#### AUG. 19, AT DEPAUL | AUG. 22, AT SAINT LOUIS

# IOWA HAWKEYES women's soccer

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2021 SCHEDULE					
<u>Date</u>	<u>e Opponent</u>				
Aug. 19	at DePaul	4 p.m.			
Aug. 22	at Saint Louis	1 p.m.			
Aug. 26	lowa State (BTN)	6 p.m.			
Aug. 29	at Kansas	1 p.m.			
Sept. 2	Purdue-Fort Wayne	6 p.m.			
Sept. 5	Mississippi State	6 p.m.			
Sept. 9	at Kansas City	7 p.m.			
Sept. 12	Southeast Missouri State	1 p.m.			
Sept. 19	Northwestern	1 p.m.			
Sept. 22	at Indiana (BTN)	7 p.m.			
Sept. 26	at Purdue	12 p.m.			
Sept. 30	Maryland	7 p.m.			
Oct. 3	Michigan State	1 p.m.			
0ct. 10	at Rutgers	12 p.m.			
0ct. 14	at Nebraska	7:05 p.m.			
0ct. 17	Illinois	1 p.m.			
0ct. 21	Minnesota	7 p.m.			
0ct. 24	at Wisconsin	1 p.m.			
0ct. 31-	Big Ten Tournament	TBA			
Nov. 7					

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## IOWA HAWKEYES (0-0-0)

HEAD COACH | DAVE DIIANNI (8TH SEASON)

### **DEPAUL BLUE DEMONS (0-0-0)**

HEAD COACH | MICHELE O'BRIEN (1ST SEASON)

### SAINT LOUIS BILLIKENS (0-0-0)

HEAD COACH | KATIE SHIELDS (9TH SEASON)

#### THIS WEEK

lowa opens the regular season Thursday at DePaul and Sunday at Saint Louis. Kickoff at DePaul is set for 4 p.m. (CT) at Wish Field in Chicago, Illinois. Iowa's match at Saint Louis begins at 1 p.m. (CT) at Hermann Field.

#### WATCH/FOLLOW LIVE

- Thursday's game will be streamed live on FloFC.
- Links to streaming and live stats can be found at hawkeyesports.com/soccergameday.
- Fans can follow the Iowa soccer program on Twitter (@HawkeyeSoccer) for live in-game updates.

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Head coach Dave Dilanni is in his eighth season at the helm of the soccer program. Last spring, Dilanni's team posted a 7-9-1 record, finishing the season on a red-hot postseason run that saw the Hawkeyes win the program's first Big Ten Tournament title and reach the NCAA Tournament Second Round for the first time in school history. Iowa lost just one senior from that youthful squad heading into this season.
Over the past two seasons, Iowa has made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances for the first time in program history.

• Last spring, the Hawkeyes lost two-time lowa Offensive Player of the Year Devin Burns and veteran goalkeeper Claire Graves, but discovered a group of new young playmakers as the season continued. Sophomore Meike Ingles closed out her rookie campaign with four postseason goals, earning Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors. Sophomore Macy Enneking was named the conference tournament Most Outstanding Defensive Player, and was an unanimous Big Ten All-Freshman Team selection.

• Those two headline a group of impactful underclassmen this season, though the team will also feature a robust class of nine senior leaders anchored by midfielder Hailey Rydberg, who was a captain last season and voted the team's Most Valuable Player. Senior Sara Wheaton is the returning lowa Defensive Player of the Year, while redshirt senior Josie Durr started all 17 games last season and is the team's most experienced player.

The Hawkeyes welcome nine newcomers in 2021, including seven freshmen and two graduate transfers. Courtney Powell was Iowa State's top offensive weapon last spring, leading the team in points (8), goals (4), shots (29) and shots on goal (23). She is joined by Alyssa Walker, who scored four goals for Richmond last season and previously earned second-team Atlantic-10 All-Conference honors in 2019.
Three Hawkeyes -- Hailey Rydberg, Sara Wheaton, and Samantha Cary -- were named to the Big Ten Preseason Honors List. Iowa was picked to finish seventh out of 14 teams in the preseason coaches' poll.







Dave Dilanni is in his eighth season as head coach for the University of Iowa women's soccer program. Dilanni was tabbed as the fifth coach in program history on May 17, 2014, coming to the UI following an 11-year head coaching stint at Grand Valley State.

Dilanni, a native of Ontario, Canada, has amassed a 289-75-27 career record and guided three Grand Valley State teams to three NCAA Division II national championships, nine-consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) titles, seven Final Four appearances in eight seasons, 11-straight NCAA Tournament berths, while coaching 21 All-Americans.

Dilanni's .895 winning percentage was tops in NCAA Division II history. In his eighth season at Iowa, Dilanni has a 68-57-9 record. He has guided the program to two NCAA Tournament appearences and the first Big Ten title in program history.

