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First-in-nation status uncertain after caucuses

Delays in reporting caucus results Monday night added new energy to critics calling for a change in the system and left many questioning the first-in-the-nation status of the Iowa caucuses.

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After a night of confusion and uncertainty, the results of the 2020 Iowa caucuses had yet to be announced as dawn broke Tuesday, throwing into question Iowa's future as the first-in-the-nation presidential-nominating contest.

As the chaos unfolded across national TV, social networks, and local-media outlets, critics sounded the death knell of Iowa's decades-old tradition. The political world still roiled in crisis Tuesday over delayed Iowa caucus results and compromised reporting-process integrity.

University of Iowa political-science Professor Frederick Boehmke said the caucuses have been under intense criticism for years, but Monday's events added new energy to the calls for changes to the process. Critics of the caucuses have said they are inaccessible, discourage participation, and are not reflective of the national Democratic Party.

"I think it places Iowa's status as first in the nation in further jeopardy," Boehmke said. "It was already under pressure after 2016, and before that."

While accessibility and participation

have long been concerns, the transparency of the caucuses was attacked in 2016 after Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., narrowly lost to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Discrepancies between caucus results and delegate appropriation were reported at several precincts, and Sanders supporters accused the party of being biased toward Clinton.

Kurt Meyer, the chair of the Tri-County Democrats in northeast Iowa, said if Iowa loses its first-in-the-nation status over Monday's events, it will likely transition to a primary. A primary is more open and inclusive, he said, and the caucuses are unnecessary if they don't have the unique position they oc-

cupy now.

Meyer said he would like to see Iowa keep its caucuses if it remains first, but he'd prefer to switch to a primary if Iowa is no longer first in the nominating process.

"One of the reasons that we have clung tenaciously to the caucus is because it meant that we were first in the nation," he said. "And that gave us a remarkable amount of attention and press, national and international... If we lose first-in-the-nation status, I suspect there's going to be increased pressure to go to a primary."

The three Democratic U.S. representatives from Iowa — Dave Loebsack, Cindy Axne, and Abby Finkenauer —

released a joint statement Tuesday criticizing the handling of the situation.

"For almost half a century, candidates for the highest office in the land have come to Iowa to present their visions for America to Independents, Republicans and Democrats alike... We know how important it is that our constituents came together last night to participate in what should be a trustworthy and efficient process, and this deserves to be done right," the statement said.

In an email from Loebsack Communications Director Joe Hand, Loebsack was quoted saying he supports keeping

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How the Iowa caucuses derailed



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Supporters of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., hold up cards during the caucus at Des Moines Precinct 62 in the Knapp Center on Monday. The caucus head count reached 849 people, leaving 127 individuals needed for the candidate to be declared viable.

The caucus results released at 4 p.m., after candidates took off for New Hampshire and a 12-hour media hole filled with caucus process stories instead of who did well or poorly in Iowa. Here's what we know happened.

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After more than a year of campaigning and breathless media coverage following as many as 25 presidential hopefuls across the state, Iowa didn't show the nation results of its first-in-the-nation nominating contest until 4 p.m. Tuesday — a full 21 hours after caucuses began. Even then, just over half — 62.7 percent — of precincts were reporting results, which showed former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., leading support in the state. At 11:30 pm, an additional 8 percent of precincts were reporting with similar results.

In interviews with a dozen county chairs, precinct captains, and caucusgoers, several reported their caucuses ran unprecedentedly smooth up until it was time to report results.

When some precinct captains' apps failed to send results, the plan B for reporting final tallies to the state party — a phone line — became overloaded with calls from precinct chairs reporting results to the state party.

The delay in statewide results resulted from a series of problems that arose on caucus night, Iowa Democratic Party officials and volunteer organizers said, including a glitching new reporting app and inconsistencies between multiple reporting metrics, lengthening the manual verification process.

Now, Nevada Democratic caucus officials have said they're striking the use of the problematic app, just three weeks ahead of their state's caucuses.

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Hansen highlights inclusion at VP for Student Life forum

Sarah Hansen, the second finalist for the position of UI vice president for Student Life, noted the importance of well-being, relationship-building, and inclusion in her presentation for the position at the IMU on Tuesday.

Hawkeyes prepped for road challenge at Purdue

Big Ten teams have had a significant advantage when playing at home, and the Hawkeyes will be on the wrong side of it against the Boilermakers. Purdue beat a top-10 Michigan State team by 29 at home just last month, now it is Iowa's turn to embrace that challenge.

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Buttigieg edges Sanders in partial caucus results

With 70 percent of Iowa precincts now reporting caucus-night results, Pete Buttigieg leads the Democratic ticket in the delegate count.



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Pete Buttigieg speaks to an audience at the Bell Center in Des Moines after Iowans finished caucusing on Monday.

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More than 24 hours after the Iowa caucuses, the Iowa Democratic Party released just under three-quarters of Iowa's precinct results in two waves on Tuesday.

The early tallies show that former South Bend, Indiana

Mayor Pete Buttigieg is leading his Democratic contenders with 26.8 percent of state delegate equivalents, followed closely by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., — who won the most support in the raw body count during the first and second alignments of the reporting precincts.

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Caucuses concern disability advocates

Some Iowans say the caucuses in their current form are not accessible enough to those with disabilities.

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At a shopping-mall caucus site in northern Des Moines, many Iowans caucused for the first time at the satellite caucus location designed to be inclusive of caucusgoers with disabilities — but some disability advocates say measures taken by the Iowa Democratic Party did not do enough to accommodate those with disabilities.

Reforms passed by the Democratic National Committee in 2018 required all state caucuses and primaries to have an absentee voting option, or otherwise take significant steps in accommodating those with disabilities and expanding accessibility.

Reyma McDeid, executive director of the Central Iowa Center for Independent Living, hosted a satellite caucus location in Des Moines.

"We had a boatload of folks with us yesterday who had never caucused before, particularly members of the deaf community, who had never caucused before,"

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Student Life VP finalist emphasizes inclusion

In her presentation for vice president for Student Life, UI Manager of Strategic Programs in the Provost's Office Sarah Hansen noted the importance of inclusion and experience among students, faculty, and staff. Hansen is the second finalist for the position.

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At the second public forum in the search for a new Vice President for Student Life, finalist Sarah Hansen promised to fully commit to students in terms of learning opportunities, relationship building, and inclusion, if selected.

