

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

vs. Northern Iowa (Apr. 25)
vs. Ohio State (Apr. 28-29)
vs. Penn State (DH, Apr. 30)

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

33-17 Overall, 9-5 Big Ten

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|------------|---|-------------|
| Feb. 10-12 | at Diamond Fun and Sun Classic (Miami, FL) | |
| Feb. 10 | #10 Georgia | W, 6-5 |
| | Florida International | W, 1-0 |
| Feb. 11 | North Carolina | W, 3-2 (8) |
| | Arkansas | L, 0-1 |
| Feb. 12 | Arkansas | W, 5-1 |
| Feb. 17-19 | at Littlewood Classic (Tempe, AZ) | |
| Feb. 17 | Illinois State | W, 9-3 |
| | #23 Arizona State | L, 4-5 |
| Feb. 18 | Illinois State | W, 10-2 (5) |
| | #23 Arizona State | L, 7-10 (9) |
| Feb. 19 | #23 Arizona State | L, 1-8 |
| Feb. 24-26 | at NFCA Leadoff Classic (Columbus, GA) | |
| Feb. 24 | #14 Louisiana-Lafayette | L, 0-6 |
| | # 2 Tennessee | L, 2-11 (5) |
| Mar. 4-5 | at Coach B Classic (Carbondale, IL) | |
| Mar. 4 | Southern Illinois | L, 1-2 |
| | Northern Illinois | W, 2-0 |
| Mar. 5 | Illinois-Chicago | W, 4-3 |
| Mar. 10-12 | at NIST (San Jose, CA) | |
| Mar. 11 | St. Francis | W, 5-0 (5) |
| | San Jose State | W, 3-2 |
| Mar. 12 | #10 Arizona State | L, 0-3 |
| | Santa Clara | W, 6-5 |
| Mar. 15 | at Sacramento State | W, 6-1 |
| | at Sacramento State | L, 0-6 |
| Mar. 17-19 | at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA) | |
| Mar. 17 | Long Island | L, 1-7 |
| Mar. 18 | Nevada | W, 5-0 |
| | # 6 California | L, 0-1 |
| Mar. 19 | Syracuse | L, 2-5 |
| Mar. 24-26 | Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA) | |
| Mar. 24 | Loyola-Chicago | W, 5-0 |
| Mar. 25 | South Dakota State | W, 5-3 (10) |
| | North Dakota State | W, 3-0 |
| Mar. 26 | Ball State | W, 5-0 |
| Mar. 29 | Upper Iowa | W, 8-0 (5) |
| Mar. 31 | at Illinois | W, 9-0 |
| Apr. 1 | at Illinois | W, 7-4 |
| Apr. 2 | #16 at Northwestern | L, 1-3 |
| Apr. 2 | #16 at Northwestern | L, 2-12 (5) |
| Apr. 4 | at Iowa State | W, 3-2 |
| Apr. 7 | Minnesota | W, 2-0 |
| Apr. 8 | Minnesota | W, 3-0 |
| Apr. 9 | North Dakota State | W, 4-0 |
| Apr. 9 | North Dakota State | W, 6-1 |
| Apr. 12 | at Western Illinois | W, 5-2 |
| Apr. 14 | #12 Michigan | L, 0-3 |
| Apr. 15 | #12 Michigan | W, 1-0 |
| Apr. 16 | Michigan State | W, 4-1 |
| Apr. 16 | Michigan State | L, 4-8 |
| Apr. 18 | at Drake | W, 4-2 |
| Apr. 19 | Northern Illinois | W, 5-4 |
| Apr. 21 | at Purdue | W, 8-1 |
| Apr. 22 | at Purdue | W, 3-2 |
| Apr. 23 | at Indiana | L, 4-12 (6) |
| Apr. 23 | at Indiana | W, 3-2 |
| Apr. 25 | Northern Iowa | 5 p.m. |
| Apr. 28 | Ohio State | 6 p.m. |
| Apr. 29 | Ohio State | 12 p.m. |
| Apr. 30 | Penn State (DH) | 10 a.m. |
| May 3 | South Dakota State (DH) | 4 p.m. |
| May 6 | at Wisconsin | 12 p.m. |
| May 7 | at Wisconsin | 12 p.m. |
| May 12-14 | Big Ten Tournament | TBA |
| May 19-21 | NCAA Regionals | TBA |
| May 26-28 | NCAA Super Regionals | TBA |
| June 1-6 | Women's College World Series | TBA |

