

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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



## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 2, 2022

### 2022 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Feb. 4-5	Big Ten Match Play	TBA
Feb. 14-15	Puerto Rico Classic	TBA
March 7-8	Wake Forest Invitational	TBA
April 3-4	Calusa Cup	TBA
April 16-17	Hawkeye Invitational	TBA
Apr. 29-May 1	Big Ten Championships	TBA
TBA	NCAA Regionals	TBA
TBA	NCAA Championships	TBA

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team tees off the spring season at the 14th annual Big Ten Match Play Championship in Palm Coast, Florida. Competition takes place Friday and Saturday at the Hammock Beach Resort Ocean Course. Iowa is the seven seed and will face Minnesota in the opening round.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Teams will play a maximum of two matches each day, the first teeing off with a 7 a.m. (CT) shotgun start and the second beginning at noon.

The four semifinal teams on Saturday will all play two matches, with winners advancing to the championship match and losing teams competing for third place.

### THE FORMAT

The event utilizes a single-elimination tournament bracket, with a third-place match taking place on Saturday. Teams are allowed 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.

### FOLLOW THE ACTION

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

### 2022 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Ronan Kleu	Jr.	Zollikerberg, Switzerland
Callum Macfie	So.	Yorkshire, England
Mac McClear	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill.
Ian Meyer	Fr.	Deephaven, Minn.
Gonzalo Leal Montero	Sr.	Seville, Spain
Felipe Pedraza	So.	Lima, Peru
Carlos Roldos	Fr.	Palma de Mallorca, Spain
Garrett Tighe	So.	Algonquin, Ill.

### THE LINEUP

Junior Ronan Kleu heads the Iowa lineup, followed by senior Gonzalo Leal Montero, junior Mac McClear, sophomore Callum Macfie, and junior Garrett Tighe.

### THE FIELD

The event will feature 11 conference teams, including Iowa, No. 34 Indiana, Maryland, No. 31 Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, No. 28 Northwestern, Penn State, No. 22 Purdue, Rutgers, and Wisconsin.

### FALL STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-25
Ronan Kleu	9	71.1	67	3
Mac McClear	12	72.7	67	2
Gonzalo Leal Montero	12	72.7	65	1
Ian Meyer	12	75.2	71	--
Callum Macfie	3	75.7	74	--
Garrett Tighe	3	76.2	73	--
Felipe Pedraza	3	77.7	76	--

### THE COURSE

Big Ten Match Play is held annually at Hammock Beach Golf Resort's Ocean Course. The par 72 course was designed by golf legend Jack Nicklaus and spans 7,113 yards.



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### QUICK FACTS

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa  
Enrollment: 31,206  
Conference: Big Ten  
Home Course: Finkbine Golf Course

#### COACHING INFORMATION

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

#### MEDIA INFORMATION

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### HAMMOCK BEACH

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
<b>OUT</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>36</b>
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
<b>IN</b>	<b>3,574</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,113</b>	<b>72</b>

### MATCH PLAY HISTORY

Iowa's second-place performance at Big Ten Match Play last spring is the best finish in program history at the event. The fifth-seeded Hawkeyes opened with a pair of 3-2 victories on the first day of competition against 12-seed Nebraska and four-seed Penn State. Iowa then defeated Michigan State (3-2) in the third round before falling to Indiana (2-3) in the final. Five different Hawkeyes won matches en route to the runner-up finish.

- Mathew Walker ('19) won a program-best 10 rounds at Big Ten Match Play during his time at Iowa. His 10-3-1 (.750) record marks the highest winning percentage of any Hawkeye golfer who has competed at the event in multiple seasons.
- Alex Schaake ('21) tallied the next-highest total with eight wins in four appearances for Iowa. He is one of seven Hawkeyes to compete at the event four times.
- McClear is 3-3-1 heading into his third outing at Hammock Beach. Leal Montero returns for his fourth start at Big Ten Match Play with a 4-5-2 individual record.

### HEAR FROM COACH STITH

"The Match Play is one of my favorite tournaments of the season. The format adds excitement and creates pressure situations. As a player you will find out exactly what you need improve on. It's the perfect event to begin the spring season."

### HEAR FROM MAC MCCLEAR

"I think anytime you're playing golf, no matter the format, you just have to focus on your own game. I think in match play sometimes guys get too caught up in what their opponent is doing, so I'm just going to go out there and try to play my best golf. I know if I play well everything will be taken care of and I don't necessarily need to change any strategy or my game to win."

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes travel to the Rio Mar Beach Resort to compete in the Puerto Rico Classic Feb. 14-15 hosted by Purdue University.