University of Iowa students, staff, and faculty gathered in the IMU Room 166 on Tuesday to hear Hansen discuss the importance of inclusion within the student community, which she said she understands through her current role as manager of strategic programs in the Provost's Office.

"I have a lot of knowledge about the division, about the UI, a commitment to those things," Hansen said. "I have a history of change-making and change that lasts."

Fostering a sense of belonging among students and creating a culture of experience, mentoring, and care is among Hansen's priorities for the position, she said. For example, she said that closing opportunity gaps and expanding experiential learning opportunities for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels will promote integrative learning.

"Our job is to constantly be aligning and in a relationship with our friends on the academic side so that we can really and truly align across the campus," she said.

Hansen also highlighted her initiatives of well-being and di-

versity, equity, and inclusion. She said that ensuring commitment from directors and leaders in the Provost's Office to increase inclusivity would also increase connections among students, faculty, and staff.

She also said that engaging in conversation and expanding "resilience programs" through the creation of campus-wide messaging surrounding well-being could meet student needs.

One of Hansen's core beliefs is that relationships are essential in building trust and addressing students' needs. In order to develop relationships, faculty and staff must engage in conversations with people of all backgrounds and viewpoints in order to support a culture of well-being, she said.

"Trust is an essential element of leadership, so our staff has to feel trusted that they are experts in their area, and they have to be able to trust the VP to go to that person with any issue," she said.

In a question from the search committee for the Provost's Office, Hansen was asked about the 2019 #DoesUIowaLoveMe movement on social media and how she planned to be proactive rather than reactive to student issues.

Her initial reaction to this social-media movement was sadness for students and their experiences in relations to the UI's lack of inclusivity, Hansen said. In situations similar to this, she said, students are asking for compassionate and

timely responses, which is a priority of hers in terms of communication.

Hansen said anyone in the division should be positioned to advocate for students, not just the vice president, in order to maintain relationships with students and see progress on campus.

"Our community is not equitable and inclusive if students don't experience it that way,"

she said.

UI Student Government Director of Justice and Equity Isabela Flores, a student lead in the Latino Native American Cultural Center, voiced concerns about how whoever assumes the position will hold the dominantly white President's Cabinet — UI president Bruce Herrel's core group of advisers and vice presidents — culturally accountable and

engaged with students who come from a multitude of backgrounds.

"Relationship building is relationship building," Hansen responded. "It requires time, investment, and getting to know individuals."

Hansen said her goals as vice president for Student Life surround learning opportunities, experiences and exposure for a diverse community of stu-

dents, faculty, and staff, and overall relationship-building across campus. Her extended experience, she said, makes her well-equipped to reach these goals.

"As the division that has contact with virtually all students at some point in their careers, I think that we are positioned to ensure that we're supporting the development of these relationships," she said.



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Candidate for the role of Vice President for Student Life Sarah Hansen speaks during a forum at the IMU on Tuesday. Hansen graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's in education and a master's in sociology.

New pharmacy building opens doors to students

The College of Pharmacy's new home — largely funded by state appropriations — has now opened its doors to students.

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After spending a year and a half in an old, outdated building, second-year pharmacy student Kyla Peters stood in the brand new College of Pharmacy building Tuesday morning, beaming at how the new facility was already bettering her education.

The College of Pharmacy welcomed students into its

new building on the first day of the spring 2020 semester — the project has been in the works since College of Pharmacy Dean Don Letendre began his tenure at the University of Iowa.

Peters said the new building is more spacious than the old facility, which reaps its benefits.

"There's a lot more study space available so you're not trying to cram to find a table,"

Peters said. "The [new] lab spaces are a lot more inclusive and are more similar to how we will be practicing when we are pharmacists."

Letendre said he wanted a new facility built because he believed students were an afterthought when the old Pharmacy Building was built in 1961.

"One of things that struck me when I first interviewed at Iowa in 2007 was [how] you're

providing such a high-quality education and research program in very unfavorable conditions," Letendre said.

He said the old building was among the worst facilities for a College of Pharmacy across the country. No one believed the new facility would be built, Letendre said, but he persevered even through the halting of plans by the 2008 flood.

"From 2007 to 2010, I wasn't quiet," he said. "I was crisscrossing the state, meeting with legislators to begin the process of garnering legislative support for our new facility. During that time frame, I went to 96 counties ... When I visited with a legislator, I did so with a pharmacist in that community. Every pharmacist in this state recognized our deficiencies in our educational facility."

In September 2010, the state Board of Regents approved the UI's initial plans for a new Pharmacy Building, Letendre said. According to the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency, the General Assembly has appropriated \$66.3 million since fiscal 2015 to the building out of the \$96.3 million budget.

This was the largest appropriation by the state for a building by a factor of two-and-a-half in the state's history, he said.

Letendre said the new building has a mock community

and hospital pharmacy to train students along with more lab space and technology-friendly classrooms.

Pharmacy Associate Professor Ethan Anderson arrived at the UI three years ago and has already seen the benefits of the new facility on research and in laboratories within a few weeks.

"We are all moved in, but we're still finding the right workflow still," he said. "We have lab meeting areas in the back. It's really nice to come in [to these spaces] and throw things up on [screens] and be in here for long experiments, especially when they are 12 or 18 hours long. This is a very unique future ... I'm staying here [at the UI] for a long while."

Between these additional lab spaces and the inclusion of large windows and various study spaces on every floor, Peters said it was hard to pick her favorite part of the new facility.

The College of Pharmacy set up Professional Organization Development Societies, or learning communities, to create peer mentoring for students in all years of the pharmacy programs, Letendre said.

"[The natural light] impacts my mood," she said. "I'm much happier here ... I personally really like the PODS area. A

group of friends and I were sitting in the PODS on [Jan. 31] and we were eating lunch, and it felt like we were practicing pharmacists. It was a surreal experience compared to what we had had before."

However, Letendre said his main love of the new facility involves accessibility.

"This was built to enrich students' experiences for all students," he said. "... If you have the intellectual capacity to pursue one of the two rigorous programs we have, and you are physically disabled, we want you to come to Iowa because we are going to take good care of you."

He outlined the ramp features in lecture rooms that go to the very front as well as how labs are tailored for wheelchairs. The elevators also open on both sides, Letendre said, so anyone can just pass through.

With this new building and all of its features, Letendre said he was excited for current, future, and past students to embrace their new facility.

"We also hope this will become a destination spot in the future for alumni, regardless of when they graduated," he said. "We are so proud we now have the premier facility in the U.S. and maybe even the world. This is going to be our home for many decades to come."