Probable Iowa Lineup

| No. | Name | Pos. | B-T | Yr. | GP | Avg. | Runs | Hits | RBI | HR | 2B | SLG% | SB |
|-----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|----|------|------|------|-----|----|----|------|----|
| 10 | Stacy May | SS | R-R | Sr. | 50 | .327 | 34 | 51 | 14 | 5 | 11 | .545 | 5 |
| 11 | Mindy Heidgerken | CF | R-R | Jr. | 50 | .308 | 27 | 48 | 24 | 4 | 6 | .494 | 8 |
| 1 | Emily Nichols | 3B | R-R | So. | 48 | .343 | 22 | 49 | 31 | 5 | 14 | .545 | 5 |
| 8 | Erin Riemersma | 2B | R-R | Fr. | 50 | .259 | 24 | 35 | 16 | 4 | 2 | .437 | 7 |
| 17 | Kylie Murray | RF | R-R | Sr. | 50 | .258 | 12 | 32 | 24 | 4 | 9 | .444 | 1 |
| 2 | Summer Downs | DP | R-R | So. | 46 | .261 | 9 | 30 | 20 | 2 | 8 | .437 | 2 |
| 22 | Emily Gerlick | LF | R-R | Jr. | 39 | .232 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 5 | .321 | 4 |
| 13 | Sami Baugh | C | R-R | Jr. | 45 | .208 | 9 | 20 | 16 | 1 | 0 | .240 | 2 |
| 24 | Stephanie Ackerson | 1B | R-R | So. | 46 | .138 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .138 | 0 |

Probable Pitching Rotation

| No. | Name | Throws | Yr. | Record | GS | CG | SHO | SV | ERA | SO | BB | IP |
|-----|--------------------|--------|-----|--------|----|----|-----|----|------|-----|----|-------|
| 7 | Brittany Weil | RHP | Fr. | 23-11 | 28 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 2.39 | 226 | 88 | 231.0 |
| 3 | Ali Arnold | RHP | Sr. | 10-6 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2.88 | 88 | 38 | 99.2 |
| 24 | Stephanie Ackerson | RHP | So. | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.73 | 2 | 1 | 3.2 |

THE SETTING

The University of Iowa softball team (33-17, 9-5) will host intrastate rival Northern Iowa (12-33-1, 2-17) Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Pearl Field before returning to Big Ten action against Ohio State (32-17, 10-4) and Penn State (31-12, 6-8) this weekend. Iowa and Ohio State play single games Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 12 p.m. in a battle for third place in the Big Ten. Iowa will face Penn State in a doubleheader starting at 10 a.m. Sunday.

HAWKEYES ON THE WEB

Fans who can't make it to Pearl Field can access livestats (gametracker) via www.hawkeyesports.com. Just click on the gametracker link found on the front page or on the softball schedule page.

IOWA SPLITS WITH INDIANA

The Hawkeyes split a pair of games Sunday at Indiana. The Hoosiers won the first game, 12-4 in six innings, but the Hawkeyes claimed game two, 3-2.

In game one, Indiana jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning off a three-run home run. The Hoosiers plated three more runs in the third for a 6-0 advantage.

Iowa cut Indiana's lead to 6-2 in the fourth off an RBI single by junior **Sami Baugh** that scored freshman **Rachel West** and an error by the Indiana left fielder allowed sophomore **Summer Downs** to score.

The Hoosiers put another three runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth. Iowa fought back in the fifth with four straight singles by senior **Stacy May**, junior **Mindy Heidgerken**, sophomore **Emily Nichols** and senior **Kylie Murray** for Iowa's third run. Freshman **Erin Riemersma** grounded out to the Indiana third baseman, which allowed Heidgerken to score for a 9-4 Hoosier lead.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

| | CONF. | OVERALL |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| 1. NORTHWESTERN | 11-2 | 33-10 |
| 2. MICHIGAN | 9-3 | 31-12 |
| 3. OHIO STATE | 10-4 | 32-17 |
| 4. IOWA | 9-5 | 33-17 |
| 5. MICHIGAN STATE | 8-6 | 32-18 |
| 6. ILLINOIS | 7-6 | 21-25 |
| 7. PENN STATE | 6-8 | 31-15 |
| 8. INDIANA | 6-9 | 24-22 |
| 9. PURDUE | 5-10 | 27-27 |
| 10. WISCONSIN | 4-8 | 19-19 |
| 11. MINNESOTA | 1-15 | 12-29 |

