

IOWA HAWKEYES

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



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 10, 2023

2022 FALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Sept. 4-5	Fighting Irish Classic	12th/15
Sept. 26-27	Inverness Intercollegiate	12th/16
Oct. 10-11	Purdue Fall Invitational	9th/15
Oct. 16-17	Iowa Fall Classic	1st/9
Oct. 21-23	Williams Cup	10th/10
Feb. 12-14	Puerto Rico Classic	7:30 a.m.
March 6-7	Wake Forest Invitational	TBA
March 13-14	The Johnnie-O at Sea Island	TBA
April 2-4	Calusa Cup	TBA
April 15-16	Hawkeye Invitational	TBA
April 28-30	Big Ten Championships	TBA

THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team heads to Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, on Feb. 12-14 for the Puerto Rico Classic at Grand Reserve Golf Club.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The 54-hole tournament takes place Feb. 12-14, with 18 holes to be played each day. The first round tees off at 7:30 a.m. (CT).

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 at hawkeyesports.com.

THE LINEUP

Seniors **Mac McClear** and **Ronan Kleu**, sophomore **Ian Meyer**, freshman **Hogan Hansen** and junior **Callum Macfie** will compete for Iowa at the Puerto Rico Classic.

THE FIELD

The field of 13 programs includes eight Golfstat top-50 ranked teams in No. 9 Tennessee, No. 16 Oklahoma, No. 24 Ohio State, No. 28 Purdue, No. 31 Georgia, No. 42 East Tennessee State, No. 44 Ole Miss, No. 45 Marquette. Iowa, College of Charleston, Maryland, South Carolina and Wisconsin round out the group.

Charleston's Kieron van Wyk is the highest-ranked individual in the field at No. 11 in the nation.

THE EVENT

The Puerto Rico Classic is hosted annually by Purdue University; 2023 marks the 30th edition of the event and its second year at Grand Reserve Golf Club. The individual medalist at the Puerto Rico Classic will receive an invitation to the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open on March 2-5.

THE COURSE

Grand Reserve Golf Course plays host to the Puerto Rico Open, the only PGA Tour event played in Puerto Rico. Hundreds of current professionals have played the course, including big names such as Jason Day, Jordan Spieth, Tony Finau, Bryson DeChambeau and Chesson Hadley.

2022-23 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Hogan Hansen	Fr.	Waverly, Iowa
Ronan Kleu	Sr.	Zollikerberg, Switzerland
Callum Macfie	Jr.	Yorkshire, England
Mac McClear	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill.
Ian Meyer	So.	Deephaven, Minn.
Felipe Pedraza	Jr.	Lima, Peru
Garrett Tighe	Sr.	Algonquin, Ill.

2022 FALL STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-25
Mac McClear	15	72.2	67	5
Ronan Kleu	12	75.0	71	2
Garrett Tighe	15	75.1	68	1
Callum Macfie	12	75.5	68	1
Ian Meyer	15	75.7	70	2
Felipe Pedraza	6	76	74	1
Hogan Hansen	9	77.8	73	1



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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 31,656
Conference: Big Ten
Home Course: Finkbine Golf Course

COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith (ninth season)
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002
Assistant Coach: Charlie Hoyle (fifth season)
Alma Mater, Year: Lander University, 2010
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Steven Ihm (first season)
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2014

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GRAND RESERVE GOLF CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	467	4
2	542	5
3	393	4
4	446	4
5	526	5
6	193	3
7	441	4
8	232	3
9	435	4
OUT	3,675	36
10	430	4
11	190	3
12	461	4
13	404	4
14	458	4
15	602	5
16	194	3
17	406	4
18	631	5
IN	3,776	36
TOTAL	7,451	72

IOWA AT THE PUERTO RICO CLASSIC

The Hawkeyes have competed at the Puerto Rico Classic on three occasions, with their highest finish coming in 2019 at seventh place in a field 14 teams. Last year, McClear tied for ninth with a third-round 64 (-8), which tied for the fourth-best 18-hole score in tournament history.

ON THE LINKS

The highlight of Iowa's fall season was a team championship on Oct. 17 at the Iowa Fall Classic. McClear was the individual medalist at Blue Top Ridge Golf Course as the Hawkeyes bested a field of nine teams from around the Midwest. This winter, Iowa golfers hit the road to compete individually.

- McClear posted a six-under par finish at the South Beach International on Dec. 22, 2022. A first-round score of 66 (-5) helped propel the Hawkeye veteran to 26th place at the fifth-ranked amateur event in the world.
- Junior **Garrett Tighe** tied for 11th on Jan. 4 at the Sonoran Amateur at Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Arizona. Tighe shot 68 (-3) in the final round to shoot up the leaderboard.

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY ROUND-UP

Iowa signed Noah Kent and Maxwell Tjoa to the class of 2023 on Nov. 10, 2022. Kent joins the Hawkeyes from Gulf Coast High School in Naples, Florida, where he finished runner-up in the state tournament as a junior and was named Southwest Florida Player of the Year.

Tjoa is a homegrown Hawkeye, hailing from Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he established himself as the top junior player in the state. Tjoa was the 2022 Iowa Golf Association Boys Player of the Year. Read more about Iowa's newcomers at hawkeyesports.com.

HEAR FROM HEAD COACH TYLER STITH

"It's always good when you don't have to re-learn a golf course. Lines off tees, things like that which you typically try to get done in the practice round. As a player, it gives you confidence when you already know where you need to hit it. It eliminates a little bit of uncertainty, so I think having a handful of guys who played down there last year definitely helps."

LOOKING AHEAD

The Hawkeyes head to Pinehurst, North Carolina, for the Wake Forest Invitational from March 6-7 at Pinehurst No. 2.