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The laboratory space of University of Iowa Pharmacy Associate Professor Ethan Anderson is seen during a media tour of the Pharmacy Building on Tuesday. The Pharmacy Building opened its doors to students this semester.

CAUCUSES

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McDeid said. "As heartwarming as it was to facilitate a caucus that attracted people to engage in a process they had never participated in before, that's really heart-breaking to me."

McDeid said she designed the caucus to be inclusive, rather than accessible, which places the burden on caucusgoers to ask for accommodations.

"An inclusive event very intentionally centers disability in the planning of the event — making sure the venue is wheelchair accessible, making sure the bathrooms are ADA compliant," McDeid said. "Taking it a step further, making sure that a quiet room is available for people who might experience au-

tism or other forms of neurodiversity."

The DNC had concerns about the accessibility of the Iowa caucuses, so the state created satellite caucus locations in order to increase the amount of precinct options available to caucusgoers.

Anne Matte, the communications and outreach director for Disability Rights Iowa, said that the Iowa Democratic Party opened requests for accommodations on Jan. 14, and the Republican Party opened its accommodation requests on Jan. 16.

Matte said the two-week window Iowans had to request accommodations at precinct sites was not an adequate time frame.

"This method of doing individual accommodation requests is not enough," Matte said. "It is not a systemic enough addressing of the issue — this is putting out lit-

tle kitchen fires as they pop up and ignoring the wildfire outside."

According to Matte, around 300 requests for accommodations were made, though she said there would have been more requests for if there was a longer window for requests.

Matte said she suffers from severe migraines, and had trouble getting accommodations at her precinct location in Des Moines.

"I worked to advocate for people with disabilities at my caucus site, where I requested a darkly lit room and was given a brightly lit room with windows to the hallway," Matte said. "I was eventually able to use the dark library for a friend of mine who has agoraphobia who was also at the caucus, but they did not adequately provide my accommodation."

University of Iowa student

Teagan Roeder was a precinct chair at the UI's Field House. Roeder, who is on the autism spectrum, said the event with 490 people was overwhelming and left the caucus early, tainting his view of the caucuses overall.

"As an individual on the autism spectrum, with all the chanting all the yelling, all the people gathered up into one room all trying to figure out what's going on people are trying to keep the motivation up," Roeder said. "It's noisy, it's heated, it's argumentative. And that's not an environment for people like me."

Roeder said he does not think the Iowa caucuses should continue in their current state, and that a primary system would be more accessible to voters.

"It's disappointing to me that the Democratic Party would value the money we get from the caucuses versus

having an accessible election," Roeder said.

McDeid said she does not believe the caucuses can be truly accessible to all Iowans in their current form.

"Ultimately, [the caucus] is not a process that works for 21st Century Iowa — it's

still excluding entire populations of people," McDeid said. "With a primary option, voting early, voting by mail, voting from home are options that open up the possibility for many voters to participate, much more than we see from caucuses."



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A caucusgoer walks into Phillips Hall on Monday. Those who could not make it to their caucus location participated in the satellite site.

A YEAR OF CAUCUS RULE CHANGES

Feb. 18, 2019

The Iowa Democratic Party proposed a new delegate-selection plan, which included changes to result reporting, locking in viable groups, and added a virtual caucus option.

Aug. 30, 2019

The Democratic National Committee spiked Iowa Democrats' virtual caucus plan, citing security concerns.

Sept. 20, 2019

The DNC approved the Iowa Democratic Party's new delegate selection plan, which outlined a new satellite caucus process just four and half months ahead of the Iowa caucuses.

**Feb. 3
7 p.m.**

1,678 Democratic caucus sites across the state closed their doors and began the deliberative caucus process.

10:26 p.m.

Iowa Democratic Party spokesperson Mandy McClure wrote in an emailed prepared statement that the app used to report results was not hacked and did not shut down, but that there were inconsistencies between three result-reporting metrics.

10:30 p.m.

Candidates began addressing supporters despite a lack of decisive caucus results. Most Democratic hopefuls gave vague statements thanking supporters, and said they were looking ahead to New Hampshire.

11:30 p.m.

Buttigieg appeared to claim a winning result out of Iowa, tweeting "Iowa, you have shocked the nation. By all indications, we are going on to New Hampshire victorious."

**Feb. 4
1 a.m.**

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Troy Price conducted a brief conference call with reporters. He said the party was manually verifying all precinct totals, and expected results to be released later in the day.

9 a.m.

Price issued an updated news release faulting a coding issue in the state's reporting app and promising results later in the day. He emphasized that the data collected was accurate, just slow to verify.

3:45 p.m.

Price addressed reporters in Des Moines just before releasing partial results, where he apologized for the result delay. "We hit a stumbling block on the reporting of the back end of the data," he said, "but we know this data is accurate."

4 p.m.

Iowa Democratic Party released partial results with 62.7 percent of precincts reporting.

11:30 p.m.

A second wave of results came in, with 70.92 percent of precincts reporting. *Elijah Helton contributed reporting.*



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Supporters of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., hold up cards during the caucus at Des Moines Precinct 62 in the Knapp Center on Monday. The caucus head count reached 849 people, leaving 127 individuals needed for the candidate to be declared viable.

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Linn County Democratic chair Bret Nilles said he counted up the three measures of caucusgoer support at his precinct Monday night, entered in the results on the Iowa Democratic Party's smartphone app, and hit send without a hitch.

He made it back to the Linn County Democratic Party headquarters at about 9:15 p.m., where he found out other precinct chairs in his county didn't go through quite as smooth of a process.

Other precinct chairs brought registration papers and initial results to a centralized location where Nilles and other Linn County Democratic volunteers set up camp. Some precinct chairs had tried to download the app over the weekend or that day, but experienced troubles using it to report results.

He said there were two camps of people having trouble — those who couldn't log in to the app, and those who weren't sure if their results successfully sent to the Des Moines headquarters.

He said most caucuses in Linn County — home to Iowa's second largest city, Cedar Rapids — were wrapping up before 10 p.m., but results reporting took between sometimes an hour or an hour and a half.

"I could tell something was going on because a majority of people were walking in with their phones on speaker phone, and music coming from those speaker phones," Nilles said. "They were on hold for an hour or an hour and a half."

