

IOWA HAWKEYES

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



MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

May 12, 2023

2022-23 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
Mar. 6-7	Wake Forest Invitational	T-4th/12
Mar. 13-14	The Johnnie-O at Sea Island	T-8th/13
April 2-4	Calusa Cup	9th/9
April 14-15	Hawkeye Invitational	1st/13
April 28-30	Big Ten Championships	T-5th-14
May 15-17	NCAA Regionals	9:30 a.m.

THIS WEEK

University of Iowa senior **Mac McClear** competes individually at NCAA Regionals, May 15-17, at Bear's Best Las Vegas Golf Course.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The 54-hole tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. (CT) on Monday and continues with one 18-hole round each day. McClear tees off at 11:53 a.m. (CT) on Monday alongside Yuxuan Song of Lehigh and Joshua Robards of Kansas City.

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.

WIN AND ADVANCE

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted to determine the 30 qualifying teams and six individuals not on those qualifying teams who will compete at the NCAA Championships.

At the Las Vegas regional, 14 teams will compete for five team bids. Five individual qualifiers will also join the field. The low individual not on a qualifying team earns a bid to the finals.

THE FIELD

McCclear enters as the second-seeded individual at the Las Vegas regional. The field of teams includes No. 4 Arizona State, No. 8 Stanford, No. 16 UNCG, No. 21 Oklahoma State, No. 28 Northwestern, No. 33 East Tennessee State, No. 40 Cincinnati, No. 45 San Francisco, Davidson, Kansas City, Lehigh, Long Beach State, UNC Greensboro and Oregon State.

THE COURSE

Bear's Best Las Vegas Golf Course is named for its designer, Jack Nicklaus. The par-72 public course spans 7,217 yards and is located in close proximity to both the Las Vegas Strip and Spring Mountains, making for a unique landscape which incorporates natural desert conditions into play.

MCCLEAR ADVANCES AT US OPEN QUALIFIER

McCclear followed up a pair of collegiate medalist honors in the month of April with a first-place finish at the U.S. Open qualifier on May 9 in Grayslake, Illinois. McCclear shot nine-under par (63) at Stonewall Orchard Golf Club to advance to final qualifying (June 5), where he will compete for a spot at this year's U.S. Open.

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	32	71.8	66	9
Ronan Kleu	29	73.5	68	5
Ian Meyer	32	74.7	69	4
Callum Macfie	29	74.7	68	2
Garrett Tighe	15	75.1	68	1
Hogan Hansen	26	75.4	69	3
Felipe Pedraza	12	76.8	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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BEAR’S BEST LAS VEGAS

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	413	4
2	529	5
3	441	4
4	229	3
5	438	4
6	398	4
7	201	3
8	599	5
9	453	4
OUT	3,701	36
10	411	4
11	340	4
12	507	5
13	151	3
14	461	4
15	230	3
16	416	4
17	537	5
18	463	4
IN	3,516	36
TOTAL	7,217	72

BIG HONORS

McCleaar and senior **Ronan Kleu** each earned Big Ten postseason honors, the league announced on May 3. McCleaar was named second team All-Big Ten, while Kleu was a Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner.

The all-conference recognition is the third of McCleaar's career after earning second team recognition in 2022 and unanimous All-Big Ten First Team honors in 2021. Earlier this season, McCleaar was named Co-Big Ten Golfer of the Week (April 19, 2023), the third weekly conference honor of his career. He was also recognized on May 8 as Co-Student-Athlete of the Month by the University of Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The sportsmanship recognition is the first Big Ten honor of Kleu career. Previously, Kleu was Peach Belt Conference Player of the Year at Columbus State.

ON THE LINKS

Last time out, the Hawkeyes tied for fifth at the Big Ten Championships, with McCleaar finishing as Co-Big Ten Champion. Results were based on 36-hole scores as the final round was postponed due to weather. McCleaar was previously the Big Ten medalist in 2021.

- McCleaar shot three-under par (139) at Galloway National Golf Club to become Iowa's first two-time Big Ten Champion, earning the fifth individual conference medalist honors in school history; previous Big Ten medalists for Iowa include Carson Schaake (2015), Brad Klapprott (1992) and John Jacobs (1946).
- McCleaar is the 17th Big Ten golfer to win multiple conference medalist honors, a tradition which dates back over a century.
- On April 15, Iowa won its second team title of the season, securing the 17th Hawkeye Invitational crown in program history; the Hawkeyes shot a season-best 29-under par (835) team score through three rounds at Finkbine Golf Course
- McCleaar was the tournament medalist, shooting a season-best 206 (-10) through 54-holes; McCleaar is now the winningest Hawkeye since 1976 with five collegiate victories (Lonnie Nielsen, six).

LOOKING AHEAD

The NCAA Championships tee off May 26-31 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Arizona.

