

THE BIG TEN'S BEST



For the first time since 2001, Iowa women's basketball worked its way to becoming Big Ten champions after beating Maryland in the title game, 90-76. **PAGE 3**

Bernie Sanders returns 'political revolution' to Iowa City

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., kicked off his first Iowa tour of his 2020 campaign. He stuck to his economic populist message but added more inclusiveness planks in his stump speech.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., walks to the podium during a campaign rally at the IMU on March 8. The rally was a part of Sanders' first trip to Iowa since announcing his 2020 presidential-nomination bid.

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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said he would bring the political revolution back to Iowa ahead of the 2020 caucuses as he embarks on his second campaign to win the Democratic nomination and eventually the presidency.

At the IMU on March 8,

Sanders brought back many similar ideas from his 2016 campaign, including calling for free tuition for colleges and universities as well as reducing student debt. Sanders also painted his campaign as the opposite of President Trump's, saying his campaign will be all-inclusive.

"Donald Trump and his

political allies want to divide us up by the color of our skin, by our gender, by our origin, by our gender, by our vision, and by our sexual orientation," Sanders said. "This campaign is going to do exactly the opposite."

Claudio Mema, 27, a member of the UI chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists of America, compared Sand-

ers' 2016 campaign — which Mema supported — to his speech. Mema said he liked that Sanders used more inclusive language, especially after some staffers on Sanders' 2016 campaign raised concerns about a culture of sexual harassment and violence. Sanders apologized publicly in a tweet Jan. 10.

"In 2016, no one knew him, so his main focus was economic injustice," Mema said. "Now that he is more well-known for his position on that, he's focusing on inclusiveness."

About 24 hours after announcing his 2020 campaign, Sanders raised more than \$6 million from more than 225,000 donations, according to his campaign — more than any other 2020 Democratic candidate raised out of the gate.

Sanders, who was introduced by two UI Democrats members, acknowledged his favorability among young voters in 2016. In caucuses and primaries nationally, he outperformed both Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton and Republican candidate Trump among young voters, according to a study from CIRCLE by Tufts University.

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Sanders called for a litany of policy goals in his March 8 campaign stop that echo his 2016 run, including regulating Wall Street, raising the minimum wage, implementing Medicare for All, addressing climate change, making tuition free, and bringing down prescription-drug prices.

Sanders referenced other presidential candidates endorsing universal health care and the Green New Deal, saying that when he announced his first campaign in Iowa, polling at 3 percent, his ideas were considered radical.

"Those ideas that we talked about here in Iowa that seemed so radical at that time. Today virtually all of those ideas are supported by a majority of the American people," Sanders said. "They are ideas that Democratic candidates from school board to presidential candidates are running on today and all of that began right here in Iowa."

In 2016, Clinton narrowly defeated Sanders in Iowa by 0.3 percent, according to results that night.

UI senior Chris Wieneke, who is an independent, said he had hoped to hear more of Sanders' plan for implementing his ideas.

"He said a lot of things he wants to do, which is great, but not how he plans to ac-

complish them," Wieneke said.

Two first-time voters, Mackenzie Pattridge and Emily Robinson, said they hadn't decided whom they would caucus for but wanted to hear what Sanders had to say.

Patridge said she really liked Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and likened Sanders' policy positions to the first-term Democratic representative from New York, but said she was hesitant to pledge her support for him because of his age.

"Before we left, I told my mom I wasn't likely going to [caucus] for him because he's an older candidate," she said.

If elected, Sanders would be 79 by the time he took office. Trump, by comparison would be 74 in November 2020.

Robinson said she was interested in Sanders' position on health care and livable wages.

The pair, both Cedar Rapids Kennedy seniors, said that while they hadn't decided whom they would caucus for yet, they definitely planned to turn out in 2020.

"Soon I'm going to have to pay for my own health-care bill and have my own wages, and if I can't afford those things I won't survive," she said.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign rally at the IMU on March 8.

Hickenlooper says he will unite the country in Iowa

Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper pitched his chief-executive experience bringing unlikely stakeholders to work together in his Iowa stops.

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CLINTON — Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper drew on his previous executive experience and pledged to bring bipartisan cooperation to the presidency in his first trip to Iowa since announcing his presidential-nomination campaign.