Iowa City Precinct 8 Chair Janice Weiner, an Iowa City city councilor, didn't have any problems with reporting via the app, she said. However, as a backup, she sent an emailed photo of her caucus results sheet to the Iowa Democratic Party to confirm that they'd received it. She said a Democratic Party official called around midnight to confirm that her results had made it in.

Scott County Democratic Party Vice Chair Toby Paone said he downloaded the app several days before the caucuses, but the app wouldn't accept his designated PIN number. When he still couldn't access the app by 5:30 p.m. on caucus night, Paone said he called the Iowa Democratic Party, and officials told him to call in with the results after his caucus

wrapped up.

By 10 p.m., amid reports the app was malfunctioning, Paone said the Scott County Democratic Chair texted him to hold off on calling the Iowa Democratic headquarters so she could turn in the results en masse in the morning.

But, he'd already called the party, and waited on hold for an hour while he cleared up his precinct site. He also took a picture of his caucus worksheet and sent it on to the Iowa Democratic Party via email.

Other than the app misreporting, Paone said any other problems at the caucus site were easily fixable.

"The app was definitely the main problem," he said.

What's the app?

The app was created by Shadow, Inc., a Washington-based company. Records from the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board show the Iowa Democratic Party paid \$63,000 in two installments in November and December for the com-

pany to develop the app to report secure results for the caucuses. According to Federal Election Commission filings, multiple presidential campaigns and Democratic groups have also paid Shadow for donation shepherding and text messaging software development.

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New changes expedited process for some precincts

Not everything ran poorly, however. In interviews with several county Democratic chairs and precinct captains, many said the initial caucus was run the smoothest it's ever gone. The real trouble began after everyone left their caucus sites, when it came time to report results to state headquarters.

Woodbury County Democratic Chair Jeremy Dumkrieger said he couldn't download the app early in the day. So, he decided early he would phone-in the results to the Iowa Democratic Party.

His caucus wrapped up by 8:30 p.m., but he waited on hold with the Democratic Party for half an hour while boxing up results.

"We've been hearing all day from everybody up here that this is the smoothest-run caucus we've ever had, and everyone's really impressed with it. It's just that one reporting app," he said. "If that app would've worked, everybody would've been singing praises."

He said additional training, bigger caucus sites, more precinct locations, and changes to how caucusgoers recorded their presidential preference helped expedite the caucus process.

Results buried in process story, but better accurate than too quick

Dumkrieger said while he thought the results of the Iowa caucuses would likely be overshadowed by the delay in reporting, he believed that reporting the results accurately the first time would actually be a bigger benefit to the party than reporting wrong results and then correcting themselves.

This isn't the only time the Iowa caucuses have had trouble reporting results.

In 2012, the Iowa Republican Party reversed the winner of the Iowa caucuses 16 days after the fact. On caucus night, Republican officials called Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, the winner, and later said former Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., won the most support.

'A little confusion over caucus preference cards'

New this year, the Iowa Democratic Party implemented caucus preference cards, where caucusgoers would write down their presidential preferences in order to create a paper trail if results were questioned.

The Scott County Democrats vice chair, Paone, said there was some confusion over those new preference cards, such as where people should sign their names, but overall, he said the caucus went very smoothly.

"My caucus actually went really well," he said. "Of the nearly 294 people at my precinct, nearly 65 people switched parties or were new caucusgoers."

In Iowa City, Deeth said some camps at the IMU weren't fully informed of the rule changes, leading to several people leaving before the final alignment — a problem he believes many faced across the state.

"I just saw basically all the [former Vice President Joe] Biden people all the [senator from Minnesota Amy] Klobuchar people, just turn in their cards and left. They just wanted to get their vote counted for their candidate because they saw right away, they were not even close to viability, and they didn't want to make a second choice," Deeth said. "And that made the caucus math complicated."



Ryan Adams/The Daily Iowan

Supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., encourage others to join their group during a democratic caucus at Iowa City West High School on Monday.

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The cauc-tastrophe: Why the caucuses are gone

Between the collapse on Monday and the fact that we already had a bad system, the Iowa caucuses as we know them are over.



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Well, that didn't go well.

The total failure on Monday night may have marked the last-in-history, first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses.

There are two separate reasons for why that's the case. While neither disaster would end the presidential-nomination tradition individually, the impact of them together is probably enough to move the Hawkeye State off the top of the presidential-nomination schedule.

The disaster of the night

I wrote a column on Monday about the two key takeaways from caucuses: the left was strong, and former Vice President Joe Biden was exceedingly weak. That verdict held up after partial results were announced Tuesday, but that's not the point.

Because there weren't any authorized results from the Iowa Democratic Party on caucus night, when I was writing my column, I had to rely on unofficial reports from the *New York Times*, which had reporters across the Hawkeye State independently tracking precincts.

According to the Iowa Democratic Party, this is all because of its new app used by precinct chairs to report totals. But after that didn't work, its phone-based back-up system was also botched.

Even a cautious trickle of results would have been fine. Late election nights are nothing new in America. Slow is understandable, silence is not.

Frustration aside, there's a major impact on the Democratic nomination because it was so screwed up.

Whoever actually won Iowa — and it appears it was either independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont or former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg — doesn't get their moment of glory.

Iowa isn't special because we have a lot of delegates to send to the party convention (we're only 1 percent of the U.S. population). Iowa is special because

we're symbolic. And with the national media already onto the State of the Union address and impeachment proceedings, our moment is over.

It changed campaign strategy, too. Buttigieg declared victory because he had to; his entire campaign hinged on doing well in Iowa to gain momentum. He had little to go on, but he had to gamble and hope he was right.

still has a litany of problems on the merits.

The best argument in support of our state's first-in-the-nation caucuses is gone now. Even with all of the quirks, shortcomings, and accoutrement, we had one good reason to support our way of doing things: Iowa is competent.

Iowa caucusgoers are diligent and deliberative. We're smart and earnest. We travel an hour

compare to 60 percent of Americans. Especially for the racially diverse Democrats, Iowa isn't very representative.

Caucuses are an hours-long event on a weekday, which excludes those who can't afford to get a babysitter or take off work. Also, many precinct locations are inaccessible for those with physical disabilities.

The most incriminating flaw of caucusing is its public nature. You and all your friends can see how each other is making your presidential-nomination decision, which would be a major red flag to an international observer if we weren't in a Western imperialist country.

And the counterargument against private voting — that caucuses are about persuasion, and that scrappy atmosphere is just part of the Iowan way of doing things — is largely gone now too. My fellow *Daily Iowan* opinions staffer Kalen McCain wrote a column about how the new viability rules imposed by the Iowa Democratic Party undermine this aspect of the process.

