

IOWA WOMEN'S WRESTLING



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SCHEDULE & RESULTS (4-0)

NOVEMBER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
4	at East Stroudsburg	W-43-1
5	at Princeton Open	6 Champions
12	*Trailblazer Duals	11 a.m.
	Presbyterian	44-1
	Lindenwood	43-0
	Sacred Heart	40-4
17-18	at Missouri Valley	6 Champions

DECEMBER

10	at North Central	3 Medalists
17	at Desert Duals	All Day
29-30	at Soldier Salute	All Day

JANUARY

5-6	NCWA National Duals	All Day
21	*Iowa Quad Duals	TBA
27	at Indiana Tech	All Day
31	at Sioux Falls	6 p.m.

FEBRUARY

23-24	! NCWWC Regionals	TBA
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MARCH

8-9	+ National Championships	TBA
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All times Central and subject to change.

* Home dual

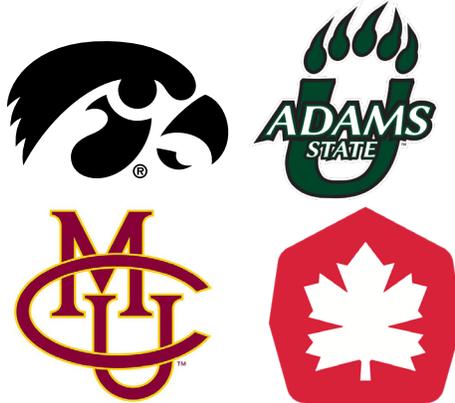
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+ in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

ON THE MAT

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 | 10:35 A.M. (CT)
DESERT DUALS



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
FLAMINGO HOTEL & CASINO

WRESTLING COVERAGE

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Iowa women's wrestling team on X (IowaW_Wrestling), Instagram (IowaWomenswrestling), and Facebook (Iowa Women's Wrestling).

FOLLOW ALONG LIVE

- The duals will be updated live on trackwrestling.com
- The first dual against Adams State will start at 10:35 am (CT), followed by CMU at 1:30 pm (CT), and ending with SFU at 2:05 pm (CT)

MAKING HISTORY

The week of October 30th, 2023, was the official start of the inaugural University of Iowa women's wrestling season. At the East Stroudsburg dual, the Hawkeyes dominated ESU, winning their dual 43-1. On Sunday at the Princeton Open, the Hawkeyes secured six gold medals, and a total of 10 top three finishes. Two placement matches consisted of two Hawkeyes wrestling against each other. Sterling Dias and Emilie Gonzalez wrestled for first at 101, while Anakya Besco and Cali Leng wrestled for fifth at 130.

TEAM RANKINGS

NWCA Coaches Poll (As of 12/7/23)			
Rank	Team (First)	Record	Pts.
1.	Iowa	4-0	115
2.	North Central	6-0	107
3.	King	4-0	90
4.	Colorado Mesa	4-0	47
5.	McKendree	8-1	41
6.	Sacred Heart	8-2	30
7.	Lock Haven	3-1	19
8.	Simon Fraser	3-0	17
9.	New Jersey City	1-7	16
10.	Northern Michigan	1-0	15
11.	Gannon	1-3	13
12.	Aurora	3-3	12
13.	Presbyterian	4-2	11
13.	Tiffin	6-6	11
15.	UW-Stevens Point	1-0	10
15.	Wartburg	0-1	10
17.	East Stroudsburg	4-2	8
18.	Lindenwood	7-4	7
18.	Augsburg	1-2	7
20.	Emmanuel	6-2	4
20.	Mount Olive	7-4	4
22.	Ozarks	0-3	3
23.	Simpson	7-2	2
24.	Elmira	5-5	1

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

NAME (LBS.)	NWCA
Emilie Gonzalez (101)	1
Sterling Dias (101)	2
Ava Bayless (109)	2
Brianna Gonzalez (116)	3
Felicity Taylor (123)	2
Emily Frost (130)	10
Nanea Estrella (136)	2
Esther Han (136)	6
Reese Larramendy (143)	1
Ella Schmit (143)	2
Marlyne Deede (155)	1
Kylie Welker (170)	1
Haley Ward (170)	3
Alivia White (191)	7

(As of Dec. 7, 2023)



QUICK FACTS

School Information

Name: University of Iowa
Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 31,452
President: Barbara J. Wilson
Henry B. and Patricia B. Tippie Director of Athletics: Interim Beth Goetz
Colors: Black & Gold (PMS 116)
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Mascot: Herky the Hawk
Conference: Big Ten
Facility (Capacity): Carver-Hawkeye Arena (14,847)

Team Information

Head Coach (Alma Mater, Yr.): Clarissa Chun (University of Colorado-CO Springs, 2005)
Associate Head Coach (Alma Mater, Year): Gary Mayabb (Central Missouri)
Assistant Coach (Alma Mater, Year): Tonya Verbeek (Brock University)
Returning All-Americans: Felicity Taylor

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Anakya Besco.....An-i-KA
Alexandra Baudhein..BOWD-win
Rose Cassioppi.....cass-EE-OH-pee
Marlynne Deedem-ARE-linn DEE-DEE
Sterling DiasDI-ahz
Nanea Estrellanuh-NAY-uh es-TRELL-a
Esther Han.....HON
Reese Larramendy.....laira-MEN-dy
Cali LengL-AY-ng
Gary Mayabb.....may-ab
Bella MirMEER
Bella NgoNO
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NO. 1 IN THE POLLS

For the second time in the regular season, the Hawkeyes sit at No. 1 in the NWCA coaches poll. Iowa leads with 115 points, being followed by North Central at No. 2 (107), and King at No. 3 (90).

