



HAWKEYE HOME PLATE

Iowa Softball News and Notes

March 15
Sacramento State (DH)
March 17-19
Capital Classic

2006 IOWA SCHEDULE

11-8 Overall, 0-0 Big Ten

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	W, 2-0
	Northern Illinois	L, 1-2
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 (DH)	
Mar. 17-19	at Capital Classic (Sacramento, CA)	
Mar. 17	Jacksonville	12 p.m.
	Long Island	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	Nevada	12 p.m.
	California	5 p.m.
Mar. 19	Syracuse	11 a.m.
Mar. 22	at Illinois State	4 p.m.
Mar. 24-26	Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, IA)	
Mar. 24	Loyola-Chicago	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	South Dakota State	3 p.m.
	North Dakota State	5 p.m.
	Ball State	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Upper Iowa	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Illinois	6 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Illinois	12 p.m.
Apr. 2	at Northwestern (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 4	at Iowa State	4 p.m.
Apr. 7	Minnesota	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	Minnesota	12 p.m.
Apr. 9	North Dakota State	1 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Western Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 14	Michigan	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	Michigan	12 p.m.
Apr. 16	Michigan State (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 18	at Drake	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	Northern Illinois	5 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Purdue	3 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Purdue	12 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Indiana (DH)	12 p.m.
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	12 p.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
24	Steph Ackerson	1B	R-R	So.	15	.071	0	2	0	0	0	.071	0
8	Erin Riemersma	2B	R-R	Fr.	19	.308	12	16	4	2	2	.462	2
10	Stacy May	SS	R-R	Sr.	19	.421	13	24	4	1	6	.492	4
2	Summer Downs	3B	R-R	So.	19	.200	4	10	9	1	1	.280	1
or 1	Emily Nichols	C/3B	R-R	So.	17	.340	9	16	13	2	5	.574	0
17	Kylie Murray	RF	R-R	Sr.	19	.213	6	10	10	2	3	.404	0
11	Mindy Heidgerken	CF	R-R	Jr.	19	.300	11	18	11	1	2	.417	4
22	Emily Gerlick	LF	R-R	Jr.	13	.125	1	2	0	0	0	.125	0
or 8	Quinn Morelock	LF	R-R	Fr.	16	.300	3	9	7	1	0	.469	2
13	Sami Baugh	C	R-R	Jr.	15	.161	5	5	4	1	0	.258	0
or 1	Emily Nichols	C/3B	R-R	So.	17	.340	9	16	13	2	5	.574	0

Probable Pitching Rotation

No.	Name	Throws	Yr.	Record	GS	CG	SHO	SV	ERA	SO	BB	IP
3	Ali Arnold	RHP	Sr.	4-4	11	3	2	0	2.96	46	19	49.2
7	Brittany Weil	RHP	Fr.	7-4	8	7	1	1	3.58	74	31	74.1

HAWKEYES STAY WEST

The University of Iowa softball team (11-8) travels to Sacramento, CA, this week to face Sacramento State and to compete in the Capital Classic. The Hawkeyes will play Sacramento State in a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Capital Classic, hosted by Sacramento State, kicks off Friday with Iowa playing Jacksonville at 12 p.m. and Long Island at 5 p.m. Iowa will square off against Nevada at 12 p.m. and Nevada at 5 p.m. Saturday, then close the tournament against Syracuse at 11 a.m. Sunday. All times listed are central. Fans can access the Capital Classic website at www.hornetsports.com/sports/softball/tournament/2006/.

MORE RAIN AT NIST

The Hawkeyes once again ran into weather issues, this time at the NIST. Iowa was scheduled to play at least six games last weekend, but strong rain cancelled the first day of play. The Hawkeyes were able to play four games last weekend and finished the NIST with a 3-1 record.

ARNOLD PERFECT AGAINST ST. FRANCIS

Senior pitcher **Ali Arnold** threw the first perfect game of her career in a 15-0, five-inning win over St. Francis. Arnold registered her second career no-hitter, striking out eight batters and walking none.