The disaster of the future

After all the chaos, where are we? Not heaven, that's for sure.

'After all the chaos, where are we?
Not heaven, that's for sure.'

As for the other end of the results chart, Biden gets a relative soft landing after his skydive. His underperformance got convoluted in all the confusion, unfairly sparing him from what should have been a week of getting dragged.

In short, the Iowa results didn't matter like they should because of the party's ineptitude.

The disaster of the system

Even without Monday's meltdown, the caucus system

to hear a speech from a candidate who isn't even in our favorite "just to hear them out." We've been doing this for nearly 50 years. It's our thing. We got this.

And now we don't got this. Of course, Iowans themselves aren't to blame for the cauc-pocalypse. But it doesn't matter whose fault it is now because we just lost our thing.

There was already plenty of pressure statewide and nationally to reform the caucuses, and the indictments are damning.

Around 90 percent of Iowans

The caucuses probably could have survived one of these two problems.

It could have been the case that after the November election, the party sat down and decided to make the Democratic caucuses more primary-like as the Iowa Republicans already have. There have been plenty said about the need for reform in publications from the *Times* and *Vox* to local outlets such as *The Gazette* and the *DI*. If things had gone smoothly Monday, keeping Iowa first while changing our system would be plausible.

It also could have been the case that we had improved the caucuses before the app blew up. One could imagine the primary calendar going off without a hitch until, for example, Indiana in May. Sure, the snafu would be newsworthy and some Hoosier Democrat would get fired, but it wouldn't alter the way party and the rest of America would view the race overall.

Iowa was too important to mess up this badly, but we did. And whatever the future of the presidential primaries looks like in four years, Iowa probably won't be at the front.

COLUMN

The Olympics banned protests

The decision from the International Olympic Committee is an outdated and unproductive method to handle demonstrations.



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The Olympics just changed, and not for the better.

Last month, the International Olympic Committee issued a three-page press release declaring its stance on Olympic Charter Rule 50: the controversial policy which holds that "no kind of demonstration or political, religious, or racial propaganda is permitted" at the Olympic games. The document articulated how guidelines would be implemented for the 2020 Tokyo games, noting that such expressions would not be tolerated in the field of play, in the Olympic Village, or official ceremonies such as those for the opening, closing, and medals.

These guidelines are contrary to the highly political history of the Olympics. On top of the inherent nationalist undertones of the games, they've historically been inseparable from propaganda of other time periods.

The 1936 Olympics were held in Nazi Germany during that nation's use of an "Aryans-only" policy for its competitors. Cold War era games were fraught with political commentary from both sides, as the games were seen as a means of proving communism or capitalism as a superior way of life. The 2008 games were seen as a key to human-rights reform in China.



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Although Rule 50 was implemented to "to protect the neutrality of sport," as though such a thing has ever existed, the committee has instead taken the political side of those in power. Olympic protests are a tool that can be used much more effectively by the oppressed than by their oppressors.

The timeline of Olympic protests traces back to the pre-television 1906 Olympics, in which Irish long jumper Peter O'Connor scaled the flagpole and hoisted the Irish flag to replace the British flag that had been raised in its place.

The 1968 black power salute by Tommie Smith and John Carlos on the medal stand came four years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act, broadcasted to a still deeply discriminatory America. By using their Olympian status as a platform, the sprinters were able to broadcast a message that was not political propaganda, but a reality check against insufficient racial progress.

The same is true of Czechoslovakian gymnast Věra Čáslavská, who turned her head from the Soviet flag during her medal ceremony

in the same year to protest the nation's invasion of her country two months beforehand.

The same concept applies at less international levels, with the trend of kneeling during the national anthem being sparked by Colin Kaepernick and carried over into American soccer by Megan Rapinoe.

Even if the committee has neutral intentions of keeping the Olympics and sporting writ at large from being divisive, the apolitical approach is idealist at best. "Demonstrations" are not equivalent to "political, religious, or racial propaganda," and by banning the former at the games, the committee has, far from avoiding conflict, taken the side of the status quo.

Demonstrations are not propaganda just because they're political, they're in fact a reality check on literally state-run propaganda.

In the face of an increasingly outspoken generation, institutions such as the committee must either accept the political mantle that comes with pointing a global spotlight or cede control of the spotlight to someone else. Anything less, and the committee risks finding itself on the wrong side of history once again.

COLUMN

Understanding link between your physical, mental health

The two can affect each other, especially when one goes ignored.



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Mental and physical illness are often talked about as separate concepts, but this is not as simple a division as some think.

People with terminal physical illnesses may experience depression. For example, panic-attack symptoms are both mental and physical, with someone experiencing a racing heart, sweating, and trouble breathing.

I spoke with Emily Kroska, clinical assistant professor in the University of Iowa Psychological and Brain Sciences Department, to learn more.

"We don't have data to indicate causality, but there is quite a bit of data suggesting the two [physical and mental health] are related," Kroska said. "I have studied how childhood trauma impacts mental health, somatic symptoms, as well as problematic or risky health behaviors. If persistent, risky health behaviors can lead to long-term negative physical health consequences."

Fortunately, psychologists can work at medical clinics which treat physical illnesses.

"Integrated care is one model of incorporating psychologists into medical systems ... that is becoming increasingly more common, especially in VA health-care systems," Kroska said. "Psy-

chologists are in-house, where they are able to work with patients and providers. Many of the patients presenting to medical clinics are experiencing mental-health systems, and whether these symptoms are caused by a physical or mental illness, psychologists can often be helpful."

Mental and physical illnesses can affect a person simultaneously. Psychologists should always, not just often, be integrated.

Critics might argue this would make health care too expensive. A research report from psychologists Linda Carlson and Barry D. Bultz contradicts this concern.

"Studies of cancer patients' perceptions of needs find that they feel under-served in many areas, including the provision of treatments for these high levels of psychological and emotional distress," the report said.

The case of euthanasia is a good hypothetical. What if someone living with severe physical problems wanted to end their life via euthanasia?

Mental-health screenings are required for that. Would that treatment their mind?

Critics of this idea might also argue people with physical illnesses can find treatments themselves if needed. Sure, but it would be nice if on top of their mental and physical problems, they would not need to worry about finding care.