"I know I can beat Donald Trump, and I know that's absolutely essential, but it's insufficient," Hickenlooper told a group of about 30 in a coffee shop in Clinton, about half of which were credentialed members of the media. "I know I can beat Donald Trump, but I also know I'm the person who can bring this country together after the election and get things done."

Hickenlooper was elected as Colorado governor in 2010 and served until January, after serving

seven years as the mayor of Denver. Before that, Hickenlooper owned several breweries and restaurants in Colorado. Throughout his visit, he emphasized his experience building a team and bringing together unlikely partnerships.

When asked a question about Medicare for All and the Green New Deal, Hickenlooper stopped short of endorsing the proposals, which have become mainstays of other Democratic candidates' platforms, such as Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.

He said he supports universal health-care coverage, noting he wrote an editorial in the 1970s arguing that health care should be a right, not a privilege.

"If we take the pledge to get universal coverage, we can find the best way to do it at the highest quality and the lowest cost we

could get there," Hickenlooper said. "It might well be Medicare for All ... but without knowing the details, if you ask most people if they're willing to give up the health-care coverage they have, they are not happy about it."

Of the Green New Deal, Hickenlooper said he supports the sentiment and urgency of the proposal but said there could be other more cost-effective ways to address it.

"The Green New Deal, I think there are ways we can address climate change rapidly and cost effectively in such a way that this doesn't have to be a pitched battle of us versus them," Hickenlooper said.

He referred to efforts he spearheaded as governor to hold negotiations between the oil industry and the environmental coalition, as well as a proposal to put charging stations for electric cars along the



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Former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper speaks during a campaign stop at the 392 Caffé in Clinton, Iowa, on March 9.

highways in Colorado and neighboring states.

"We've got to get to clean energy as quickly as possible," Hickenlooper said.

After announcing his campaign March 4, Hickenlooper stopped in Des Moines on March 8 and stopped by Dubuque and Cedar Rapids in addition to his stop in Clinton.

Hickenlooper is the second governor to enter the 2020 Democratic field, which now includes at least 14 candidates for the nomination. Washington

Gov. Jay Inslee announced last week he would run on a platform centered on combating climate change.

Heather Beach, a resident of DeWitt, Iowa, said she hasn't decided whom she will caucus for yet, but that she would keep Hickenlooper in mind.

"Given that there are so many great candidates out there that support the issues that are deep in my heart, I think that electability is going to be huge because beating Trump is so important," she said.

Clinton native Matthew Current, who attends the University of Pennsylvania, said he would likely absentee caucus in Iowa if possible. He said he liked Hickenlooper's more moderate stances on issues, but said the former governor didn't talk about specific ideas.

"He focused on his ability to get things done," he said. "Though, he did talk about how, 'Oh, I can get things done,' more I think than he talked about how to do that."

18 years later, the crown returns to Iowa City

Iowa women's basketball craved the Big Ten crown all season, and that desire was clear in the physical matchup with top-seeded Maryland in the Big Ten title game.

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INDIANAPOLIS — Iowa women's basketball had a lot of goals this year, but this is the one it craved the most.

The No. 2-seed Hawkeyes took down the No. 1-seed Maryland in the Big Ten Championship game on Sunday, 90-76. It was Iowa's first appearance in the final since 2014.

Both teams brought impressive numbers into the game; Maryland led the conference in scoring mar-

"When any of us are on the bench, we want to come back in as fast as possible," Stewart said. "... You never know what's going to happen, but that just shows what kind of team this is. It takes [all of us] to get this kind of win."

A similar moment came for Tania Davis later in the first half.

Davis had just knocked down a buzzer-beating floater to end the first quarter and give Iowa a commanding lead.

But as Davis contested a shot from Kalia Charles

ment — Megan Gustafson — knocked down 45 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Even with these injuries and roadblocks, one thing drove the Hawkeyes to keep fighting: desire. The net-cutting ceremony went very smoothly because the team had some much-needed practice.

"[We] never believed in anyone telling us 'no,'" Davis said. "Our destiny was in our own hands, and we controlled it."

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— Tania Davis, senior

gin and field-goal defense on the season, and Iowa paced the conference in scoring offense.

None of that mattered this week to the Hawkeyes. The team practiced cutting down the net all week, head coach Lisa Bluder said, in preparation for the moment they had been waiting for all season.

The Hawkeyes craved that moment, and that was obvious from the beginning of the game.

