



# IOWA FIELD HOCKEY

WEEK 1: VS. INDIANA (FEB. 27) AND PENN STATE (FEB. 28)

## 2021 SPRING SCHEDULE 2-0 (2-0)

2/27.....vs. Indiana*	W, 1-0
2/28.....vs. Penn State*	W, 1-0
3/5.....vs. Rutgers*	9:30 AM
3/7.....vs. Penn State*	11:45 AM
3/12.....vs. Michigan	3 PM
3/14.....vs. Michigan	12 PM
3/19.....at Ohio State	3 PM
3/21.....at Ohio State	11 AM
3/26.....vs. Michigan State	12 PM
3/28.....vs. Michigan State	2 PM
4/2.....vs. Maryland	12 PM
4/4.....vs. Maryland	3 PM
4/15.....at Northwestern	11 AM
4/17.....at Northwestern	2 PM
<b>Big Ten Tournament (Iowa City, Iowa)</b>	
4/20.....Quarterfinals	TBA
4/21.....Quarterfinals	TBA
4/22.....Semifinals	TBA
4/23.....Semifinals	TBA
4/24.....Championship	TBA

All game times listed are Central Time

Home games are in **bold**

\* Neutral-site games played in Virginia Beach, Virginia

## 2019 PENN MONTO/NFCA RANKINGS

1.	North Carolina
2.	Connecticut
3.	Maryland
4.	Virginia
5.	Louisville
6.	Iowa
7.	Boston College
8.	Duke
9.	Princeton
10.	Delaware
11.	Michigan
13.	Northwestern
14.	Syracuse
15.	Saint Joseph's
16.	Stanford
17.	Harvard
18.	Old Dominion
19.	Rutgers
20.	Liberty
21.	Monmouth
22.	Wake Forest
23.	Penn State
24.	American
25.	Ohio State
26.	Fairfield

## THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa field hockey team travels back to Virginia Beach, Virginia, to face Rutgers on March 5 and Penn State on March 7 at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex. The Hawkeyes face the Scarlet Knights on Friday at 9:30 a.m. (CT), followed by a match against the Nittany Lions on Sunday at noon (CT).

## FOLLOW THE HAWKEYES

- Fans can also follow @IowaFieldHockey on Twitter for live in-game updates.
- View live video on BTN+, which requires a paid subscription. Monthly subscriptions are available for \$9.95 for a school pass and gives you access to all Hawkeye events that are streamed on BTN+ or aired live on Big Ten Network.

## ROSTER AT A GLANCE

- The Hawkeyes return 14 letterwinners from last season.
- Eight of Iowa's 14 letterwinners saw action in all 22 contests during the 2019 season.
- Iowa welcomes seven freshman, including, Alex Wesneski, Sophia Mackrella, Sammy Freeman, Kelly Rose, Mary Jane McNary, Harper Dunne, and Amelia Williams.

## (HAWK)EYES ON THE SEASON

- Iowa is 2-0 on the season with wins over Indiana and Penn State.
- The Hawkeyes defeated Indiana, 1-0, on Feb. 27 and holding the Hoosiers to a shotless game. Senior Maddy Murphy scored the lone goal with an assist from junior Lokke Stribos.
- Against the Nittany Lions, senior Ellie Holley dribbled through defenders to score the Hawkeyes' only goal, coming out victorious, 1-0.

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING -- TEAM STATS

- Iowa scored 65 goals last season, while scoring four or more goals in seven games.
- Iowa's 65 goals and 2.95 goals per game improved the Hawkeyes' 2018 season highlights of 51 goals and 2.43 goals per game.
- The Hawkeyes had 41 assists and averaged 1.95 per game, which was the second most in the Big Ten.

## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING -- INDIVIDUAL STATS

- Second Team NFCA All-American Maddy Murphy led the team in goals (12), assists (13), and points (37). Murphy's 13 goals tied for third most in the Big Ten and 37 points tied for second most in the Big Ten. She also scored the 2019 Big Ten Tournament Championship game winning goal in overtime to claim the title for the Hawkeyes.
- Senior Maddy Murphy led the team in goals (11) on 34 shots and had a team high 37 points. The NFCA First Team All-West Regional selection had a team-leading three game-winning goals.

## BIG PRESEASON HONORS

- Maddy Murphy, Ante Nijziel and Lokke Stribos earned preseason All-Big Ten recognition, announced by the conference on Feb. 24.
- Murphy, a senior forward from Riana, Tasmania, earned NFCA second team All-American recognition after starting all 22 games and recording team highs in goals (12) -- tied for third most in the Big Ten, assists (10) -- the fourth most in the Big Ten, and (37) points -- tied for second most in the Big Ten. She recorded 55 shots to tally 37 points. This is the fourth straight year she has earned preseason honors by the Big Ten Conference.
- Nijziel, a senior defender, started all 22 games last year and recorded six goals and 13 points on 38 shots. The Eindhoven, Netherlands, native earned NFCA first team All-West Region honors and second team All-Big Ten honors last season.
- Stribos, a senior midfielder, started in all 22 games last season and earned NFCA second team All-West Region honors. She is ranked second on the team and fifth in the conference in goals (10). She is also ranked fifth in the Big Ten in points per game (1.14). The Brussels, Belgium, native, recorded five assists and 25 points in Iowa's 2019 season.

