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**IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**HAWKEYES SELECTED FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - - The University of Iowa women's tennis team has been selected to compete in its fifth NCAA Tournament. Iowa (14-9) will play Notre Dame (14-9) in the first round Friday, May 13 in Evanston, IL.

The seven-time defending Big Ten Champion Northwestern Wildcats were selected as one of the 16 regional site hosts. Northwestern (24-2) will face Valparaiso (15-4) in the other first round match-up. The two winners will face each other Saturday, May 14, with that winner advancing to the NCAA Championships in Athens, GA.

Iowa has already made school history this season with a school-best third place finish in the Big Ten. In the Big Ten tournament last weekend, Iowa dominated Purdue, 4-0, before falling to Michigan, 4-3.

The Hawkeyes are 2-4 in NCAA Tournament matches. Playing in its first NCAA Tournament in 1999, Iowa upset Florida State (5-4) and Notre Dame (5-4) to advance to its first ever NCAA Championships, where the Hawkeyes eventually fell to Duke in the "Sweet Sixteen". The Hawkeyes lost to LSU (5-3) in 2000, North Carolina (4-1) in 2001, and Notre Dame (4-1) in 2004.