The Hawkeyes started the 2020 season slowly after losing 12 seniors from the 2019 NCAA Tournament team. After going winless in their first seven games, the tide began to turn midway through the season and lowa was playing its best soccer when it mattered most. With an expanded Big Ten postseason schedule due to league-only scheduling because of the coronavirus pandemic, Dilanni led the Hawkeyes to wins over second-seeded Illinois, third-seeded Minnesota in the Big Ten Regional weekend. The team followed with a road win at top-seeded Penn State in the Big Ten Tournament semifinals before downing third-seeded Wisconsin to claim the program's first-ever Big Ten title.

As a result, the Hawkeyes earned their second straight NCAA Tournament berth, and they continued to make history by advancing to the second round for the first time in school history with a 1-0 win over Campbell. Iowa had third-seeded UCLA on the ropes in the Round of 32 before surrendering two goals late in a 2-1 defeat to close out the season.

lowa finished the season with a 7-9-1 record, with all seven of the victories coming in the team's final 10 games.

#### **DIIANNI YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2003	GVSU	17-2-2	2015 lowa	7-10-1
2004	GVSU	15-5	2016 <u></u> lowa _	8-11-0
2005	GVSU	19-3	2017 lowa	9-8-2
2006	GVSU	19-2-1	2018 lowa	8-7-3
2007	GVSU	21-1-1	2019 <u>lowa</u>	15-5-1
2008	GVSU	22-1	2021 lowa	7-9-1
2009	GVSU	22-0-4	At GVSU	221-18-18
2010	GVSU	22-1-2	At Iowa	68-57-9
2011	GVSU	20-1-4	Career Totals	289-75-27
2012	GVSU	20-2-3		
2013	GVSU	24-0-1		
2014	lowa	14-7-1		

#### LAST GAME

lowa defeated Northern lowa, 1-0, in an exhibition last Friday at the lowa Soccer Complex. Freshman Kenzie Roling rocketed the only score of the night on a first half penalty kick. The score was Roling's second of the season; she previously scored in the final minute of lowa's season opening exhibition against South Dakota. The Hawkeyes won that contest, 3-0, during the first week of August practice. Seniors Josie Durr and Hailey Rydberg also found the back of the net against the Coyotes.

#### SENIOR LEADERSHIP

After having one of the youngest teams in the nation last spring, the Hawkeyes boast a veteran senior class. Nine seniors will provide leadership and production on both sides of the ball. The class scored six of lowa's 11 goals last season while defenders Sara Wheaton and Riley Whitaker helped lead lowa to seven shutouts. Other returning seniors include defender Riley Burns, midfielders Hailey Rydberg, Olivia Hellweg, and Josie Durr, as well as forwards Samantha Tawharu, Jenny Cape, and Skylar Alward. Graduate transfers Courtney Powell and Alyssa Walker also bring experience to the squad.

#### **CHECK OUT THE NEW DIGS**

The new soccer operations facility at the lowa Soccer Complex is up and running. The \$4 million facility is located behind the west sideline and includes a spacious locker room and lounge area, multi-purpose space, athletic training space, visiting team and multipurpose locker rooms, and a press box. Construction of the new facility was funded entirely by private support.

#### **GETTING THINGS ROLING**

Freshman Kenzie Roling scored in each of Iowa's exhibitions this month, including the go-ahead goal against Northern Iowa last Friday.

#### **ENNEKING AT GOALKEEPER**

Sophomore goalkeeper Macy Enneking is another Hawkeye standout. Enneking was the only unanimous Big Ten All-Freshman Team selection last season and earned Big Ten Tournament Most Outstanding Defensive Player accolades for allowing just one goal in four games at the conference tournament. She tallied 52 saves across 11 games and averaged a conference-best .912 save percentage, allowing just 5 goals in 956 minutes played. The Hilliard, Ohio native pitched shutouts in each of Iowa's two exhibition contests this month.

#### SCOUTING THE BLUE DEMONS

DePaul opened the season with a 1-0 exhibition loss to Wisconsin. The Blue Demons outshot their opponent 5-4, but a second half goal was enough for the Badgers to escape Chicago with the victory.
 The Blue Demons finished with a 2-5 record in conference play last spring, with wins against

- Creighton and Butler.
- Forward Morgan Turner is the team's leading scorer, logging 22 career goals. Turner found the back of the net 10 times in 2019 when she was named to the All-BIG EAST first team.

• Head Coach Michelle O'Brien will be making her regular season debut with the Blue Demons. She has been an assistant on the DePaul staff since 2009.

#### **SCOUTING THE BILLIKENS**

- Saint Louis opened the year with a pair of exhibition victories against SIUE and Evansville. They kick
  off the regular seaon this Thursday at home against Xavier.
- The Billikens are ranked No. 21 in the United Soccer Coaches' preseason poll. Saint Louis checks in at No. 16 in the TopDrawSoccer.com preseason rankings.