Forward Hannah Stewart got tangled up with Maryland's Shakira Austin next to the Iowa bench in the first half, with Stewart falling hard to the ground. Slow to get up on an apparent injury to her ankle, it looked as if Stewart's time in the game — or possibly the season — was over.

But after dealing with Iowa trainers on the sideline for several minutes, the senior jogged back onto the court to a standing ovation from the Iowa crowd.

She went on to add 8 points and 9 rebounds on 50 percent shooting the field. After the game, the senior was named a member of the All-Tournament Team.

under the Maryland hoop in the second quarter, she was hit in the face and remained face-down on the hardwood for several minutes. Maryland was in the midst of a comeback, so things looked bleak for the Hawkeyes.

The senior missed much of the last two seasons with ACL tears, so nothing was keeping her out of the biggest game of her career.

"She went down hard," Bluder said. "But she [has] bounced back from back-to-back ACL tears. The kid knows how to be resilient."

Davis entered the game minutes later with another roar from the Hawkeye crowd. The senior returned to her role as Iowa's floor general on her way to a 14-point game with 4 assists and 3 steals.

"We're literally out there giving it our all, body parts and everything to win this game," Davis said. "I think that definitely attests to how hard we fought [and] everything we went through."

Of course, it didn't hurt that the Most Outstanding Player of the Tourna-



Iowa guard Tania Davis dribbles during the women's Big Ten title game against Maryland in Indianapolis on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Terrapins, 90-76.

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Iowa players celebrate winning the Big Ten title over Maryland in Indianapolis on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Terrapins, 90-76.

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COLUMN

Let's combat hate and educate

Racist acts, while wrong, present an opportunity to create a more mindful community.



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Few things are as cringe-worthy to me as hearing about or seeing an anti-Semitic act. Growing up in a Jewish household, I was always taught to defend myself whenever I faced any microaggressions or anti-Semitic acts. I was also always taught to take the high road — two wrongs do not make a right. If I receive hate, I can right it by teaching someone else how it affects me. Luckily, I rarely

faced many anti-Semitic occurrences, but this is not to say that I won't call out anti-Semitism for what it is when I witness it.

Last weekend, the Church of Nazarene in Iowa City was vandalized. A swastika, racist remarks, and Bible verses were spray painted on the bricks of the church building. An act of racist

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vandalism occurring in Iowa City terrifies me. The vandalism of the Church of Nazarene had to experience is simply unfair and unjust.

The church should be respected just like every other religious place of worship. While the act occurred on a Christian church, the use of a swastika to vandalize a holy place is also an act of anti-Semitism.

Moreover, the use of a swastika to incite a group of people emphasizes to me that racism and anti-Sem-

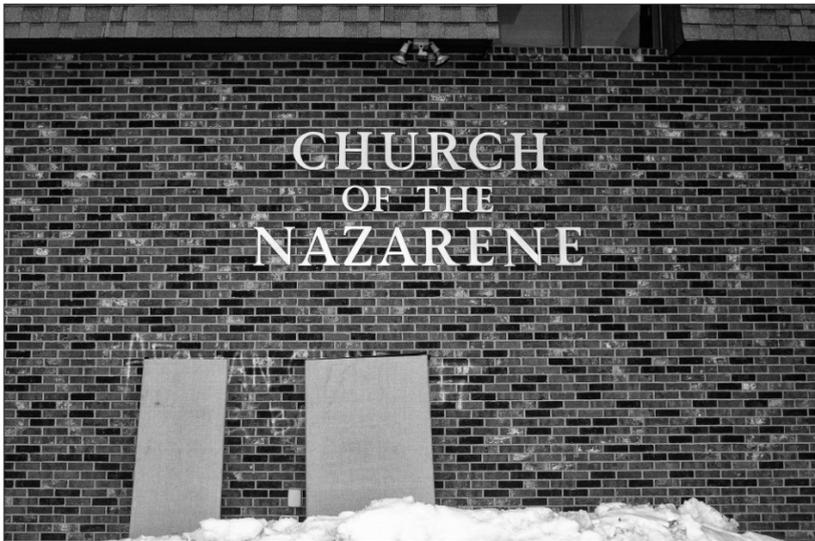
itism are still prevalent today. The swastika is the symbol of the German Nazi Party. For someone such as me who has relatives that

survived the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jewish people were murdered, the swastika symbolizes fear, persecution, and hate. Seeing a swastika in my hometown reminds me that there are people who absolutely despise the Jewish people.