BIG TEN ACTION THIS WEEK**April 28****Ohio State at Iowa**

Illinois at Michigan

Indiana at Minnesota

Northwestern at Michigan State

Penn State at Wisconsin

April 29**Ohio State at Iowa**

Illinois at Michigan

Indiana at Minnesota

Northwestern at Michigan State

Penn State at Wisconsin

April 30**Penn State at Iowa (DH)**

Illinois at Michigan State (DH)

Northwestern at Michigan (DH)

Ohio State at Wisconsin (DH)

Purdue at Minnesota (DH)

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

Indiana increased its lead to 11-4 in the bottom of the fifth and ended the contest with a solo home run in the sixth.

In game two, Indiana once again took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning, but the Hawkeyes responded with a two-RBI single by Downs for a 2-1 lead. Freshman **Colleen McGlaughlin** made the score 3-1 in the fourth with a lead-off, pinch-hit solo home run to left field.

IOWA TAKES TWO FROM PURDUE

The Hawkeyes used four extra base hits in game one and a two-run home run from **Kylie Murray** in game two for a series sweep against the Boilermakers.

In game one, **Erin Riemersma** hit a two-out RBI triple to right field and Murray followed with an RBI double for a 2-0 lead. **Summer Downs** recorded an RBI infield single and Murray tallied her second RBI of the day in the third inning.

The Hawkeyes added two runs in the sixth off a single from **Emily Gerlick** and double by **Mindy Heidgerken**. **Sami Baugh** ripped an RBI single for the final run of the game.

In game two, Purdue took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning, but the Hawkeyes tied the contest off an RBI single by Baugh.

Murray broke the 1-1 tie in the fourth with a towering two-run home run to left center field.

SCOUTING NORTHERN IOWA

The Northern Iowa Panthers are 12-33-1 overall and 2-17 in Missouri Valley Conference play.

Nikke Ferden is batting .292 and has started every game to lead the Panthers. Three Panthers have collected over 25 RBI.

Monica Wright and Uju Ibekwe split time in the circle for UNI. Wright is 7-18 with a 4.25 ERA, while Ibekwe is 5-14 with a 4.36 ERA.

The Panthers are coached by Christy Hebert, who was an all-American in 1996-97 at Iowa. Iowa leads the series, 22-14.

SCOUTING OHIO STATE

The Ohio State Buckeyes are 32-17

overall and 10-4 in Big Ten action.

Megan Schwab is batting .350 with four home runs and 24 RBI to lead the Buckeyes at the plate.

Kim Reeder, Jamee Juarez and Courtney Pruner have all seen time in the circle. Reeder is 13-7 with a 1.75 ERA while Juarez is 4-9 with a 2.63 ERA. Pruner has 17 appearances with a 5-1 record and a 2.95 ERA.

The Buckeyes are coached by Linda Kalafatis. Iowa leads the all-time series, 55-29.

SCOUTING PENN STATE

The Penn State Nittany Lions are 31-12 overall and 6-8 in Big Tn play.

Jen Williams leads the Nittany Lions at the dish with a .321 batting average. Ashley Esparza has a .294 batting average with three home runs and 15 RBI.

Missy Beseres is 17-5 with a 0.90 ERA in the circle. She also has a team-best 196 strikeouts.

The Nittany Lions are coached by Robin Petrini. Iowa leads the all-time series, 33-10.

WEIL MAKING HER MARK

Freshman pitcher **Brittany Weil** is already making her mark in the Iowa softball record books. Her 226 strikeouts this season ranks eighth for single-season strikeouts and 10th in career strikeouts at Iowa. Weil has thrown 25 complete games this season, which also ranks 10th in school history.

Weil also leads the Big Ten in wins (23), games started (28) and innings pitched (231).

GETTING HOT

In her last six games, senior **Kylie Murray** is batting .438 (7-16) with one home run, two doubles and five RBI. The West Des Moines, IA, native has also tallied a .750 slugging percentage.