#### SERIES HISTORY

- The Hawkeyes are 4-1-0 all-time against the Blue Demons.
- The last meeting between the two schools was a 3-1 lowa road victory in 2011.
- Iowa is 3-1-0 against Saint Louis, winning the most recent matchup 3-2 in 2013.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes return to Iowa City for their home opener against Iowa State on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. (CT). The game will be televised on BTN as Iowa opens the 2021-22 Cy-Hawk Series at the Iowa Soccer Complex.





2021	ROSTER								
NUMERICAL ROSTER							ALPHABETICAL ROSTER		
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Last School)	7	ALWARD, S		
00	Blythe Braun	GK	5-8	Fr.	Downers Grove, III./Downers Grove Noth	13	BESSERT, Z	•	
0	Sabrina Shaw	GK	5-9	RS So.	Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville Community	00	BRAUN, Bly	/the	
1	Macy Enneking	GK	5-9	So.	Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard Bradley	31		BUNDY, Addie	
2	Hailey Rydberg	M	5-8	Sr.	St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles North	33 19	BURNS, Riley		
3	Daisy Light	F	5-10	RS So.	Louisville, Colo./Monarch	8	CAPE, Jenn CARY, Sam		
5	Riley Whitaker	D	5-6	Sr.	Ankeny, Iowa/Ankeny	25	DURR, Josi		
6	Rielee Fetty	M	5-6	51. So.	Clarkston, Mich./Clarkston	1	ENNEKING,		
7	Skylar Alward	F	5-0 5-7	50. Sr.	Littleton, Colo./Columbine	6	-		
			5-7 5-6			10	GANIEF, Ale		
8	Natalie Massa	D/M		Jr.	Naperville, III./Waubonsie Valley		16 HELLWEG, Olivia		
9	Samantha Cary	D	5-8	Jr.	St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North	17 14	HOLTEY, De INGLES, Me		
10	Aleisha Ganief	F/D	5-10	So.	Vancouver, B.C., Canada/Burnaby Central Secondary School	21	JOHNSTON		
11	Alyssa Walker	F	5-10	GS	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville (Richmond)	29		OCK, Annika	
12	Jalyn Mosley	D	5-8	So.	Irvine, Calif./Prospect (III.)	3	LIGHT, Dais	5y	
13	Zoë Bessert	F	5-9	So.	Grosse Pointe, Mich./Grosse Pointe North	8			
14	Meike Ingles	F	5-2	So.	Shelby Township, Mich./Utica Eisenhower		12 MOSLEY, Jalyn		
15	Miah Schueller	D	5-6	Fr.	Northville, Mich./Northville		4 MULDER, Faith		
16	Olivia Hellweg	М	5-8	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Kennedy	23	<ul><li>23 NAUMOSKI, Adrianna</li><li>22 NECKER, Grace</li></ul>		
17	Delaney Holtey	F	5-7	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa/Cedar Rapids Kennedy	18			
18	Courtney Powell	F	5-4	GS	La Porte City, Iowa/Union (Iowa State)	26			
19	Jenny Cape	F	5-9	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis./Brookfield Central	2	2 RYDBERG, Hailey		
20	Alyssa Kellar	М	5-7	Fr.	Treynor, Iowa/Treynor	0 SHAW, Sabrina			
22	Grace Necker	D/M	5-6	RS Jr.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley	27 TAWHARU, Samantha			
23	Adrianna Naumoski		5-9	RS Jr.	St. John, Ind./Lake Central	24 WHEATON, Sara 5 WHITAKER, Riley			
24	Sara Wheaton	D	5-6	Sr.	Chandler, Ariz./Basha	28 WILHELM, Monica			
25	Josie Durr	M	5-8	RS Sr.	Solon, Iowa/Solon				
26	Kenzie Roling	F/M	5-6	Fr.	Waverly, Iowa/Waverly-Shell Rock				
20	Samantha Tawharu	F	5-0 5-7	Sr.	Green Bay, Auckland, New Zealand/Forrest Hill Milford				
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28	Monica Wilhelm				Antioch, III./Antioch Community	Stephanie		BYUR-ack	
29	Annika Kassenbrock		5-1	Fr.	Longmont, Colo./Silver Creek	-	Drago <b>Ceranic</b> Cera-		
31	Addie Bundy	М	5-7	Fr.	Fort Collins, Colo./Rocky Mountain			Di-Awn-ee	
32	Maggie Johnston	M/F	5-6	So.	Corona, Calif./Santiago	Aleisha <b>Ganief</b> Gun-eef			

Green Oaks, III./Loyola Academy

#### **COACHING STAFF**

**Riley Burns** 

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Head Coach: Dave Dilanni (8th Year) Associate Head Coach: Blair Quinn Assistant Coach: Katelyn Longino Volunteer Assistant Coach: Drago Ceranic Director, Soccer Operations: Stephanie Burak

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