

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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



## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

Feb. 3, 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	9th/13
<b>March 6-7</b>	<b>Wake Forest Invitational</b>	<b>TBA</b>
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 Pinehurst, North Carolina, for the Wake Forest Invitational on March 6-7 at Pinehurst No. 2.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The first two rounds of the 54-hole tournament tee off on Monday, with the final 18 holes to be played on Tuesday.

### FOLLOW THE ACTION

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

### THE LINEUP

Iowa will announce a lineup on site.

### THE FIELD

Seven Golfstat top-50 ranked teams will compete at Pinehurst, including No. 15 Virginia, No. 29 Northwestern, No. 31 Duke, No. 33 Wake Forest, No. 41 East Tennessee State, No. 43 Clemson and No. 49 UNCG. College of Charleston, NC State and SMU round out the field of 11 teams.

Charleston's Kieron van Wyk is the highest-ranked individual in the field at No. 13 in the nation.

### THE COURSE

The site of more single golf championships than any other course in the United States, Pinehurst No. 2 serves as the anchor site for the U.S. Open. The major championship is set to return for the fourth time in 2024; Pinehurst has also played host to the U.S. Women's Open, the PGA Championship, three U.S. Amateur Championships and the Ryder Cup.

### THE EVENT

Entering its third year, the Wake Forest Invitational is hosted annually at Pinehurst No. 2. Iowa placed seventh out of 12 teams at last year's event. The Hawkeyes were led by current-senior **Mac McClear**, who shot 216 (+6) for a seventh-place showing. McClear tied for third in the field in par five scoring (-3) and seventh in par four scoring (+6) to finish ahead of numerous nationally ranked opponents.

### 2022-23 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Hogan Hansen	Fr.	Waverly, Iowa
Ronan Kleu	Sr.	Zollikoberg, 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.

### 2022-23 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-25
Mac McClear	18	72.2	67	5
Ronan Kleu	15	74.2	68	2
Callum Macfie	15	74.6	68	1
Garrett Tighe	15	75.1	68	1
Ian Meyer	18	75.2	69	2
Felipe Pedraza	6	76	74	1
Hogan Hansen	12	76.5	72	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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### 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	4
9	160	3
<b>OUT</b>	<b>3,509</b>	<b>35</b>
10	580	5
11	455	4
12	419	4
13	385	4
14	460	4
15	183	3
16	478	4
17	205	3
18	451	4
<b>IN</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>70</b>

### ON THE LINKS

The Hawkeyes placed ninth at the Puerto Rico Classic, last time out. Iowa finished ahead of No. 28 Purdue and No. 45 Marquette in a loaded field at Grand Reserve Golf Club, a PGA TOUR venue.

- Senior **Ronan Kleu** and junior **Callum Macfie** led the Hawkeyes, tying for 28th place shooting 213 (-3) through 54 holes. Kleu shot 68 (-4) in the second round, a team best for the week, while posting a Hawkeye-best 12 birdies at the event.
- Iowa posted 10 18-hole rounds of par or better out of a possible 15 at the Puerto Rico Classic.
- Previously, the Hawkeyes took home the team championship at the Iowa Fall Classic on Oct. 17 at Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside, Iowa.

### HEAR FROM HEAD COACH TYLER STITH

"Our performance at the Puerto Rico Classic gave everybody a lot of confidence. We are trying to practice outside as much as we can to get ready for Pinehurst. We know that it is going to be a different challenge. The guys are feeling good and feeling confident, and they should..."

The team knows going in what to expect. It is as much a mental test as a physical test, because the golf course never really lets up. It is a major championship venue, and you think about the type of player that it takes to win a major.

You have got to be on your game, and you have got to recognize that you are going to hit good shots that may not end up in great spots. You have to be willing to adapt and overcome that. You have to be mentally strong and ready to grind for 54 holes."

### LOOKING AHEAD

Iowa travels to St. Simons Island, Georgia, for the Johnnie-O at Sea Island from March 13-14 at the Seaside Course.