Plus, not everyone in that situation is going to admit, or even realize, they need mental-health services. Oncology patients might argue their lack of energy and lack of interest in activities is a result of cancer. New mothers say crying and being irritable results from a lack of sleep and the stress of taking care of a newborn. Yet, all these people's symptoms could actually be caused by a mental illness such as depression.

Not everyone who has a physical illness has a mental one as well, though it could happen. People in these situations should have their mental health checked and given options for mental-health treatment if necessary.



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The Psychological and Brain Sciences Building is seen on Jan. 24.

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Encompass partners with UIHC for rehab hospital

University of Iowa Health Care has partnered with Encompass Health to open a new rehabilitation hospital in Coralville. The facility is projected to open in May 2020 and will be the first hospital Encompass creates in the state of Iowa.

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Notable for its medical presence in Iowa City, University of Iowa Health Care was a simple choice for Encompass Health's partner in the creation of its first rehabilitation hospital in the state of Iowa.

UI Hospitals & Clinics CEO Suresh Gunasekaran said Encompass received approval for a certificate of need last summer, which provided evidence of a lack of rehabilitation services in the area, and so it began brainstorming the project.

Encompass Regional President Troy DeDecker said the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the rehabilitation hospital will take place in May 2020 and, if everything goes well after the opening, specialty programs will begin development.

According to UIHC spokesperson Tom Moore, the building and equipment will altogether cost \$27 million, with the expense split evenly between UIHC and Encompass.

Encompass reached out to

UIHC in its search for a partner, Gunasekaran said, which found it to be an intriguing opportunity.

"So many of our patients that are at UIHC need rehab services after they leave here," Gunasekaran said. "Encompass does a great job creating a facility and specializing in helping people rehabilitate with the appropriate physical therapy and other support services that are so important."

Another appealing aspect of the partnership was the fact that doctors at UIHC will work at the new hospital, he said.

"[Employing] our physicians can ensure that we're using the latest clinical practices to make sure that patients that came from our hospital and other hospitals do really well there," Gunasekaran said. "There's a great opportunity to put the best of both worlds together."

Hillary Carnel, associate director of media relations and marketing events at Encompass, said a majority of the rehabilitation hospital's patients will also come from the univer-

sity hospital.

"They will first be treated in the hospital, where they would go ahead and assess the need, and then the rehab hospital would be the step after it to help [patients] get back their function and begin relearning the skills that they lost," she said.

Patients get three hours of therapy a day, five days a week, Carnel said. This can include physical, occupational, or speech therapy, occasionally utilizing all three for specific situations such as a stroke. All patients are given an individualized treatment plan to best fit their exact needs, she said.

The ultimate goal for the new hospital is to get patients back to the lives that they had before their debilitating illnesses and injuries, Carnel said.

Encompass hopes that this hospital will spread the company's recognition throughout the state and grow its relationship with the university, DeDecker said. It aims to provide rehabilitation access to Iowa City's population as the service is cur-



University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics is seen on Sept. 17, 2018.

Katie Goodale/The Daily Iowan

rently unavailable, he added.

"Most of the patients that need the type of program that we are building are currently going to other types of services like skilled nursing facilities,

and skilled nursing facilities provide them as well, they just don't provide the intensive level of therapy," DeDecker said. "I think, for us, if we can provide a service to patients from

the university that haven't been able to get that service before, we can get them back home into their community, and living a productive life — that's a success."

Iowa Supreme Court denies Mollie Tibbetts murder suspect's motion to suppress evidence

No new trial date has been set yet for Cristhian Bahena Rivera, who has been charged with first-degree murder in UI student Mollie Tibbetts' death.

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The Iowa Supreme Court had denied a request to review a motion regarding an evidence-suppression hearing for Cristhian Bahena Rivera, the man accused of killing University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts in 2018.

According to court documents filed Tuesday by Iowa Supreme Court Justice Edward Mansfield, the court also denied the defense's request to put court proceedings on the case on hold.

The defense previously filed documents asking for a delay in the trial to allow for more time to review evidence and

depose new witnesses.

Defense attorneys also asked the Iowa Supreme Court to review a decision made following an evidence-suppression hearing in November regarding whether or not Bahena Rivera's rights were violated at his arrest and questioning in August 2018.

Statements made by Bahena Rivera between the two times he was read his Miranda rights — the first time he was given an incomplete reading — but all other evidence collected at the time could be used in trial, according to the ruling from Eighth District Judge Joel Yates.

Bahena Rivera's attorneys had requested an interlocuto-

ry appeal to ask the Iowa Supreme Court to review Yates' ruling on their evidence-suppression motion.

The Iowa Supreme Court also stated in its Tuesday filing that it denied the state's request to strike the defense's request due to overlong attachments in their documents.

According to court documents filed in January by Bahena Rivera's lawyers, Chad and Jennifer Frese, they argued a motion of continuance should be granted for this trial because denying the motion would "prejudice defendant and substantially deny his right to a fair trial."

The state filed a resistance to the defense's motion for a con-

tinuance, saying that there is no basis for further delay, as the state has complied with its obligations in the case. State prosecutors also argued that defense attorneys were informed months ago that the defense did not intend to depose any of the state's witnesses.

Bahena Rivera's trial was scheduled to start Tuesday until the defense filed these requests. The trial date has not been rescheduled.

Bahena Rivera was charged with first-degree murder in Tibbetts' death after she was killed while on a run on July 18, 2018 in her hometown of Brooklyn, Iowa. He was arrested after leading law enforcement to her body on Aug. 21, 2018.

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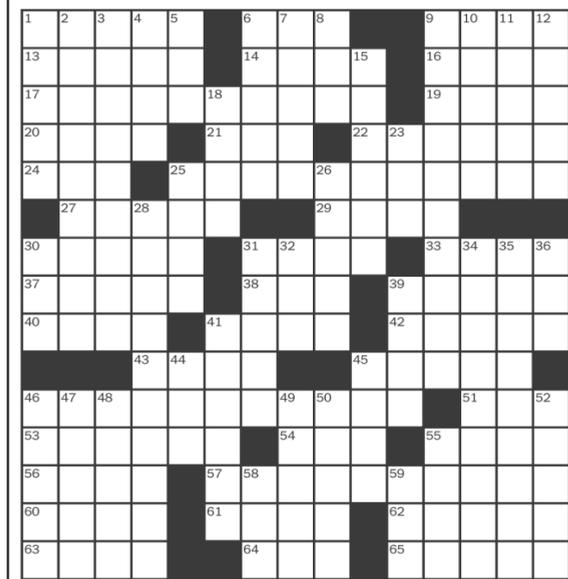
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- 65 Having a body mass index over 30, medically