People who use vandalism to spread hate should not be tolerated. We must come together as a community to recognize acts of hate, big or small, and call them out. While this may be challenging, we must take this fear-inducing behavior and view it as a chance to educate others.

I believe one of the best ways to unite people and rid our communities of hate is spreading knowledge and teaching others about the impact of their actions. The person who vandalized the Church of Nazarene, while still unknown, needs to be educated about how the swastika has incited hate, and how this action has affected the Church of Nazarene and the broader religious community.

I hope the Church of Nazarene overcomes this hateful act by using it as a moment to further unite the church, educate others, and commit to refusing to tolerate hateful and racist acts. I wish for those who commit such acts to become more educated on the symbolism and impact of hateful acts. I urge the Iowa City community to learn how to recognize acts of hate and leverage these actions as an opportunity to learn and grow together.



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The Church of the Nazarene is seen on March 4. On March 3, the church was vandalized with racial slurs and swastikas.

COLUMN

Iowa deserves better than the death penalty

A bill that would establish capital punishment on the state level was introduced in the Iowa Senate, and it runs the risk of creating a dangerous precedent in the criminal-justice system.



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A proposed bill to impose the death penalty in Iowa is now eligible for debate in the Iowa Senate. The bill, Senate File 296, would recommend capital punishment for "murder in the first-degree offenses involving kidnapping and sexual abuse offenses against the same victim who is a minor."

Protecting the most vulnerable population of our community is a priority for all Iowans. I understand that lawmakers in Des Moines want to do their best to protect minors through this act of retribution on offenders, but imposing the death penalty seems just like the slippery slope that could spread the punishment as a consequence for committing other serious crimes.

We can all agree that acts mentioned in the bill are

heinous, but what happens when a legislator decides to expand that punishment to crimes that he or she deems to be equally as heinous? Do we lose sight of Iowa's pro-life message? Do we pretend we live in a perfect world with no mistakes? Should we overlook the cost of capital cases? These scenarios should be heavily weighed against taking another human's life.

'A state so heavily divided on its abortion stance should understand the value of life in and out of the womb.'

In capital cases, even the cost of the initial trial is more than that of a trial for life in prison with or without parole. All death-penalty cases are divided into two trials: one that weighs evidence to determine guilt and one that determines the sentence, which is either life in prison or death. A non-death-penalty case would only go through one trial.

Kansas, a state that still imposes the death penalty, determined that capital cases cost \$1.26 million from pre-trial to execution. Using that same start-to-finish time period, non-death-penalty cases added up to \$740,000.

Besides the fiscal aspect, we have to admit that we live in a society where mistakes are likely to happen. In the criminal-justice system, cases are frequently appealed in which a judge will then decide to affirm or reverse the decisions made in lower courts. The death penalty is a very certain punishment in a process in which many judgements are uncertain or likely to change.

In 1982, Curtis McCarty fell victim to this flawed system. After 19 years on death row, McCarty was exonerated for the murder of Pamela Willis, an 18-year-old who was found raped, stabbed, and strangled. DNA evidence later proved him innocent and spared his life from a government eager to play God. McCarty is one of many prisoners who has been exonerated from death row. Their stories should be reason enough to not implement such a bill, which would have directly targeted someone such as McCarty.

It is also heartbreaking to see that upcoming executions are documented as nonchalantly as movie listings, for viewers to watch if they are available. A state so heavily divided on its abortion stance should understand the value of life in and out of the womb. Treating death as an observable event should never be acceptable, despite the actions of the accused. I understand that comparing the life of a child to an accused murderer does not seem like a strong argument, but it is when considering how many felons have sat in McCarty's shoes and faced this undeserved punishment.

Intentions behind this bill are supported out of protection to innocent minors, but proposals as serious as this need more than good intentions to outweigh the danger it poses to citizens. This slippery slope creates the possibility of extending to other crimes, opening the door for more taxpayer money being spent and increased chances for mistakes that would impact a human's life. Imperfections in the criminal-justice system are bound to exist, but a get-tough-on-crime solution as final as the death penalty has no place in this "Iowa Nice" territory.