IOWA HAWKEYE ROSTER

- 1** **EMILY NICHOLS**
- 2** **SUMMER DOWNS**
- 3** **ALI ARNOLD**
- 4** **QUINN MORELOCK**
- 5** **JENNA SPRATT**
- 6** **RACHEL WEST**
- 7** **BRITTANY WEIL**
- 8** **ERIN RIEMERSMA**
- 9** **LINDSEY EMERY**
- 10** **STACY MAY**
- 11** **MINDY HEIDGERKEN**
- 12** **COLLEEN MCGLAUGHLIN**
- 13** **SAMI BAUGH**
- 14** **BRANDI SARGENT**
- 15** **CALLIE ADREON**
- 17** **KYLIE MURRAY**
- 22** **EMILY GERLICK**
- 24** **STEPHANIE ACKERSON**

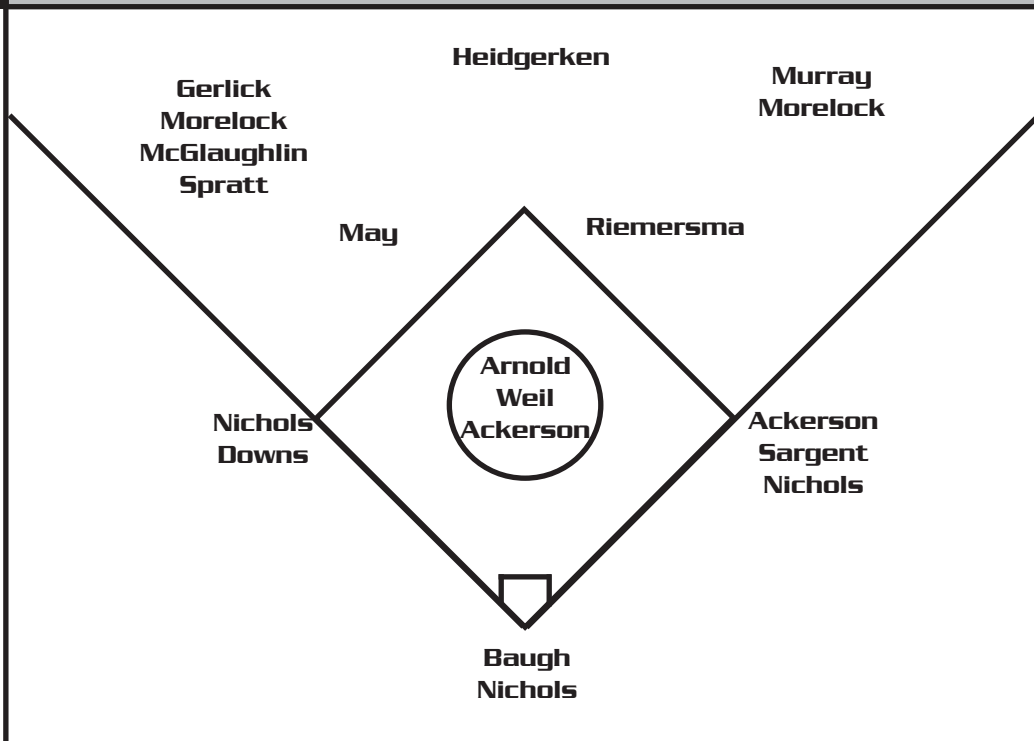
HEAD COACH

GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH

AMANDA SCOTT**Hawkeye Defensive Depth Chart****DOWNS LIKES THE BIG TEN**

Sophomore **Summer Downs** leads the team with a .344 (11-32) batting average in Big Ten play. Downs also has one home run, four doubles and eight RBI in conference action.

NICHOLS FEELS RIGHT AT HOME

Sophomore Emily Nichols must like the surroundings at Pearl Field. She is batting .419 (18-43) with two home runs, seven doubles and 13 RBI in 15 home games. Nichols also has recorded a .721 slugging percentage at Pearl Field.

CALL HER CLUTCH

Junior **Mindy Heidgerken** might be the person that the Hawkeyes want in the box with runners on base. She is batting .400 with runners in scoring position and .556 with a runner on third and less than two outs. Heidgerken is also batting .386 with two outs in the inning and .600 with the bases loaded.

MAY SELECTED IN NPL DRAFT

Shortstop **Stacy May** was drafted by the Comcast Chicago Bandits, a member of the National Professional Fastpitch League (NPF). May was selected with the fourth pick in the second round. She was the Bandits' first pick overall.