INCOMING ALL-AMERICAN

- Felicity Taylor, a native of Spillville, Iowa, spent the past four years at McKendree University in Illinois, where she helped the Bearcats win three national team titles. She was the NCWWC National Champion in 2021, while finishing as the 116-pound national runner-up in 2019, 2020 and 2022.
- Taylor has also excelled on the national scene, winning both the U.S. Open and U23 National Tournaments and qualifying for Final X. It is the final leg of USA Wrestling's Senior World Team Trials process.

DEEDE DOMINATES NWCA ALL-STAR CLASSIC

- Marlynne Deede competed at the NWCA All-Star Classic on November 21st in State College, Pennsylvania.
- Under the lights of Rec Hall on the campus of Penn State University, Deede defeated Latifah Mcbryde of Life, via an 8-3 decision.

NEWCOMERS

- The Hawkeyes brought in 13 new signees to start the 2023-24 season; 4 transfers and 9 freshman.
- Introducing one transfer from Jamestown, Augsburg, and two from McKendree.
- Only one of the Hawkeye newcomers is an Iowa native, Freshman Lilly Luft. Luft comes from Charles City, ranking first nationally in her weight class.
- The other 9 freshman come from a wide range of hometowns, reaching from California all the way to New Jersey.

ESTRELLA'S FIGHT FOR LAHAINA

On August 8th, 2023, the deadliest U.S. wild-fire in more than 100 years burned through Lahaina, killing at least 115 people and leveling homes and businesses. University of Iowa wrestler Nanea Estrella attended Lahainaluna High School for four years, boarding in her adopted community about an hour west of her hometown of Makawao, in upcountry Maui. Estrella reached out to the Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; Macy Anderson, community engagement and communica-

tions associate in Student Athlete Academic Services; and Kara Park, assistant athletics director for student development. Together, they decided to hold a drive to replace the toys and athletic supplies that so many kids lost in the fire. Donations poured into Carver-Hawkeye Arena and Iowa Book, as well as Xtream Arena before the Hawkeye volleyball team's home opener during FRYfest.

GONZALEZ NAMED REGIONAL WOTM

Sophomore Brianna Gonzalez was named NWCA region 5 Wrestler of the Month for November. Gonzalez is currently undefeated at 116 pounds, and is ranked third in recent NWCA rankings.

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes will head to Xtream Arena in Coralville, Iowa, on December 29th-30th to compete in the second annual Soldier Salute. The first session will start on Friday at 10 a.m. CT.

INTERNATIONAL HAWKEYES 2022-23

Reese Larramendy
• 5th place at U20 World Championships

Felicity Taylor
• 5th place at U23 World Championships

Ella Schmit
• 5th place at Klippan Women's Open
• U20 Pan-American Champion

Esther Han
• 3rd place at Korean National Championships

Bella Mir
• 5th place at U20 World Championships

Kylie Welker
• U20 Pan-American Champion
• 7th place at Pan-Am Games

Haley Ward
• U20 Pan-American Champion

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CLARISSA CHUN
Head Coach
UC Colorado Springs, 2005

Clarissa Chun was named head coach of the University of Iowa women's wrestling team on Nov. 18, 2021. Chun is the first head coach in the history of the program. Iowa announced on Sept. 23, 2021, that it was adding women's wrestling as an intercollegiate program, becoming the first NCAA Division I, Power Five conference institution to offer

the sport.

Chun joins the Iowa women's wrestling program from USA Wrestling, where she was an assistant coach on the women's national team from 2017-21. Working on staff with former Hawkeye national champion and women's national team head coach Terry Steiner, Chun helped lead the United States to 17 World medals, including seven gold, four silver and six bronzes, as well as an Olympic gold, Olympic silver and two Olympic bronzes.

In the United States' most recent showing at the 2021 World Championships in Oslo, Norway, the women's team won two gold, two silver and three bronze medals, a historic seven-medal performance that led Team USA to a second-place finish.

Prior to being hired at USA Wrestling, Chun was among the most accomplished athletes in international wrestling.

A two-time Olympian, she took fifth at the 2008 Beijing Games before earning a bronze medal at the 2012 London Games, competing at 48 kg. Chun wrestled at five Senior World Championships, which included a gold-medal performance at the 2008 Worlds in Tokyo. She also competed at the 2000, 2009, 2011 and 2012 World Championships.

During her career, Chun won five U.S. Open titles. She was a 2011 Pan American Games silver medalist and won four gold medals at the Pan American Championships. She was a runner-up at four U.S. World Team Trials and three U.S. Opens, in a career which spanned 18 years competing at the Senior level.

Chun competed for Missouri Valley College, where she was a star on one of the pioneer women's college wrestling team programs. She made the Senior Women's National Team while still a student at Missouri Valley.

After leaving college, Chun became a U.S. Olympic Training Center resident athlete for many years, but has also trained at Regional Training Centers on college campuses.

Chun has coaching experience at both the international and college levels. She was a member of the men's wrestling staff at West Virginia University, serving as the program's Operations Assistant while also training at the Regional Training Center.

Chun was inducted in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member in June, 2022. She is one of only four females bestowed Distinguished Member honors. In 2018, Chun was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Hall of Fame, Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame, and Roo-



Coaching Honors

- National Wrestling Hall of Fame Distinguished Member (2022)
- Missouri Valley College Hall of Fame Member (2018)
- Hawaii Sports Hall of Fame (2018)
- Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame (2018)