

# IOWA HAWKEYES



University of Iowa Athletic Communications -- Sydney Weber, Men's Golf Contact

## MEN'S GOLF WEEKLY RELEASE

March 19, 2026

### 2025-26 SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	START TIME (CT)/RESULTS
Sept. 5-7	Visit Knoxville Collegiate	T-8th/16
Sept. 15-16	Highlands Invitational	8th/13
Oct. 6-7	Fighting Irish Classic	T-6th/16
Oct. 13-14	Moraine Intercollegiate	6th/14
Oct. 18-20	Fallen Oak Collegiate	13th/14
Feb. 9-11	Puerto Rico Classic	9th/15
March 1-2	Colleton River Collegiate	14th/15
<b>March 23-24</b>	<b>Duck Invitational</b>	<b>TBA</b>
April 5-7	Calusa Cup	TBA
April 20-21	Hawkeye Invitational	TBA
May 1-3	Big Ten Championships	TBA

### 2025-26 ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown
Grant Gudgel	RS Fr.	Stillwater, Okla.
Jack McCarty	RS Fr.	Solon, Iowa
Gage Messingham	Sr.	Arvada, Colo.
Chance Rinkol	So.	Leawood, Kan.
Ryan Shellberg	So.	Prosper, Texas
Maxwell Tjoa	Jr.	Cedar Falls, Iowa
Bennett Warren	Fr.	Olathe, Kan.

### 2025-26 STATISTICS

Name	Rounds	Avg.	Low	Top-25
Maxwell Tjoa	21	71.1	65	3
Grant Gudgel	21	71.4	66	5
Bennett Warren	21	74.4	66	0
Chance Rinkol	21	74.9	69	0
Gage Messingham	15	72.8	67	2
Jack McCarty	12	73	66	0
Ryan Shellberg	6	70.8	67	2

### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's golf team travels to the Pacific Northwest for the Duck Invitational on March 23-24 in Eugene, Oregon. The tournament will be held at Eugene Country Club and hosted by Oregon.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The 54-hole event features 36 holes on Monday, followed by the final 18 holes on Tuesday.

### FOLLOW THE ACTION

You can follow this week's action by visiting [scoreboard.clippd.com](https://scoreboard.clippd.com) for live scoring. Links can be found on the men's golf schedule page at [hawkeye-sports.com](https://hawkeye-sports.com).

### THE FIELD

Iowa will compete against a field featuring primarily West Coast programs, including No. 9 Illinois, Oregon, UTEP, Gonzaga, Oregon State, Hawai'i Hilo, Saint Mary's (CA), Cincinnati, Michigan State, San José State, Grand Canyon, Boise State, Cal State Fullerton, and Idaho.

### THE EVENT

The Ducks will host the 36th annual Duck Invitational at Eugene Country Club.  
- Oregon claimed last year's team title with an eight-under-par 844.  
- Iowa made its only appearance at the Duck Invitational in 2018.

### THE COURSE

Located in Eugene, Oregon, Eugene Country Club is one of the premier private golf clubs in the Pacific Northwest. Established in 1899, it is the second-oldest country club in Oregon and has built a reputation for its championship-caliber course. Originally designed by Chandler Egan and later refined by Robert Trent Jones, the course features tree-lined fairways, pristine greens, and scenic water.  
- Consistently ranked among the top courses in the country, Eugene Country Club has hosted numerous prestigious events, including NCAA Championships and USGA tournaments.

### LAST TIME OUT

The Hawkeyes were led by redshirt freshman Grant Gudgel at the Colleton River Collegiate, who finished at one-under par to place 15th.  
- Ryan Shellberg opened with a four-under 68 in round one and followed with a three-under 69 in round two to hold the lead through 36 holes. The Prosper, Texas, native recorded par or better on 34 of 36 first holes.

### STRONG SPRING OPENER

Iowa opened the spring season with a strong performance at the Puerto Rico Classic, finishing at 24-under-par 840. This ties for the ninth-lowest 54-hole total in program history.  
- Max Tjoa led the way with an 11-under-par 202, tying for the third-best 54-hole score in school history and finishing fifth individually. Grant Gudgel added a ninth-place finish at 10-under par (206), while Ryan Shellberg posted a career-low seven-under-par tournament to earn a top-25 finish.