May has started every game in her career so far at Iowa and is a two-time all-Big Ten selection. She was also named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2003. She joins current Akron Racer **Kristin Johnson** as the second Hawkeye to be a member of the NPF.

OVER 50 FREE

Men and women ages 50 and older will receive free admission to all softball and baseball game (non post-season events) played at Pearl Field and Banks Field during the month of May. This is part of an agreement with the Johnson County Chapter of AARP.

Individuals simply need to show proof of their age (AARP card or driver's license) upon arrival at the ticket gate.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

| | |
|--|-------|
| 1-RUN GAMES | 11-4 |
| 2-RUN GAMES | 4-1 |
| 3+-RUN GAMES | 22-12 |
| EXTRA INNINGS..... | 2-1 |
| AT PEARL FIELD | 12-2 |
| ON THE ROAD | 9-9 |
| AT NEUTRAL SITE | 11-6 |
| DAY GAMES..... | 25-15 |
| NIGHT GAMES..... | 8-2 |
| IOWA SCORES FIRST..... | 27-4 |
| OPPONENT SCORES FIRST | 6-13 |
| GIVING UP 2 RUNS OR LESS..... | 26-3 |
| GIVING UP 3+ RUNS | 7-14 |
| VS. RANKED OPPONENTS | 2-10 |
| ARNOLD STARTS..... | 14-8 |
| WEIL STARTS..... | 19-9 |
| IOWA HITS A HOMERUN | 16-3 |
| OPPONENT HITS A HOMERUN..... | 9-11 |
| IOWA OUTHITS OPPONENT..... | 24-2 |
| OPPONENT OUTHITS IOWA..... | 2-14 |
| EQUAL NUMBER OF HITS..... | 7-1 |
| IOWA PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S... 27-5 | |
| OPPONENT PITCHERS RECORD MORE K'S... 4-8 | |
| EQUAL NUMBER OF STRIKEOUTS | 2-4 |
| WEARING WHITE UNIFORMS | 9-4 |
| WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS..... | 14-4 |
| WEARING GREY UNIFORMS..... | 9-9 |
| FLYING TO GAME..... | 11-11 |
| BUSING TO GAME..... | 11-4 |
| IN EASTERN TIME ZONE | 7-4 |
| IN CENTRAL TIME ZONE..... | 19-5 |
| IN MOUNTAIN TIME ZONE..... | 2-3 |
| IN PACIFIC TIME ZONE | 5-5 |
| IN IOWA | 14-2 |
| IN FLORIDA | 4-1 |
| IN ARIZONA | 2-3 |
| IN GEORGIA | 0-2 |
| IN ILLINOIS..... | 5-3 |
| IN CALIFORNIA..... | 5-5 |
| IN ILLINOIS..... | 3-1 |
| IN INDIANA | 0-0 |
| IN WISCONSIN..... | 0-0 |
| ON SUNDAY | 8-8 |
| ON MONDAY..... | 0-0 |
| ON TUESDAY | 2-0 |
| ON WEDNESDAY | 4-1 |
| ON THURSDAY..... | 0-0 |
| ON FRIDAY..... | 7-4 |
| ON SATURDAY | 12-4 |

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| LONGEST WINNING STREAK | 7 |
| LONGEST LOSING STREAK..... | 4 |
| CURRENT STREAK | WON 1 |
| LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY | 15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS) |
| LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT..... | 9 (VS. TENNESSEE) |
| MOST AT-BATS..... | 38 (TWICE, LAST VS. ARIZONA STATE) |
| MOST RUNS SCORED..... | 15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS) |
| MOST HITS..... | 16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS) |
| MOST RBI | 12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS) |
| MOST DOUBLES | 5 (AT ILLINOIS) |
| MOST TRIPLES..... | 2 (AT PURDUE) |
| MOST HOME RUNS..... | 3 (TWICE, LAST AT ILLINOIS) |
| MOST STOLEN BASES .. | 4 (TWICE, LAST AT SAC. STATE) |
| MOST STRIKEOUTS | 17 (VS. SACRAMENTO STATE) |
| MOST ERRORS COMMITTED ... | 3 (VS. UIC/SAC. STATE) |
| MOST RUNS ALLOWED ... | 12 (BY N'WESTERN/INDIANA) |
| MOST HITS ALLOWED | 16 (BY NORTHWESTERN) |
| MOST WALKS ALLOWED..... | 8 (AT ARIZONA STATE) |