## 2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf.	Over.
Northwestern	2-0	2-0
Iowa	2-0	2-0
Rutgers	2-0	2-0
Maryland	0-1	0-1
Michigan	0-0	0-0
Indiana	0-2	0-2
Ohio State	0-1	0-1
Penn State	0-1	0-1
Michigan State	0-2	0-2

## 2021 ROSTER

2	Emily Deuell	Sr.	D
4	Alex Wesneski	Fr.	F
5	Meghan Conroy	Jr.	MF/F
6	Anthe Nijziel	Jr.	D
7	Ellie Holley	Sr.	MF
8	Nikki Freeman	Sr.	MF
9	Sofie Stribos	So.	MF/F
10	Sophia Mackrella	Fr.	MF/D
11	Sammy Freeman	Fr.	MF/D
12	Kelly Rose	Fr.	MF
13	Leah Zellner	Jr.	F
14	Lokke Stribos	Jr.	D/MF
15	Esme Gibson	So.	MF/D
16	Mary Jane McNary	Fr.	D
17	Ciara Smith	Jr.	F
21	Makenna Maguire	Jr.	F/MF
22	Ellie Flynn	So.	D
23	Harper Dunne	Fr.	MF
26	Maddy Murphy	Sr.	F
62	Grace McGuire	So.	GK
52	Amelia Williams	Sr.	GK

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

Members of the University of Iowa field hockey team and coaching staff will be available for interviews each Tuesday before practice during the regular season.

To attend, please contact UI field hockey communications contact Maddie McCarron by phone (563-451-5767) or email (madeline-mccarron@uiowa.edu). Be sure to include which coaches and student-athletes you would like to speak with.

## HAWKEYES IN THE BIG TEN

- This spring the Hawkeyes will host the Big Ten Tournament in Iowa City, Iowa, April 20-24, 2021.
- The Hawkeyes will play an eight week, 14 game conference-only season leading into the Big Ten Tournament. Last year, Iowa went 7-1 in the conference and defeated Penn State 1-0 winning the Big Ten Championship and tied for the Big Ten Regular Season Championship title.

## SCOUTING RUTGERS

- Rutgers was 10-8 overall last season and 4-4 in the conference, averaging 1.61 goals per game. The Scarlet Knights were led by redshirt senior midfielder Katie Larmour with seven goals.
- Rutgers is led by Larmour and seniors Gianna Glatz, Gianna Mancini, Cassidy Shetler, Kerrie Burns, and Gracey Butsack.
- The Scarlet Knights return 19 athletes from the 2019 season.
- Burn, Glatz, and Larmour all earned Big Ten Pre-season Watch List honors.
- Glatz and Larmour earned 2019 Big Ten Honors.
- Head coach Meredith Civico, a former USA Women's Field Hockey player, enters her eighth season leading the program.

## VS. RUTGERS -- THE SERIES

- Iowa leads the all-time series, 6-3-1, and is 1-0-1 on a neutral pitch.
- Iowa beat Rutgers in 2019, 2-1, with a goal from Lokke Stribos in the first half and the other by Leah Zellner in the second half.

## SCOUTING PENN STATE

- The Nittany Lions are led by seniors Emma Spisak, Bree Bednarski, Madison Hutson, Abby Myers, and Hannah Zamaitis.
- Penn State went 8-12 overall and 4-4 in the conference, averaging 1.85 goals per game. They made it to the Big Ten Championship and fell to Iowa 1-0.
- The Lions return 19 student-athletes from last season.
- Head coach Charlene Morett-Curtiss is in her 34th year at Penn State and owns 537 wins with the program. She has the fifth most wins in NCAA history.

## VS. PENN STATE -- THE SERIES

- Iowa leads the all-time series, 30-25-1, and leads the neutral site record with the Nittany Lions by one, 9-8.
- The Nittany Lions faced the Hawkeyes in the 2019 Big Ten Championship finals, where the Hawkeyes won, 1-0, in overtime with the sole goal by Maddy Murphy.
- Previously, the two teams played in the opening weekend of 2021 season at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Nittany Lions, 1-0.

## RANKED AMONG US

- Seven Big Ten teams finished the 2019 season ranked in the top-25 of the Penn Monto/NFHCA Rankings, including No. 3 Maryland, No. 6 Iowa, No. 11 Michigan, No. 11 Northwestern, No. 18 Rutgers No. 22 Penn State, and No. 24 Ohio State.
- The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) has announced that the first coaches poll of the 2020-21 season will be released in March.

## IOWA IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

- The Hawkeyes have been selected to the NCAA Tournament 24 times in program history -- the most of any school as a member of the Big Ten Conference.
- The Hawkeyes are 26-24 all-time in tournament play, including 9-6 in first round match-ups and 11-6 in second round contests.
- Iowa has advanced to 11 NCAA Final Fours, winning the 1986 national championship.
- The Hawkeyes' 26 NCAA tournament victories and 11 NCAA Final Fours are the most of any school as a member of the Big Ten Conference.
- In 2019, Iowa faced UNC in the second round of the NCAA tournament, falling 1-2. North Carolina would go on to beat Princeton and win the championship.

## NFHCA REGIONAL STAFF OF THE YEAR

- Lisa Cellucci, Michael Boal, and Roz Ellis were named NFHCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year for the second consecutive season, the National Field Hockey Coaches Association announced Dec. 9, 2019.
- Led by sixth-year head coach Lisa Cellucci, the Hawkeyes went 17-5 (7-1) and qualified for the NCAA Tournament, reaching the Elite Eight.
- Cellucci was also name Big Ten Coach of the Year.
- Boal completed his sixth season along with former Hawkeye and two-time first team All-Big Ten selection Ellis who completed her second season as an assistant coach.
- The 2019 Hawkeyes are the first Iowa field hockey team to win the Big Ten regular season and tournament titles in the same season. The Hawkeyes were the fifth team in the conference to accomplish the feat.
- The Hawkeye coaching staff mentored three All-Big Ten, five All-West, and the NFHCA West Region Player of the Year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes will take on Michigan on Friday, March 12 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 14 at noon (CT) at Grant Field.