon Kingsley. Robert Cash/John McNally are ranked No. 47 nationally in doubles.
- Iowa is 24-39 all-time against Ohio State. The nationally-ranked Buckeyes beat the Hawkeyes in the last meeting (4-1) on April 7, 2019, in Iowa City.

### HAWKEYE NOTEABLES:

- The doubles team of Oliver Okonkwo and Will Davies are ranked a program-best No. 6 nationally in the latest ITA Rankings released on Wednesday, March 24. The Hawkeye duo are 8-2 this season on court one.
- Okonkwo and Davies are in their third season as doubles partners. The duo have bounced two ranked opponents this season and 10 in the last three years.

### HEAD COACH ROSS WILSON:

Ross Wilson, a former two-time NCAA All-American and three-time ITA national doubles champion at Ohio State, is in his sixth season as head coach and seventh year with the Iowa men’s tennis program.

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