COLUMN

20 Out of 20: Jay Inslee is breath of fresh air in hazy Democratic field

The Washington governor has made climate policy the centerpiece of his presidential run.



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Washington Gov. Jay Inslee visited Paulson Electric Co. in Cedar Rapids on March 5. He talked with CEO Tyler Olson about using solar panels to combat climate change.



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Before I started writing the 20 Out of 20 series, I made a list of 20 possible candidates I thought could or would make a run for president. Jay Inslee wasn't one of them.

The Washington governor and former congressman didn't possess a particularly interesting profile (another old white guy) nor a big name (I had barely heard of him) to make a meaningful attempt to become the Democratic nominee in 2020.

'By focusing almost entirely on climate change, Inslee can force more prominent candidates to guarantee the issue is among their top priorities.'

And while Inslee is indeed a 68-year-old white man with low name recognition, he's managed to raise more than \$1 million in quick order and put his name near the top of the tall stack of the other dark-horse campaigns. He's managed all of this by running on a single basic issue: climate change.

While the race's front-runners dance at the dawn of primary season, let's take a look at a candidate who has to work before the sun sets on his quest from Washington to Washington.

Will he be nominated?

Let's be sure not to overstate this guy's chances: Inslee probably won't be the one to face off against President Trump. There are at least half a dozen Democrats more likely to woo enough support to capture the nomination, but Inslee still has the capacity to influence the party even if he's not at the top of the ticket.

He's already on track to do that. By focusing almost entirely on climate change, Inslee can force more prominent candidates to guarantee the issue is among their top priorities. And this isn't just one West Coast politician's pet policy — Inslee raised more than \$1 million

soon after announcing his enviro-centric campaign. It's clear there's a sect of the party that want to put the planet first this election.

Of course, Inslee didn't found the Green Movement, but his long pro-environment record has made his platform attractive in the era of the Green New Deal.

And maybe he can do even more. I don't think it's entirely outside the realm of possibility that Inslee can pull off a primary win à la Jimmy Carter — a relatively obscure governor rising through a heavily crowded field of blockbuster candidates. Trump has worked hard to vilify most top Democratic candidates such as Sens. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., so if Democrats want a candidate with minimal controversy, Inslee could take on that role with ease.

Will he beat Trump?

Keeping in mind it's highly unlikely that he could secure the nomination, a scenario that pits Inslee against Trump would be a weird one to watch. An overall generic and somewhat serious public servant such as Inslee could serve as strong foil to a president whose demeanor ranges from rambunctious to ridiculous.

Remembering a more tranquil time in politics, nice-guy-governor personas used to be a common occupant of the White House. That label fits the aforementioned Carter and likewise for other former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. If Trump was supposed to shake things up, Inslee could bring some regularity back to our political stomachs.

Maybe Inslee isn't exciting enough to lead the capital-"R" Resistance. Maybe the soaring left wing needs a more radical face and not just a guy from the other Washington. Maybe he can't win a single delegate from any primary outside his home state.

And hey, unlike his fellow Washingtonian Howard Schultz, Inslee at least is willing to run his ideas through a party primary in the first place.

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Breaking the glass ceiling in jazz

UI graduate student Toni LeFebvre has devoted her time and graduate education to diverting from the norm in a traditionally male jazz music scene.

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Typically, one might find University of Iowa graduate student Toni LeFebvre with a trumpet and a smile.

Bettendorf native LeFebvre will graduate in May with a Master of Arts and a music-education emphasis from the UI. She has been a chief organizer in bringing more women into jazz at the UI.

One of the greatest opportunities in her career in music is starting a program for female jazz artists called the Iowa Women's Jazz Orchestra.

"The goal of this group is not to make money," she said. "It is more so just to get in front of elementary-, middle-, and high-school students — especially young women — to give them role models. That is a large part of why the lack of women participating in jazz exists."

LeFebvre said the all-female big band allows for young women to view role models.

"I've been compiling and synthesizing research as a part of my graduate work regarding experiences of women in jazz," LeFebvre said. "A lot of it has to do with the contributions to the marginalization that occur with lack of female representation in instrumental jazz. The gender gap essentially is what brought me to develop the Iowa Women's Jazz Orchestra."

UI Associate Professor Mary Cohen said she would never forget having LeFebvre in her class.