Iowa scored in all four innings it batted and 10 Hawkeyes recorded at least one hit, while four players collected multiple RBI. Sophomore **Emily Nichols** went 2-4 with four RBI and four runs scored, including a two-run home run. Senior **Stacy May** also belted a solo home run against St. Francis.

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVERALL
1. PENN STATE	0-0	13-3
2. MICHIGAN STATE	0-0	7-3
3. MICHIGAN	0-0	11-5
4. MINNESOTA	0-0	12-6
5. NORTHWESTERN	0-0	10-6
T6. IOWA	0-0	11-8
INDIANA	0-0	11-8-1
8. PURDUE	0-0	13-14
9. OHIO STATE	0-0	9-10
10. WISCONSIN	0-0	6-9
11. ILLINOIS	0-0	7-10

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN ACTION

Week of March 14-19

Iowa at Sacramento State (DH)

Sacramento, CA

Illinois at Illinois State

Indiana at Bethune-Cookman (DH)

Indiana at Stetson

Michigan at UCLA

Wisconsin vs. Utah State (DH)

Purdue at USF Speedline Invite

Tampa, FL

Iowa at Capital Classic

Sacramento, CA

Illinois at Captial Classic

Sacramento, CA

Michigan at Judi Garman Classic

Fullerton, CA

Michigan State at Florida Atlantic

Tampa, FL

Minnesota at Capital Classic

Sacramento, CA

Northwestern at Hawaii Invitational

Honolulu, HI

Purdue at USF Speedline Invite

Tampa, FL

Wisconsin at Capital Classic

Sacramento, CA

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Hawkeye Softball Notes

HAWKEYES EDGE SAN JOSE STATE

Iowa edged host school San Jose State, 3-2, in game two at the NIST. The Hawkeyes collected 10 hits, all singles, and also drew five walks. Senior **Stacy May** went 3-4 while junior **Mindy Heidgerken** was a perfect 3-3.

Freshman **Brittany Weil** tossed a complete game in her sixth win of the season. She collected nine strikeouts and allowed only two hits and one walk.

ASU TOPS IOWA

The Hawkeyes faced Arizona State for the fourth time this season with the Sun Devils coming away with a 3-0 victory. Heidgerken and May led the Hawkeye offense, each going 2-3 with a double and a stolen base. Freshmen **Quinn Morelock** and **Erin Riemersma** both went 1-2.

Weil threw five and two-thirds innings, allowing two earned runs and struck out eight. Arnold, who started the contest, was relieved after one-third of an inning.

THRILLER VS. SANTA CLARA

Iowa rallied from a 2-0 deficit for a 6-5 win against Santa Clara in the final game of the NIST. Iowa posted three runs in the top of the fourth to grab a 3-2 lead, but the Broncos tied the game at 3-3 with a run in the fifth. The Hawkeyes added one run in the sixth and two in the seventh to take a 6-3 lead, but the Broncos fought back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Weil eventually shut down the Broncos, recording two lineouts and a strikeout. She posted 10 K's in the game.

GOING YARD

Sophomore **Emily Nichols** recorded her second home run of the season against St. Francis at the NIST last weekend.

Nichols, who has 18 career home runs, is only 11 home runs shy of the career home run mark of 29 held by Alicia Gerlach.

HEIDGERKEN COMING ON

Sophomore centerfielder **Mindy Heidgerken** batted .615 (8-13) with two doubles, three RBI and three runs scored last weekend at the NIST. Heidgerken recorded at least one hit in all four games, including a perfect 3-3 against San Jose State. The Long Grove, IA, native is batting .300 on the season.

ARNOLD MOVING UP

Senior **Ali Arnold** passed former Hawkeye player and assistant coach Debbie Bilbao for fifth on the career strikeout list at the Littlewood Classic earlier this season. Arnold now has 515 career K's.

FRESHMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hawkeye freshmen have recorded 27 hits and scored 37 runs so far this season.

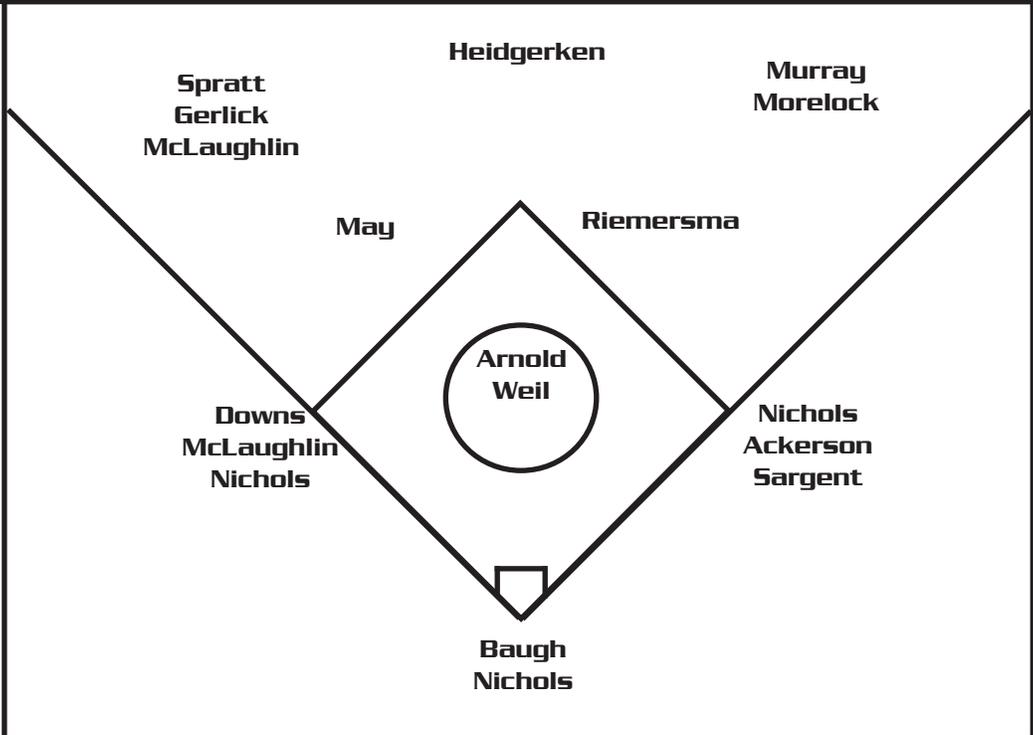
Erin Riemersma has started all 19 games at second base while **Brittany Weil** has started eight games in the circle. **Colleen McGlaughlin** has started eight games and appeared in 11, while **Quinn Morelock** has made 11 starts and 16 appearances. **Rachel West** and **Callie Adreon** have appeared as pinch runners, and **Lindsey Emery** has two plate appearance as a pinch hitter.

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.

- 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 STEPH ACKERSON**



HEAD COACH
GAYLE BLEVINS

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
MICHELLE VENTURELLA

PITCHING COACH
AMANDA SCOTT



IOWA vs. MICHIGAN ON TV

Iowa's softball contest vs. Michigan on April 15 at Pearl Field will be broadcast to a national cable audience on College Sports Television (CSTV). The game is scheduled for a 12 p.m. start. In addition, the telecast can also be seen statewide on Mediacom's Connections Channel.

This is the first time in school history that a regular season home game has been televised.

EARLY HONORS

Senior **Stacy May** and freshman **Brittany Weil** were both named to the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic all-Tournament team.

May batted .462 (6-13) with three doubles during the opening tournament while Weil went 4-1 with a 0.98 ERA and 18 K's in her first action as a Hawkeye.

HEADSHOTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Media members interested in downloading headshots of current Hawkeye players and coaches can visit pics.hawkeyesports.com.

SCOTT NAMED PITCHING COACH

Amanda Scott is in her first season as Iowa's new pitching coach. Scott began her coaching career at Michigan State where she served as pitching coach from 2002-04. She then pitched professionally for the New York Juggernauts and led them to a National Pro Fastpitch championship in 2004 while earning league M.V.P. honors. Scott served as the Juggernauts pitching coach during the 2005 season.

Scott was a member of the U.S. National Team from 1997-00 and earned a gold medal at the 1998 World Championships. She was also an alternate on the 2000 Olympic Team.

Scott played at Fresno State and graduated as one of the school's most decorated athletes. She was named Fresno State's No. 2 greatest athlete of the 20th century and led the Bulldogs to their first NCAA Championship in 1998. Scott also received the NCAA Top VIII Award in 2001, which singles out eight NCAA student-athletes who demonstrate athletic success, academic achievement and community service.

IOWA'S RECORD WHEN...

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

IOWA'S TEAM SINGLE GAME INFO

LONGEST WINNING STREAK	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	4
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	9 (VS. TENNESSEE)
MOST AT-BATS	38 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST RUNS SCORED.....	15 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST HITS.....	16 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST RBI	12 (VS. ST. FRANCIS)
MOST DOUBLES	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE/SANTA CLARA)
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3 (VS. ILLINOIS STATE)
MOST STOLEN BASES	4 (VS. SANTA CLARA)
MOST STRIKEOUTS	13 (VS. ARKANSAS)
MOST ERRORS COMMITTED	3 (VS. ILLINOIS-CHICAGO)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED	11 (BY TENNESSEE)
MOST HITS ALLOWED ...	11 (TWICE, LAST BY TENNESSEE)
MOST WALKS ALLOWED.....	8 (AT ARIZONA STATE)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL TEAM BATTING LEADERS

BATTING AVG. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.421 (MAY)
GAMES PLAYED	19 (FIVE TIED)
GAMES STARTED	19 (FIVE TIED)
AT BATS.....	60 (HEIDGERKEN)
RUNS	13 (MAY)
HITS	24 (MAY)
DOUBLES	6 (MAY)
TRIPLES	1 (HEIDGERKEN & MORELOCK)
HOME RUNS	2 (THREE TIED)

RBI.....	13 (NICHOLS)
TOTAL BASES	33 (MAY)
SLUGGING PCT. (MIN. 5 AB'S).....	.579 (MAY)
WALKS	11 (NICHOLS)
HIT BY PITCH.....	1 (FOUR TIED)
STRIKEOUTS.....	15 (HEIDGERKEN & RIEMERSMA)
ON-BASE PERCENTAGE.....	.492 (MAY)
SACRIFICE FLIES	2 (MURRAY)
SACRIFICE HITS.....	4 (RIEMERSMA & MURRAY)
STOLEN BASES	4 (MAY & HEIDGERKEN)
STOLEN BASE ATTEMPTS	7 (HEIDGERKEN)

IOWA'S INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

ERA.....	2.96 (ARNOLD)
WINS.....	7 (WEIL)
LOSSES	4 (ARNOLD & WEIL)
WINNING PCT640 (ARNOLD)
APPEARANCES.....	16 (WEIL)
GAMES STARTED	11 (ARNOLD)
COMPLETE GAMES	7 (WEIL)
SHUTOUTS	2 (ARNOLD)
SAVES.....	1 (WEIL)
INNINGS PITCHED.....	74.1 (WEIL)
STRIKEOUTS.....	74 (WEIL)
OPPONENT BATTING AVERAGE218 (ARNOLD)

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 771-346-3 (.692)

Her career record in 26 years of coaching is 1,071-494-5 (.685). 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	11-8	.580
1993	IOWA	39-15	.722				