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- 1 Actor Edward James ___
- 2 State of mind
- 3 Jokey parts of prank calls, often
- 4 Sci-fi travelers, for short
- 5 Presidential advisory grp.
- 6 Times New Roman alternative
- 7 Accumulated, as expenses
- 8 "Jeez, I did NOT need to know that!"
- 9 Fictional sport whose rules are invented during play
- 10 Sarge's superior
- 11 Something a bride or groom might acquire
- 12 Fruit from an orchard
- 15 Give in (to)
- 18 Levi's alternatives
- 23 One of 17 Monopoly properties: Abbr.
- 25 Traditional wedding wear, for some
- 26 Really needs a bath, say
- 28 Complained angrily and loudly
- 30 What "choosy moms choose," in ads
- 31 Knot-___ (scout's skill)
- 32 Necessity for life, chemically speaking
- 34 Be a hermit, say
- 35 Supreme leaders
- 36 Five-time Pro Bowl receiver Welker
- 39 Diluted
- 41 Not as bright
- 44 Itinerary word
- 45 T.A.'s overseer
- 46 Having renown
- 47 Message on a candy heart
- 48 "Cross my heart!"
- 49 Pops, to tots
- 50 Things that might make one cry "Fool!?"
- 52 Black tea variety
- 55 Knife
- 58 Promoter of Teacher Appreciation Week: Abbr.
- 59 Sellout show inits.

ACROSS

- 1 "Sounds exciting," sarcastically
- 6 First verb in the Lord's Prayer
- 9 Trim
- 13 Pages (through)
- 14 Commercial follower of "-o"
- 16 Super-duper
- 17 Employer of nurse sharks?
- 19 Name spelled out in a Kinks hit
- 20 Laudatory lines
- 21 ___ Claire, Wis.
- 22 Delicacy in a tiny spoon
- 24 Fig. in the form XXX-XX-XXXX
- 25 "It's green and slimy" and "It tastes like the ocean?"
- 27 Climate agreement city
- 29 Site of the fall of man
- 30 Late Saudi journalist Khashoggi
- 31 "With this ring, I ___ wed"
- 33 Crushing setback
- 37 Seal the deal
- 38 Big scare of a couple of decades ago ... or a phonetic hint to this puzzle's theme
- 39 Sign away
- 40 Own (up)
- 41 "___ mío!" (Spanish cry)
- 42 Storied toymakers
- 43 Deadlocked
- 45 Less colorful
- 46 Nerd's goal on a dating app?
- 51 Yodeler's peak
- 53 Ciaos at luau
- 54 Brouhaha
- 55 Fruit in some gin
- 56 Animal relative of a hinny
- 57 Pointy bill or tail feathers?
- 60 Dr. ___, film enemy of Austin Powers
- 61 Bring up ... or something that might be brought up
- 62 Unidentified person, in slang
- 63 Climax in "Hamilton"

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BURVILL
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pletely different swimmer when I'm in a suit, which provides another boost of confidence. Also, knowing that it's the peak meet of the season lets you go all out."

Burvill's legacy as a Hawk-

eye is well established at this point in her career, but she's still adding to it.

"She's still got a lot of swimming left," Iowa head coach Marc Long said. "I know it's a long season, but really we're just getting started. Now, we're getting into the fun stuff."

Long also noted that Burvill will swim in her home

country of Great Britain in mid-April at the British Swimming Championships with hopes of qualifying for the 2020 Summer Olympic games.

Fellow senior Allyssa Fluit believes that she, along with Burvill, has been instrumental in changing the culture of the Iowa swimming program.

"Since our freshman year, the team has come together and learned what it really means to be a team," Fluit said. "When we lose, we lose together, and when we win, we win together. Everyone plays a part in what we're doing. It's healthy to have a competitor and especially have a competitor that is your best friend."

The change in culture has been noticeable as seven individual school records are held by current Hawkeyes, one by freshman Millie Sansome.

The program is in good hands. While the senior class preps for its final races, a staggering 25 freshmen — across both the men's and women's teams — are just

getting started, ready to follow the example swimmers like Burvill have set in front of them.

For its final tune-up prior to the Big Ten Championships, Iowa will welcome the men's and women's teams from Western Illinois to the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center at 6 p.m. Friday.

BASKETBALL
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"I really like their team," McCaffery said. "I think they have a lot of different pieces that make them difficult to prepare for. They've got some guys who are shooting the ball well. There was a stretch where they weren't. Now, they're shooting the ball really well, which changes everything with regard to Williams, and Haarms, and [Evan] Boudreaux."

The challenge of playing on the road in the Big Ten means Iowa will have to keep playing the defense that has helped it win recent games down the stretch.

In Iowa's last four home contests — including games against ranked Michigan, Rutgers, and Illinois teams — it pulled of sin-

gle-digit victories by coming up with stops when it needed them.

That won't be as easy in enemy territory.

McCaffery attributed his team's ability to lock in at the end of games to his players knowing the situation.

No matter the score or number of fouls committed, the Hawkeyes have shown they understand each other with the game on the line.

Without the crowd on its side, Iowa will attempt to tap into a new level of late-game heroics if need be.

"All five guys have to be on the same page," McCaffery said. "I think it comes down to, in this case, a smart group that's mentally tough and is connected."

Also on Iowa's side are two players who have found their way onto prestigious lists mid-way through the conference

schedule.

Big Ten leading scorer and national player of the year candidate Luka Garza earned a spot on the Wooden Award Late Season Top-20 list. Joe Wieskamp is a finalist for the Jerry West Award, given to the top shooting guard in the country.

Garza's accolade does not come as a surprise. The Washington native leads the conference with 23 points per game and has received plenty of national recognition.

Wieskamp, however, quietly ranks ninth in the conference with 15.1 points per game.

"I think [Garza] has gotten a lot of the talk, and rightfully so — his numbers are off the charts," McCaffery said. "I think on a national level, people know who [Wieskamp] is. NBA guys know who he is. We certainly appreciate him."



Iowa guard Joe Wieskamp dribbles during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Rutgers at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 22.

WRESTLING
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Austin DeSanto was also injured recently. The All-American hurt his knee during his match against Penn State's Roman Bravo-Young Jan. 31.

Subsequently, DeSanto did not travel to East Lansing with the Hawkeyes for their dual against Michigan State on Sunday.