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S)..... | 343 (NICHOLS) |
| GAMES PLAYED | 50 (FOUR TIED) |
| GAMES STARTED | 50 (FOUR TIED) |
| AT BATS..... | 156 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN) |
| RUNS | 34 (MAY) |
| HITS | 52 (MAY) |
| DOUBLES | 14 (NICHOLS) |
| TRIPLES | 3 (HEIDGERKEN) |

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| HOME RUNS | 5 (NICHOLS & MAY) |
| RBI..... | 31 (NICHOLS) |
| TOTAL BASES | 78 (NICHOLS) |
| SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S)..... | .545 (NICHOLS) |
| WALKS | 20 (MURRAY & NICHOLS) |
| HIT BY PITCH..... | 7 (MAY) |
| STRIKEOUTS..... | 36 (HEIDGERKEN) |
| ON-BASE PERCENTAGE..... | .417 (NICHOLS) |
| SACRIFICE FLIES | 4 (NICHOLS) |
| SACRIFICE HITS..... | 12 (HEIDGERKEN) |
| STOLEN BASES | 13 (WEST) |
| STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS | 19 (WEST) |

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

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|--------------------------------|--------------|
| ERA..... | 2.39 (WEIL) |
| WINS..... | 23 (WEIL) |
| LOSSES | 6 (ARNOLD) |
| WINNING PCT. | .680 (WEIL) |
| APPEARANCES..... | 42 (WEIL) |
| GAMES STARTED | 28 (WEIL) |
| COMPLETE GAMES | 25 (WEIL) |
| SHUTOUTS | 7 (WEIL) |
| SAVES..... | 1 (WEIL) |
| INNINGS PITCHED..... | 231.0 (WEIL) |
| STRIKEOUTS..... | 226 (WEIL) |
| OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE | .223 (WEIL) |

Head Coach Gayle Blevins

THE HEAD HAWKEYE... Gayle Blevins is in her 19th season as the head coach of the Iowa softball program and she has established herself as one of the nation's top coaches. In 1999, Blevins was the 17th inductee into the NFCA Hall of Fame. In her 18 seasons at Iowa, Blevins has guided the Hawkeyes to 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and four Big Ten Championships. She is Iowa's all-time winningest coach with a record of 793-355-3 (.690)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,093-503-5 (.684). Blevins has been named the National Coach of the Year twice (1986 and 1991) and the Big Ten Conference Coach of the Year three times (1989, 1997 and 2000).



BLEVINS' YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

| YEAR | SCHOOL | RECORD | PCT. | YEAR | SCHOOL | RECORD | PCT. |
|------|---------|---------|------|------|--------|---------|------|
| 1980 | INDIANA | 33-16 | .673 | 1994 | IOWA | 35-23 | .603 |
| 1981 | INDIANA | 26-12 | .684 | 1995 | IOWA | 41-26-1 | .612 |
| 1982 | INDIANA | 30-15 | .666 | 1996 | IOWA | 47-19 | .720 |
| 1983 | INDIANA | 45-20-1 | .692 | 1997 | IOWA | 52-9 | .852 |
| 1984 | INDIANA | 37-22 | .633 | 1998 | IOWA | 38-20 | .655 |
| 1985 | INDIANA | 47-20-1 | .701 | 1999 | IOWA | 41-26-1 | .616 |
| 1986 | INDIANA | 45-18 | .714 | 2000 | IOWA | 46-15 | .754 |
| 1987 | INDIANA | 37-23 | .617 | 2001 | IOWA | 49-14 | .778 |
| 1988 | IOWA | 33-20-1 | .620 | 2002 | IOWA | 36-20 | .643 |
| 1989 | IOWA | 40-21 | .656 | 2003 | IOWA | 44-15 | .746 |
| 1990 | IOWA | 43-28 | .606 | 2004 | IOWA | 39-24 | .619 |
| 1991 | IOWA | 53-11 | .828 | 2005 | IOWA | 50-14 | .781 |
| 1992 | IOWA | 34-20 | .630 | 2006 | IOWA | 33-17 | .660 |
| 1993 | IOWA | 39-15 | .722 | | | | |