"Students were challenged to come up with something completely new," Cohen said. "I'll never forget Toni's. [project] She taught the group how to improvise a song on a B-flat minor scale. Once we had that

skill, she used a visual video of whales, and the group had to improvise watching the video."

Cohen said LeFebvre's jazz-orchestra program allows for new territory to be reached for more women in music.

"Toni's program is giving women of all ages role models," Cohen said. "These types of role models are needed in jazz."

The women's jazz orchestra

allows LeFebvre to direct and play. She has played trumpet for around 15 years and has enjoyed every second of it, she said.

Her colleague and friend of 10 years from their undergraduate days at the University of Northern Iowa, Faith Hall, is the band director at Sioux City North High. LeFebvre frequently visits the high school

and performs for the bands, and Hall plays trumpet in the Iowa Women's Jazz Orchestra alongside LeFebvre.

"After graduation, Toni and I taught in northwest Iowa together for two years," Hall said in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "Toni is an incredibly talented musician and trumpet player, and I have always admired her voracious work ethic for

developing her skills. Toni is a person you don't want to bet against; she will not let anyone underestimate her."

Hall noted the intensity of LeFebvre's research for integrating more women into jazz.

"Iowa has a great network for jazz education, but women are considerably underrepresented in both the

collegiate and professional jazz scene in Iowa," Hall said in her email. "Toni has been working to bridge that gap by starting the Iowa Women's Jazz Orchestra. I would love to see Toni develop as a performer and bandleader and continue her work in inspiring young female musicians in Iowa to continue playing jazz."



Graduate student Toni LeFebvre stands with her trumpet in the Voxman Music Building on March 6.

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Iowa baseball drops doubleheader to Evansville

A lack of capitalizing in the box led to back-to-back losses for the Hawkeyes.

BY ANNA KAYSER
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Iowa baseball dropped the final two games of its series against Evansville on Sunday, 6-0 and 3-1, to lose its first series of the season.

Just one week removed from taking 2-of-3 from the No. 19 team in the nation, Oklahoma State, and just one day after putting the hammer down on Evansville with 19 hits, Iowa stumbled into a slump.

Sophomore designated hitter Izaya Fullard went 2-for-3 with a walk in the first game of the doubleheader, but the Hawkeye lineup behind him couldn't capitalize on base runners. The Hawkeyes were shut out to begin the day, striking out 10 times and collecting only 3 hits.

The Aces' lineup, on the other hand, couldn't stop hitting. Six of the top seven in their lineup reached base

safely at least once, running up 9 hits and 6 runs in the process.

Iowa's woes didn't stop at the plate — four errors in the field led to 2 of Evansville's runs. Sophomore Cam Baumann got the ball for Game 1, and only two of the four runs plated were earned while he was on the bump. In his five-inning outing, he struck out 4 and walked 1.

The second game of the day went more smoothly than the first for the Hawkeyes, but they still lost, 3-1.

The Iowa bats finally turned on, cranking out 8 hits. The defense tightened up as well, and neither team committed an error.

Evansville began the scoring in the first inning in right-handed junior Grant Judkins' fourth start of the season.

Iowa bounced back with a run in the third, Fullard driving in Brendan Sher

with a single, but that's the only time the Hawkeyes capitalized. Of its 8 hits, only one was for extra bases, and the Hawkeyes left 14 runners on base.

The Aces drove in 2 more runs in the fourth and sixth innings, both charged to Judkins, who went 5.2 innings with 3 earned runs, 8 hits, 2 walks, and 5 strikeouts.

With two out in the top of the ninth, the Hawkeyes attempted to rally. A walk and a single put runners at the corners, but the story of Iowa's day ended there.

On March 9, Iowa left 11 on base, but it didn't matter. Thanks to 19 hits (9 for extra bases), including an inside-the-park home run, 18 runs was plenty to hold the Aces at bay. The defense held its own as well, committing only 1 error.

Thanks to the Midwestern weather, Iowa's home opener is now slated for

Friday against Cal State-Northridge, the first of a four-game series. The

Hawkeyes have a five-game home stand to get right before going on the road again

for the Big Ten opening weekend against Indiana on March 22.



Megan Conroy/The Daily Iowan
Grant Judkins talks during baseball media day at the Hansen Performance Facility on Feb. 5.

Iowa softball wins three at Saluki Invitational

After splitting its two first-day games, Iowa responded with two victories on the second.

