

IOWA FIELD HOCKEY

FINAL NOTES

2018 SCHEDULE 14-7 (4-4)

8/25vs. #14 Wake Forest	W, 2-1
8/26at #2 North Carolina	L, 1-2 (OT)
8/31vs. Dartmouth #	W, 6-0
9/2vs. Ball State #	W, 7-1
9/8vs. Providence	W, 1-0
9/9at New Hampshire	W, 2-0
9/14vs. Penn #	
9/16vs. Indiana *!	W, 3-0
9/21at #14 Northwestern *	L, 0-2
9/22vs. #25 California	W, 4-1
9/28at Michigan State *!	W, 4-0
9/30at #23 Ohio State *	W, 2-1 (OT)
10/5vs. #6 Michigan *#	L, 1-2.
10/7vs. #21 Stanford #	W, 3-0
10/12vs. #6 Penn State *#	W, 3-2
10/14vs. #2 Maryland *!	L, 1-2
10/19at #13 Rutgers *#	
Big Ten Tournament	
10/28 #7 Penn State !	W, 3-2 (20T)
11/2#7 Michigan !	W, 2-1
11/4#2 Maryland !	L, 1-2
NCAA Tournament	
11/9 #12 Wake Forest	L, 2-3

All game times listed are Central Home games are bolded

- * Big Ten Conference Games
- ! Televised by Big Ten Network
- # Streamed live on BTN2GO

PENN MONTO/NFHCA RANKINGS

No.	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	North Carolina (43)	1075
2.	Maryland	1000
3.	Duké	916
4.	Princeton	896
5.	Connecticut	876
<u>No.</u> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.	Harvard	832
7.	IOWA	788
8. 9.	Michigan	678
9.	Penn State	667
10.	Saint Joseph's	658
11. 12.	Rutgers	592
12.	Wake Forest	552
13.	Virginia	491
14.	Boston College	433
l	Louisville	433
16.	Liberty	414
17.	Albany	385
18.	Deleware	377
19.	Maine	281
20.	Syracuse	271
21. 22.	Ohio State	214
22.	Boston	212
23.	Stanford	148
24.	Miami (OH)	130
25.	Northwestern	128

SEASON RECAP

The seventh-ranked University of Iowa field hockey team finished the 2018 season at 14-7 (4-4), including a trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Hawkeyes began the season in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at the Big Ten/ACC Challenge where they went 1-1 against two top-15 teams. Iowa then went on a six-game winning streak in nonconference action, which featured a four-game shutout streak. The Hawkeyes began the conference slate with a 3-0 win over Indiana and finished 4-4 in the Big Ten to earn a six seed via a tiebreaker at the Big Ten Tournament. The Hawkeyes made a run to the Big Ten Championship, knocking off third-seeded Penn State and second-seeded Michigan, before falling to top-seeded Maryland in the conference championship. Iowa's postseason was extended to the NCAA Tournament — the program's 23rd appearance — in a rematch against Wake Forest after the Hawkeyes claimed an at-large bid.

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Iowa's 14 wins were the most since 2011.
- The Hawkeyes reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2012, which marked Lisa Celluci's first appearance as head coach.
- Iowa's six-game winning streak from Aug. 31 to Sept. 16 was its longest since 2012.
- The Hawkeye defense recorded four straight shutouts for the first time since 2000.
- Iowa posted seven wins over top-25 opponents: No. 14 Wake Forest, No. 25 California, No. 23 Ohio State, No. 21 Stanford, No. 6/7 Penn State, and No. 7 Michigan. Iowa's two wins over Penn State were the first since 2014, while the Hawkeyes beat Michigan for the first time since 2013.
- The Hawkeyes became the first ever six seed to advance to the Big Ten Championship game.
- · Iowa was 9-0 when scoring at least three goals.
- The Hawkeyes went 6-2 at home with losses against top-10 teams in Michigan and Maryland.

INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sophomore Maddy Murphy led the team in goals (13), points (33), and game-winning goals (4). Murphy's 13 goals tied for the fourth most in the conference, while her 33 points tied for fifth most in the conference.
- Junior Katie Birch led the team in assists (10) and shots (56), and was second on the team with 26 points. Birch's 10 assists were the fourth most in the Big Ten.
- Junior Sophie Sunderland's seven goals, five assists, and 19 points were third most on the team.
- Junior goalkeeper Leslie Speight was 14-7 and led the Big Ten with seven shutouts, while only allowing 23 goals in 21 games, the second best goals against average in the conference and sixth best in the country. Speight recorded 60 saves along with a .723 save percentage. Speight recorded a career-high 10 saves in Iowa's 3-2 win No. 6 Penn State.
- Murphy, Birch, and Sunderland all recorded hat tricks this season. Birch registered her fourth career hat trick in Iowa's 6-0 win over Dartmouth. Next game, Sunderland posted her first career hat trick in Iowa's 7-1 win over Ball State. Murphy's first career hat trick came at home against No. 6 Penn State in Iowa's 3-2 win.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT RECAP

