

IOWA HAWKEYES

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



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 5, 2022

2022 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Feb. 4-5	Big Ten Match Play	3rd/11
Feb. 13-15	Puerto Rico Classic	10th/13
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 heads to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for the Wake Forest Invitational at legendary Pinehurst No. 2.

FOLLOW THE ACTION

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

THE LINEUP

Iowa has not yet determined a lineup for the Wake Forest Invitational. The Hawkeyes will qualify on Sunday.

THE FIELD

Four GolfStat top-50 ranked teams are featured in the field of 12, which includes Iowa, Augusta, No. 24 Clemson, Duke, East Carolina, No. 32 East Tennessee State, Kentucky, No. 21 NC State, San Francisco, No. 20 Wake Forest, Wake Forest "B" team and Yale.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION

No. 20 Wake Forest features two top-35 ranked golfers in 18th-ranked Michael Brennan and No. 33 Alex Fitzpatrick. Brennan has won two events this season and finished second last time out at the Southwestern Invitational. Fitzpatrick was the medalist at the Old Town Club Collegiate this fall.

Other top-50 ranked golfers in the field include North Carolina State's Maximil Steinlechner (no. 34) and Eastern Tennessee's Archie Davis (48).

THE COURSE

The Wake Forest Invitational is hosted annually by Wake Forest University at historic Pinehurst No. 2. Spanning 7,588 yards, the course has played host to more single golf championships than any other course in America. Pinehurst has hosted four men's majors including the 1936 PGA Championships, and 1999, 2005, and 2014 U.S. Opens.

Pinehurst Resort has also hosted the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, and Ryder Cup. The U.S. Open is set to return to Pinehurst No. 2 in 2024 and is scheduled for five total future installments at the course.

2022 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Ronan Kleu	Jr.	Zollikoberg, 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.

FALL STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-25
Ronan Kleu	12	71.3	66	3
Mac McClear	15	71.7	64	3
Gonzalo Leal Montero	15	72.0	65	2
Ian Meyer	12	75.2	71	--
Callum Macfie	6	75.2	72	--
Garrett Tighe	6	75.2	69	--
Felipe Pedraza	3	77.7	76	--



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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

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PINEHURST NO. 2

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	402	4
2	439	4
3	387	4
4	474	4
5	576	5
6	178	3
7	424	4
8	469	5
9	160	3
OUT	3,509	36
10	580	5
11	455	4
12	419	4
13	385	4
14	460	4
15	183	3
16	478	5
17	205	3
18	451	4
IN	3,616	36
TOTAL	7,125	72

PINEHURST HISTORY

The game's greatest figures have roamed the fairways of Pinehurst. Pinehurst champions include:

- Jack Nicklaus (1959 North & South Amateur, 1975 HOF Classic)
- Sam Snead (1941, 1949 and 1950 North and South Opens)
- Arnold Palmer (1948 Southern Conference Championship)

Pinehurst was founded in 1895, and Pinehurst No. 2 was completed in 1907 by legendary designer Donald Ross. A statue of Payne Stewart beside the 18th green commemorates one of the finest moments in the course's history. Stewart won the 1999 U.S. Open in dramatic fashion to secure his third major championship before his tragic death in an airplane crash months later at the age of 42. In 2014, Pinehurst No. 2 became the first course to host the men's U.S. Open and Women's U.S. Open in the same year; both events will return in 2029.

ON THE LINKS

Iowa teed off the spring season with a third-place finish at the Big Ten Match Play Championships (Feb. 4-5) and a 10th place showing at the highly competitive Puerto Rico Classic (Feb. 13-15).

- The Hawkeyes entered Big Ten Match Play as the seven-seed before defeating Minnesota (4-1), two-seed Northwestern (3-2), and one-seed Purdue (2.5-2.5) on tie-breaking criteria.
- Junior **Mac McClear** led the way for Iowa at the Puerto Rico Classic, finishing with a 54-hole score of 203 (-13) to tie for ninth.
- McClear registered a final round of 64, matching the third-lowest 18-hole score in program history.
- Senior **Gonzalo Leal Montero** also earned a top-25 finish, tying for 22nd with at 208 (-8).

HEAR FROM HEAD COACH TYLER STITH

"We're excited for the opportunity to play a U.S. Open venue and one of the best golf courses in the country. The field is strong, but our competition is the golf course. No. 2 will be a great test for our team."

LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes travel to Statesboro, Georgia, March 18-20 for the Schenkel Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club.