### FINKBINE GOLF COURSE RENOVATION

Finkbine, home of Iowa men's and women's golf, will undergo a major renovation starting after the 2025 season. Led by architect Scott Hoffman and managed by Troon, the project will modernize the layout, enhance playability for all skill levels, and incorporate sustainable turf practices. Privately funded by Fritz and Mary Lee Duda, the renovation aims to position Finkbine as one of the premier collegiate golf courses in the Midwest.



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### QUICK FACTS

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa  
Enrollment: 32,199  
Conference: Big Ten  
Home Course: Finkbine Golf Course

#### COACHING INFORMATION

Head Coach: Tyler Stith (12th season)  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2002  
Assistant Coach: Steve Ihm (2nd season)  
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2014

#### MEDIA INFORMATION

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### EUGENE COUNTRY CLUB

HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	395	4
2	215	3
3	390	4
4	408	4
5	185	3
6	545	5
7	200	3
8	485	5
9	450	4
<b>OUT</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>35</b>
10	401	4
11	400	4
12	183	3
13	525	5
14	390	4
15	410	4
16	492	5
17	347	4
18	433	4
<b>IN</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>71</b>

#### GUDGEL FILE

Redshirt freshman Grant Gudgel made an strong debut season as a Hawkeye, highlighted by a seventh-place finish at the Moraine Intercollegiate at six-under-par (207), earning his first career top-10. He shot par or better in all three rounds, including a second-round 66 with six birdies and 17 holes at par or better, and his scores counted for Iowa in every fall event.

- In his spring debut at the Puerto Rico Classic, Gudgel finished ninth, posting a 54-hole total of 206. This was his best tournament as a Hawkeye and tied for the 10th-best 54-hole score in program history.

- Gudgel has placed in the top-25 five times this season.

#### TJOA FILE

Junior Max Tjoa opened the 2025-26 season with three straight under-par finishes. He earned co-medalist honors at the Fighting Irish Classic at 6-under-par (204), highlighted by a hole-in-one and a career-low 65 (-5). His 54-hole total ranks second in program history.

- This spring, Tjoa placed fifth at the Puerto Rico Classic, marking his third top-10 finish of the season. He shot 11-under-par (202), the third-best 54-hole score in program history.

- He also tied for 10th at the Visit Knoxville Collegiate in the fall, recording 14 birdies and finishing two-under on par 4s.

- Tjoa has placed in the top-10 three times this season.

#### MESSINGHAM FILE

Senior Gage Messingham sustained a season-ending injury this off season and will not be competing in the spring.

#### FALL RECAP

The Hawkeyes turned in a strong fall season, highlighted by sixth-place finishes at the Moraine Intercollegiate and Fighting Irish Classic. Iowa outperformed several Big Ten opponents during the fall, including Indiana, Penn State, Ohio State, and Michigan.

- Redshirt freshman Grant Gudgel led the Hawkeyes at Moraine with a seventh-place finish at six-under-par (207), earning his first career top-10 finish. Junior Max Tjoa led the team throughout the fall, opening the season with three straight under-par finishes and leading Iowa with a tie for first at the Fighting Irish Classic.

#### SIGNING DAY RECAP

The Hawkeyes welcomed three student-athletes to the program as part of the 2025 signing class: Andrew Johannsen (Johnston, Iowa), Joey Scott (Lemont, Illinois), and Cody Weaver (Gilman, Iowa).

- Scott is a two-time IHSA All-State selection and first golfer in Lemont history to earn the honor twice. Scott is a 2025 PGA Jr. League National Champion, owns a career-low round of 63.

- Johannsen is the 2025 Iowa High School Individual State Champion and a three-time First Team All-State selection. Johannsen posted a 69.60 scoring average as a senior.

- Weaver is a three-time all-state honoree and Iowa Junior Open Champion with strong multi-sport credentials. Weaver was also the runner-up at the Iowa Junior PGA Championship.

#### UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes will host the Calusa Cup in Naples, Florida. The 54-hole tournament will begin on April 5 and conclude on April 7.