Entering the Big Ten Tournament as a six seed via tiebreaker, the Hawkeyes took down two top-10 opponents en route to a runner-up finish. In the quarterfinals, Iowa moved passed third-seeded Penn State in double overtime thanks to Anthe Nijziel's game-winning goal in the 85th minute. The Hawkeyes kept the momentum going in the semifinals, scoring two first-half goals against second-seeded Michigan to hold on to a 2-1 victory and advance to the Big Ten finals against top-seeded Maryland. In a back and forth game, Iowa registered six-of-nine shots on goal and nearly came back from a 2-0 deficit, but fell 2-1 in a rainy Big Ten Championship. Iowa's second-place finish was its best since 2013. Sophomore Ellie Holley and freshman Anthe Nijziel earned Big Ten All-Tournament team honors.

2018 BIG TEN STANDINGS

#2 Maryland #8 Michigan #9 Penn State #21 Ohio State #7 IOWA #11 Rutgers #25 Northwestern	Conf. 7-1 7-1 6-2 5-4 4-4 4-5 3-5	Over. 22-3 14-7 12-6 12-8 14-7 13-5 9-10 4-12
Indiana	1-7	4-12
Michigan State	0-8	4-15

2018 ROSTER

5	Emily Deuell	So.	D
4	Makenna Grewe	Sr.	MF
5	Meghan Conroy	Fr.	MF/F
6	Anthe Nijziel	Fr.	D
7	Ellie Holley	So.	MF
8	Nikki Freeman	So.	MF
10	Isabella Brown	Sr.	D
11	Katie Birch	Jr.	MF/D
13	Leah Zellner	Fr.	F
14	Lokke Stribos	Fr.	D/MF
15	Riley Kniptash	Sr.	D
16	Isabella Solaroli	Jr.	MF/F
17	Ciara Smith	Fr.	F
18	Mya Christopher	So.	MF/F
19	Ryley Miller	Jr.	MF
50	Sophie Sunderland	Jr.	MF
21	Makenna Maguire	Fr.	F/MF
24	Cat Nicholson	Fr.	D
56	Maddy Murphy	So.	F
62	Grace McGuire	Fr.	GK
96	Leslie Speight	Jr.	GK

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INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

Members of the University of Iowa field hockey team and coaching staff will be available for interviews each Tuesday before practice during the regular season.

To attend, please contact UI field hockey communications contact Shane Sturtz by phone (319-541-0119) or email (shane-sturtz@uiowa.edu). Be sure to include which coaches and student-athletes you would like to speak with to ensure availability.

POSTSEASON ACCOLADES

Six Hawkeyes earned postseason awards.
• Sophomore Maddy Murphy was a NFHCA third team All-American, NFHCA first team All-West Region, and first team All-Big Ten selection.
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- Murphy and Birch became the 91st and 92nd national All-Americans in program history
- Junior Sophie Sunderland was a NFHCA second team All-West Region and second team All-Big Ten selection.
- Freshman Anthe Nijziel and sophomore Ellie Holley were NFHCA second team All-West region selections.
- Senior Riley Kniptash was named Iowa's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award honoree.
- Iowa's coaching staff was recognized as the West Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

FINAL RANKINGS

The Hawkeyes finished the 2018 season ranked seventh in the final Penn Monto/NFHCA Rankings, which is the first time Iowa has finished inside the top 10 to end the season since 2008. Iowa was ranked 20th in the initial preseason poll, before moving up 13 spots throughout the season. The Hawkeyes spent two weeks in the top 20, three weeks in the top 15, and the final six weeks in the top 10.

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

In a conference that featured seven top-25 and five NCAA Tournament teams, Iowa finished its league slate at .500 (4-4). Including the postseason, Iowa has faced 14 top-25 opponents, going 7-7 with two wins over Penn State. The Hawkeyes were 4-6 against six teams who qualified for the NCAA Tournament. All seven of Iowa's losses this season were from ranked opponents with six of them coming by one goal.

GREAT WALL OF IOWA

Iowa's defense was stout all season, allowing only 23 goals in 21 games for a 1.10 goals against average, which is second best in the Big Ten and sixth best in the country. With junior goalkeeper Leslie Speight in goal, the Hawkeye defense recorded a Big Ten best seven shutouts, which is tied for the fifth most nationally. Iowa's defense stifled opponents, limiting them to an average of 6.4 shots per game to Iowa's 13.1 shots per game. The Hawkeyes doubled opponents in shots (276 to 135) and nearly did the same with penalty corners (121 to 72).

