

IOWA HAWKEYES

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MEN’S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

May 13, 2021

2021 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Feb. 5-6	Big Ten Match Play	2nd/12
Feb. 14-16	Kiawah Invitational	T5/14
March 8-9	Spartan Collegiate at Sea Island	1st/16
March 29	vs. #11 Florida	L, 1-5
April 4-6	Calusa Cup	7th/9
April 17-18	Hawkeye Invitational	1st/13
April 24-25	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	T4/16
May 2	Big Ten Championships	2nd/14
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals	All Day
May 28-	NCAA Championships	All Day
June 2		

THIS WEEK

The 32nd-ranked University of Iowa men's golf team tees off at the NCAA Regionals May 17-19, in Cle Elum, Washington. The 54-hole event will be played at the Tumble Creek Golf and Country Club.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The Hawkeyes are set to compete in one of six 54-hole regional tournaments that will be conducted May 17-19. The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams from each region will advance to the finals May 28-June 2.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

You can follow this week's action by visiting golfstat.com or bigten.org for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page on hawkeyesports.com.

THE LINEUP

Iowa has not announced its lineup for the event. Individuals will qualify this weekend.

THE FIELD

Iowa is the six-seed in the 14-team field. Joining the Hawkeyes are No. 6 Wake Forest, No. 7 Pepperdine, No. 17 Florida, No. 20 Arizona, No. 25 San Francisco, No. 37 Washington, No. 50 East Tennessee State, No. 54 Utah, No. 57 Oregon, No. 48 Mississippi State, No. 89 Long Beach State, No. 92 Denver, and No. 153 Sacramento State.

THE COURSE

Tumble Creek is a par-71 that stretches 7,122 yards. One of six regional sites, the pristine course features towering pines and clear blue ponds that perfectly reflect the mountainous landscape which surrounds the area. The course demands precision in all elements of a golfer's game, rewarding players who roam the rolling hills with confidence and discipline.

HAWKEYES COLLECT BIG TEN POSTSEASON HARDWARE

The Hawkeyes dominated Big Ten award season, as fifth-year senior **Alex Schaake** was named Big Ten Golfer of the Year and joined sophomore Mac McClear on the all-conference first team. Head Coach Tyler Stith also received Big Ten Coach of the Year accolades, and junior Gonzalo Leal-Montero was named the team's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award recipient.

- Schaake previously received conference player of the year honors in 2019. He is the first Hawkeye to receive the award in multiple seasons, and just the sixth Big Ten golfer to do so since 1988.
- McClear was the only unanimous first team All-Big Ten selection this season.

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.	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
Alex Schaake	18	72.1	65	5
Benton Weinberg	6	71.25	68	1
Mac McClear	18	71.6	65	3
Jake Rowe	18	78.9	70	--
Gonzalo Leal Montero	18	75.3	68	2
Garrett Tighe	9	74.2	68	2



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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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TUMBLE CREEK

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	400	4
2	200	3
3	360	4
4	611	5
5	402	4
6	425	4
7	225	3
8	521	5
9	455	4
OUT	3,599	36
10	455	4
11	190	3
12	445	4
13	183	3
14	605	5
15	515	5
16	425	4
17	220	3
18	485	4
IN	3,523	35
TOTAL	7,122	71

IOWA AT REGIONALS

Iowa is making its 11th NCAA Regionals appearance since 2009. The Hawkeyes placed seventh at the 2019 Austin Regional. There was no 2020 postseason due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hawkeyes last qualified for the NCAA Championships in 2012.

ON THE LINKS

The Hawkeyes finished second at the Big Ten Championships last time out. Iowa finished just one stroke behind defending-champion Illinois as Mac McClear placed on top of the leaderboard, notching the program's first individual Big Ten title since the 2015 season.

- McClear was the only player to finish below par through 54 holes at the challenging Crooked Stick Golf Club. McClear's one-under par score of 215 was good for Iowa's fourth-ever individual championship at the event.
- McClear tied for a tournament-best 40 pars along with a 4.1 stroke average on par-fours that was the best in the field. He has won 2 of the last 6 individual titles for Iowa, who has produced three total medalists this season.
- Schaake tied for second place at 218 (+2). The Hawkeye veteran has finished in the top five in each of the last five tournaments.
- McClear and Schaake previously finished 1-and-2 at the Spartan Collegiate at Sea Island on March 9.
- Schaake's 11 birdies led the Hawkeyes, who had a tournament-high of 42 birdies on the weekend.
- Sophomore Garrett Tighe rounded out the top 10 for the Hawkeyes, tying for tenth.
- Iowa led the field in par-four stroke average by four strokes on the weekend (4.27). The Hawkeyes tied Illinois for the highest par-three average (3.2).
- Iowa has finished in the top three at the Big Ten Championships in six of the last eight years, including runner-up finishes in 2015, 2016, and 2021.

RANKINGS AND HONORS

Alex Schaake remains at No. 11 in the PGA TOUR University standings, which matches his best ranking in the metric this season. He trails just one other Big Ten golfer.

Schaake is ranked at No. 42 in the GolfStat player ranking, which is tops for the team. Mac McClear is up to No. 70 this week.

LOOKING AHEAD

The top five teams from each region, as well as the lowest scoring individual not on an advancing team, will advance to the NCAA Championships at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona.