BY ROBERT READ
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The Iowa softball team closed out the tournament slate of its schedule with a strong showing at the Saluki Invitational in Carbondale, Illinois, over the weekend.

Iowa won three out of four, with a scheduled fifth game canceled because of weather.

In the opening game against Illinois-Chicago, Iowa got off to a quick start, getting two runners on base in the first inning and drawing first blood in the second.

With two runners on in the top of the second, freshman Abby Lien hit her first career home run, putting the Hawkeyes up 3-0, a lead Iowa did not give up. The Hawkeyes

added 2 more runs in the fourth in the 5-1 victory.

Allison Doocy pitched a complete game, surrendering only 5 hits and 1 run and striking out 7.

The early scoring did not follow Iowa into its second contest, which it dropped to Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Hawkeyes gave up 6 runs in the third inning, putting them in an early hole.

Lien came alive again for Iowa in the fourth, hitting a 2-run home to put the Hawkeyes on the board. Iowa added 2 more in the sixth but could not finish the comeback, 6-4.

Sarah Lehman got the start in the circle for Iowa in the contest, then was relieved in the third by Erin Riding.

Iowa head coach Renee Gillispie saw areas to improve on, while also commending some standout play in the first day of action.

"We still have a lot of work to do to get to where we need to be for Big Ten play," Gillispie said in a release. "Doocy came out strong in game one and a good game closer for Game 2. Abby Lien feeling right at home in the cold came up big for us with home runs in both games."

On the second day, Iowa had some sweet revenge against Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Iowa put up 1 run in the first inning, 4 in both the second and third, and added 3 more for good measure in the fourth in a 12-0 slaughter. The top three batters for Iowa combined for

9 RBIs, and Doocy and Lehman combined for the shutout.

Twelve runs is tied for the most Iowa has scored in a game this season and is the largest margin of victory this season.

Iowa carried that momentum into the final game of the weekend against Miami (Ohio).

Tied 1-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning, DoniRae Mayhew picked up her second RBI of the game with a single up the middle, scoring Aralee Bogar to put Iowa up 2-1.

The 2 runs were enough for Iowa, with Doocy putting together another strong pitching performance. She pitched a complete game and struck out 8 on her way to her 11th victory of the season.

After the four tournament games and three victories, Iowa's record is 14-9.

Next on the schedule for Iowa

is a March 20 matchup at Illinois State, followed by a series against Purdue beginning March 22 to open Big Ten play.



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Hawkeye Allison Doocy pitches against Western Illinois on April 17, 2018, at Pearl Field. The Leathernecks defeated the Hawkeyes, 2-1.

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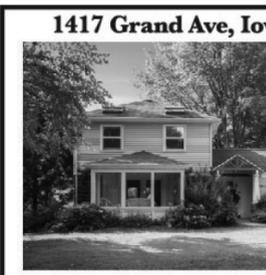
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Marinelli: The only champ

Alex Marinelli fueled his run to the top of the podium at the Big Ten Championships with lessons he learned in the past.



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Iowa's Alex Marinelli celebrates after defeating Penn State's Vincenzo Joseph for the Big Ten title at 165 in Minneapolis on March 9. Marinelli won by decision, 9-3.

BY PETE RUDEN
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MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Marinelli's post-match interview with Big Ten Network after becoming a Big Ten champion on Sunday was the only silent one out of 10. The award ceremony following his monumental victory? Also silent.

But his performance was louder than any interview or ceremony could have been.

After his Big Ten Championships took a disastrous turn in 2017, Marinelli made sure the same thing didn't happen again,

becoming Iowa's 200th individual Big Ten champion with a 9-3 win over No. 1 seed Vincenzo Joseph of Penn State.

The trip to the top of podium was a long time coming for the 165-pounder, who was named co-Outstanding Wrestler of the Championships and lost three matches en route to a sixth-place finish in last season's tournament.

"It means everything," Marinelli said. "Coming away with a Big Ten title, it's huge from last year losing the first match. It's terrible, and you don't want to feel that way ever again."

Marinelli certainly didn't have that feeling when the tournament concluded this time around. As the No. 2 seed, he toppled No. 1 seed in Joseph with what nearly turned out to be a major decision and beat No. 3 seed Evan Wick for the third time this season.