FRESHMEN PRODUCTION

Seven of eight freshman saw the field this season with many playing a pivotal part in Iowa's success. Freshmen Anthe Nijziel and Lokke Stribos started all 21 games and anchored Iowa's dominant defense. In Iowa's 3-2 quarterfinal win over Penn State, Nijziel, who earned Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week on Sept. 17. recorded four points on one goal and two assists. Nijziel earned All-Big Ten Tournament team honors after helping lead Iowa to its best finish in the Big Ten Tournament since 2013. Nijziel finished the season with five goals and four assists. Stribos scored her first Hawkeve goal at home against No. 25 California and finished the season with four assists. Freshmen accounted for seven goals and eight assists this season.

SHARING THE WEALTH

Seven Hawkeyes scored at least four goals, while 11 different Hawkeyes scored a goal this season. Of Iowa's 51 goals, 41 were assisted on. Katie Birch led the team with 10 assists, the fourth most in the Big Ten, while six other Hawkeyes had at least three assists.

NATION'S BEST CONFERENCE

Seven Big Ten schools -- No. 2 Maryland, **No. 7 IOWA**, No. 8 Michigan, No. 9 Penn State, No. 11
Rutgers, No. 21 Ohio State, and No. 25 Northwestern -- were ranked in the final Penn Monto/
NFHCA Division I National Coaches Poll. Iowa moved up 13 spots since being ranked 20th in the preseason rankings on Aug. 20. A Big Ten record five teams competed in the NCAA Tournament. Michigan advanced to the Elite Eight, before falling to eventual National Champion North Carolina. Maryland was the NCAA Championship runner-up for the second consecutive year.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Eight Hawkeyes — Isabella Brown, Makenna Grewe, Ellie Holley, Riley Kniptash, Ryley Miller, Maddy Murphy, Isabella Solaroli, and Leslie Speight — earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

LOOKING AHEAD

Losing three seniors, Iowa returns nearly every starter, including its top goal scorer, assist leader, and goalkeeper.

LINK UP WITH THE HAWKEYES

For an inside look at the Iowa field hockey program, "like" The University of Iowa Field Hockey Team on Facebook and follow @IowaFieldHockey on Twitter and Instagram.



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2018 SEASON STATS

Iowa Field Hockey IOWA Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 09, 2018) All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	14-7	6-2	4-3	4-2
CONFERENCE	4-4	2-2	2-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	10-3	4-0	2-1	4-2

	Date	Onnonont		Score	Att.
_		Opponent			
	Aug 25	vs #14 Wake Forest	W	2-1	205
	Aug 26	at #2 North Carolina	Lot	1-2	313
	Aug 31	DART	W	6-0	192
	Sep 02	BSU	W	7-1	242
	Sep 08	vs Providence	W	1-0	122
	Sep 09	at New Hampshire	W	2-0	179
	Sep 14	PENN	W	3-0	303
*	Sep 16	INDIANA	W	3-0	426
*	Sep 21	at #14 Northwestern	L	0-2	187
	Sep 22	vs #25 California	W	4-1	80
*	Sep 28	at Michigan State	W	4-0	116
*	Sep 30	at #23 Ohio State	Wo2	2-1	256
*	Oct 05	#6 MICHIGAN	L	1-2	201
	Oct 07	#21 STANFORD	W	3-0	183
*	Oct 12	#6 PENN STATE	W	3-2	283
*	Oct 14	#2 MARYLAND	L	1-2	335
*	Oct 19	at #13 RU	L	0-1	362
	Oct 28	at Penn State	Wo2	3-2	567
	Nov 02	vs #2 Michigan	W	2-1	208
	Nov 04	vs #1 Maryland	L	1-2	165
	Nov 09	vs #12 Wake Forest	<u>L</u>	2-3	180

