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IOWA SWIMMING **HAWKEYES ADD FOUR RECRUITS**

IOWA CITY, IA – University of Iowa Swimming Coach **Marc Long** has announced the addition of four recruits to the Hawkeye swimming program. **Chelsea Hoff** has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Iowa while **Heather Hall, Leah Schwartz** and **Andy Miner** have all committed to the Hawkeye swimming program.

Hoff, a backstroker from Middleton, WI, comes to Iowa after leading Middleton High School to a runner-up finish at the 2005 state meet where she was a member of the second-place 400 free relay team. Hoff is also a two-time all-American and all-state selection. She was voted most valuable swimmer and team captain twice. Hoff is a two-time state runner-up in the 100 back and set the school record in the event (57.65). The academic all-American placed fourth in the 100 back (58.46) and sixth in the 200 back (2:08.54) at the 2005 USS State Senior Championships. Hoff is a National Honor Society member and competed for the Badger Aquatics Club.

Hall, a native of Racine, WI, attended Case High School, where she was a two-time conference champion and three-time runner-up. Hall holds school records in the 200 (1:55.29) and 500 (5:08.89) free, and was a member of the school-record setting 200 and 400 free relay teams. The National Honor Society member was a three-time all-conference selection and voted team MVP. Hall was also a National and Wisconsin Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association academic all-American and a USA Swimming academic all-American in 2004-05. She competed for the South Eastern Aquatics YMCA Club team.

Schwartz, also of Middleton, WI, was a high school teammate of Hoff. She is a two-time all-American and earned all-state honors in the 100 back her senior year after placing fourth (58.59). She also swam on the fourth-place 200 medley relay team her senior year and was an all-state honoree for her efforts. Schwartz was conference champion in the 100 back her junior year and is a three-time all-state honorable mention. She holds a school record as part of the 200 medley relay team.

Miner, a freestyler from Rockford, IL, attended Guilford High School where he was elected co-captain and was voted team MVP as a junior. He won four sectional and three conference titles in 2004. Miner, a three-time scholar athlete, was a qualifier and participant at the YMCA national meet as a sophomore, and again as, a junior. In 2004, he placed 16th in the 200 free (1:46.21) and 24th in the 500 free (4:56.15) at the Illinois state meet and was voted MVP for the NIC-9 Conference.

“We’re very excited about the addition of these four outstanding competitors,” Long said. “Chelsea and Leah will give us depth in the backstroke events, while Heather will strengthen our freestyle events. Andy is a strong middle distance freestyler and could prove to be an excellent addition to our free relays. I expect each to make an immediate impact in 2005-06.”