Before facing Joseph, Marinelli said he watched Joseph's match with former Illinois 165-pounder Isaiah Martinez from last season's finals match. Martinez came out on top that night with a 4-1 decision,

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Wrestling has areas to improve on

The Hawkeyes placed third at the Big Ten Championships and need to improve for the nationals.

BY SARAH ALTEMEIER
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MINNEAPOLIS — After crowning just one champion, with one second-place finish and two bronze medals, the Iowa wrestling team will need to step up its performance if it wants to improve its results at the NCAA Championships on March 21-23.

A large part of Iowa's struggle was caused by matches from Session 1. Iowa had nine of 10 wrestlers competing in the quarterfinals, but only advanced Spencer Lee, Austin DeSanto, Alex Marinelli, and Jacob Warner, the four wrestlers with byes.

"We have to be more ready to go," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "We have to maybe not struggle so much with putting points up on the board, and what I mean by that is that there might be a struggle in there, but you look at the real attempts, the explosive attempts."

Going into the final session of the tournament, the Hawkeyes only had Lee and Marinelli in the championship bracket, while DeSanto, Pat Lugo, Kaleb Young, and Warner wrestled in the third-place matches.

Cash Wilcke finished fifth with an opponents' medical forfeit, and Max Murin placed seventh in Session 3, leaving the Hawkeyes with a 4-3 record in placement matches.

Warner and Marinelli stood out for the Hawkeyes in the final session, and Brands noted a couple aspects of their matches that others can learn from.

"Look at Warner's match where he didn't waste the second period," Brands said. "He had to have a takedown in the second period, and then he had to have one in the third, and then he had to have one in overtime, and that's how you do it. Going back to Marinelli, there are a

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Heartbreak in Nebraska

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Realistically, Iowa should have beaten Nebraska. Then again, the Hawkeyes should have also won more than 10 games in conference play.



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LINCOLN, Neb. — In 2004, Tracy McGrady scored 13 points in 35 seconds to elevate the Houston Rockets over the San Antonio Spurs.

YouTube it if you've never seen it, because that's essentially what happened on Sunday when Nebraska — a team that appeared to be on its last gasp of air — roared back and scored 16 points in the final 47 seconds of regulation to send its game against Iowa into overtime.

The Huskers came out on top, 93-91. In a head-scratching blink-of-an-eye comeback, Nebraska gave Iowa a dose of its own late heroics in crumpling fashion.

Right around the 1-minute mark, Jordan Bohannon jacked up a 3-pointer from the parking lot, and I sat at my computer, furiously typing away about how Iowa returned to its winning ways and finally got its offense back into some sort of a rhythm in the regular-season finale.

Then Glynn Watson and James Palmer happened. Those two made shot after shot to force the game into overtime and then kept the momentum going until the final buzzer. So, kudos to them.

But for Iowa, this was a game the Hawkeyes should have won. A mishap on an inbounds play, a crucial missed free throw before overtime, and some hot hands led to Iowa's demise.

This game left me thinking, what if? This loss served as a microcosm of Iowa's season — a sweet start that turned sour in the blink of an eye.

On Feb. 1, Iowa smacked No. 5 Michigan by 15 points in Carver. That game, Iowa never took its foot off the gas pedal, and it proved that it could beat the cream of the crop in conference play.

Follow that win up with three wild finishes — all wins for the Hawkeyes — and Iowa seemed poised for a potential run at a conference championship, boasting a

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Iowa's Luka Garza reacts after the men's basketball game against Nebraska in Lincoln on Sunday. The Hawkeyes fell in overtime to the Huskers, 93-91.

Nebraska seemingly pulled a rabbit out of a hat, scoring 16 points in the final 47 seconds of regulation.

BY ADAM HENSLEY
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LINCOLN, Neb. — The art of a comeback is one Iowa seemed to have mastered earlier this season.

Nebraska, though, took note on Sunday, erasing a 9-point deficit in under a minute. The Huskers took care of business in overtime, defeating the Hawkeyes, 93-91.

Nebraska scored 16 points in the final 47 seconds of regulation

Aside from two free throws from Amir Harris, Glynn Watson Jr. and James Palmer combined to score all of Nebraska's points in the final minute of regulation.

Watson nailed a pair of 3-pointers in a 24-second span, and Palmer scored 8 points in the form of two 3-pointers and a game-tying layup with 12 seconds remaining. His two 3-pointers in that sequence were his only makes from downtown in

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