##	Player	gp	g	а	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	ps-att	dsv
11	Katie Birch	21	8	10	26	56	.143	34	.607	3	0-1	1
26	Maddy Murphy	21	13	7	33	52	.250	34	.654	4	0-0	0
7	Ellie Holley	19	4	3	11	35	.114	17	.486	1	0-0	0
6	Anthe Nijziel	21	5	4	14	32	.156	18	.562	2	0-0	1
4	Makenna Grewe	21	5	4	14	20	.250	12	.600	1	0-0	0
13	Leah Zellner	21	1	0	2	18	.056	12	.667	0	0-0	0
18	Mya Christopher	21	4	0	8	15	.267	11	.733	2	0-0	0
20	Sophie Sunderland	21	7	5	19	14	.500	11	.786	1	0-0	0
8	Nikki Freeman	21	0	0	0	10	.000	3	.300	0	0-0	0
5	Meghan Conroy	21	0	0	0	8	.000	1	.125	0	0-0	0
16	Isabella Solaroli	19	2	1	5	4	.500	4	1.000	0	0-0	0
19	Ryley Miller	19	1	2	4	4	.250	2	.500	0	0-0	0
21	Makenna Maguire	16	0	1	1	4	.000	2	.500	0	0-0	0
14	Lokke Stribos	21	1	4	6	3	.333	3	1.000	0	0-0	0
15	Riley Kniptash	4	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
17	Ciara Smith	7	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
2	Emily Deuell	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
96	Leslie Speight	21	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
24	Cat Nicholson	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
10	Isabella Brown	21	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
	Total	21	51	41	143	276	.185	164	.594	14	0-1	2
	Opponents	21	23	20	66	135	.170	85	.630	7	1-1	4

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	51-276	23-135
Goals scored per game	2.43	1.10
Shot pct.	.185	.170
Shots on goal-Attempts	164-276	85-135
SOG pct.	.594	.630
Shots/Game	13.1	6.4
PENALTY CORNERS	121	72
PENALTY STROKES	0-1	1-1
PENALTIES		
Green cards	23	21
Yellow cards	11	8
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2165	1980
Dates/Avg Per Date	8/271	7/283
Neutral Site #/Avg	6/160	

##	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg S	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	Sho
96	Leslie Speight	21	1502:38	23	1.07	60	.723	14-7-0	7/0
	Total	21	1513:40	23	1.06	62	.729	14-7-0	7
	Opponents	21	1513:40	51	2.36	111	.685	7-14-0	2
Go	als by Period	10	et 2nd	ΩТ	OT2 To	ntal			

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
IOWA	22	27	0	2	51
Opponents	10	12	1	0	23
Shots by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
IOWA	128	139	5	4	276
Opponents	52	70	9	4	135
Saves by Period	4-4	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Saves by Fellou	1st	ZIIU	٠.		
IOWA	23	32	5	2	62
				2	62 111
IOWA	23	32	5	_	
IOWA Opponents	23 50	32 55	5 5	1	111





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NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

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* Oct 19	at #13 RU	L	0-1	362

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TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	ОРР
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	14-93	10-42
Goals scored per game	1.75	1.25
Shot pct.	.151	.238
Shots on goal-Attempts	58-93	23-42
SOG pct.	.624	.548
Shots/Game	11.6	5.2
PENALTY CORNERS	47	23
PENALTY STROKES	0-1	0-0
PENALTIES		
Green cards	9	9
Yellow cards	3	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1245	921
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/311	4/230
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

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11	Katie Birch	8	1	4	6	17	.059	11	.647	1	0-1	0
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7	Ellie Holley	8	2	0	4	11	.182	6	.545	1	0-0	0
18	Mya Christopher	8	2	0	4	6	.333	6	1.000	1	0-0	0
4	Makenna Grewe	8	0	2	2	6	.000	4	.667	0	0-0	0
8	Nikki Freeman	8	0	0	0	5	.000	2	.400	0	0-0	0
5	Meghan Conroy	8	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0	0
13	Leah Zellner	8	0	0	0	3	.000	3	1.000	0	0-0	0
20	Sophie Sunderland	8	2	2	6	3	.667	3	1.000	0	0-0	0
16	Isabella Solaroli	7	0	1	1	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0	0
19	Ryley Miller	7	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0	0
14	Lokke Stribos	8	0	2	2	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0
21	Makenna Maguire	5	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
96	Leslie Speight	8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
17	Ciara Smith	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
10	Isabella Brown	8	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
	Total	8	14	13	41	93	.151	58	.624	4	0-1	0
	Opponents	8	10	10	30	42	.238	23	.548	4	0-0	1

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96	Leslie Speight	8	577:31	10	1.21	13	.565	4-4-0	2/0
	Total	8	580:00	10	1.21	13	.565	4-4-0	2
	Opponents	8	580:00	14	1.69	44	.759	4-4-0	2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
IOWA	4	9	0	1	14
Opponents	4	6	0	0	10
Shots by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
IOWA	41	49	0	3	93
Opponents	15	23	4	0	42
Saves by Period	1st	2nd	ОТ	OT2	Total
Saves by Period IOWA	1st 6	2nd 6	от	OT2	Total 13
IOWA	6	6	1	0	13
IOWA Opponents	6 20	6 23	1 0	0	13 44