"We'll find out more [on DeSanto]. Preliminary stuff is, we don't have to amputate," Brands said jokingly. "He's handling it good; he's been in the room. He didn't make the trip with us, because it wouldn't make sense to put the guy on a bus for 14 hours with that type of thing."

Despite the uncertainties injuries have brought, the Hawkeyes are still confident they can compete with anybody.

"No, I don't think [injuries put pressure on the rest of the lineup], not for me espe-

cially," senior Pat Lugo said. "It's an individual sport. It definitely affects the team if one guy's injured. Like this past weekend, we had DeSanto sitting out, but you know, everyone's just doing what they do, doing their job, and the team will handle itself, and the winning will handle itself. Just go out there and have fun."

Redshirt freshman Tony Cassioppi isn't feeling the pressure, either.

Iowa has a do-your-job mentality, and he emphasized that.

"Scoring wise, yes [injuries affect the team], but it doesn't really matter," Cassioppi said. "We're staying in our match. We're focused on our match. Spencer Lee could get tackled by a fan and dragged off the mat for the 125-pound match, but that doesn't matter. I still have to go out there and wrestle at heavyweight."

In addition to their can-do attitude, the Hawkeyes have experience dealing with injuries.

Michael Kemerer missed

all of Iowa's 2018-19 campaign with knee and shoulder injuries.

The senior has come back this season 20 pounds heavier and full of fresh perspective.

"I've had to learn," Kemerer said. "You might wrestle a certain way, but let's protect ourselves, because we're getting older now. We're in the grind. You got to protect your body. You don't want to be wrestling every match of your career hurt."

"That's a whole side of it people might not even think of when they get here. It's just staying on top of your rehab or being proactive, wrestling smart, and not putting yourself in dangerous situations."

Time for the Hawkeyes to get healthy is limited. Iowa has three matchups against No. 22 Michigan, No. 13 Minnesota, and No. 11 Oklahoma State over the next three weeks.

Postseason wrestling begins with the Big Ten Championships on March 7.

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HAWKEYE UPDATES

Kemerer named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week

Iowa senior Michael Kemerer has been named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week, the conference announced Tuesday.

Kemerer climbed to the top of the 174-pound national rankings following a pair of wins over the weekend, including an 11-6 decision against then-top-ranked Mark Hall of Penn State on Jan. 31. His win against Hall helped lead Iowa over the Nittany Lions, 19-17.

Kemerer followed up that performance with a 13-3 major decision against No. 23 Layne Malczewski of Michigan State on Sunday.

The Big Ten honor is the third of Kemerer's career and the third for Iowa this season. Austin DeSanto earned the award Dec. 3, and Alex Marinelli was recognized Jan. 3.

Iowa returns to the mat Saturday at No. 22 Michigan.

Wieskamp named Jerry West Award finalist

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced on Tuesday the 10 finalists for the 2020 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award, which includes Iowa sophomore Joe Wieskamp.

Wieskamp is the second Hawkeye in four years to be a finalist for the Jerry West Award, joining Peter Jok in 2017.

The Muscatine, Iowa, native ranks second on the team in scoring with 15.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. He has drained 26 3-pointers during Big Ten play this season to lead the conference and is averaging 17.8 points in 11 Big Ten games, which is fourth best.

Wieskamp has scored in double figures in 13 straight games and has improved his scoring average by 4.4 points since Dec. 9. Wieskamp is second in the Big Ten in free throw percentage (.840) and sixth in 3-point accuracy (.385).

Wieskamp was named to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team and has posted three double-doubles for the Hawkeyes this season.

The award is named after Hall of Famer and 1959 NCAA Final Four MVP Jerry West. The honor is in its sixth year and recognizes the top shooting guards in Division I men's college basketball.

In March, five finalists will be presented to Jerry West and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. The winner will be presented at the College Basketball Awards Show in Los Angeles on April 10.

No. 17 Iowa returns to action on Wednesday at Purdue. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. at Mackey Arena.

DIVISION I WRESTLING RANKINGS

1. Iowa
2. Penn State
3. Ohio State
4. Arizona State
5. Minnesota
6. Wisconsin
7. Oklahoma State
8. Northwestern
9. Princeton
10. Nebraska

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What's our credit for the Big Ten Network? That \$50-plus million? What's the credit we get for that?"



-Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands on wrestling as a revenue sport

STAT OF THE DAY

The Iowa-Penn State wrestling dual averaged

342,955

viewers on the telecast

Hawkeyes prep for Purdue

Big Ten teams have had a significant advantage when playing at home, and the Hawkeyes will be on the wrong side of it against the Boilermakers.



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Iowa guard Joe Wieskamp dribbles during a men's basketball game between Iowa and Rutgers at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 22. The Hawkeyes defeated the Scarlet Knights, 85-80.

BY PETE RUDEN
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Home teams run the Big Ten.

Teams playing at home in the conference hold a record of 139-31, and Purdue has been one of those dominant teams when playing in West Lafayette.

The Boilermakers own a 9-2 mark at their home arena, including a 29-point victory over a top-10 Michigan State squad on Jan. 12.

Purdue will attempt to make Iowa's matchup against

the Boilermakers at Mackey Arena today just as difficult. "Intense atmosphere," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "One of the best in college basketball, so it's always a tough place to play."

Purdue's roster boasts players like Trevion Williams, Eric Hunter Jr., and Matt Haarms, who have heated up at times in the past month. That makes Iowa's one-game road trip to West Lafayette even more challenging.

SEE BASKETBALL, 7

IOWA-PURDUE INFORMATION

- **Who:** No. 17 Iowa vs. Purdue
- **Where:** Mackey Arena, West Lafayette, Indiana
- **When:** Today, 6 p.m.
- **TV:** Big Ten Network

Iowa wrestling battles injuries

Two Hawkeyes have been in and out of the lineup recently with injuries, but that isn't deterring Iowa's winning mentality.



Shivansh Ahuja/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's 133-pound Austin DeSanto wrestles Ohio State's Jordan Decatur during a wrestling dual meet between No. 1 Iowa and No. 4 Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 24. No. 2 DeSanto defeated No. 18 Decatur by technical fall in 5:59, and the Hawkeyes defeated the Buckeyes, 24-10.

BY AUSTIN HANSON
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Iowa wrestling has looked nearly unstoppable this season. The Hawkeyes are 10-0 and have won by an average margin of 28.7 points per dual.

One opponent Iowa hasn't completely vanquished this year has been the injury bug.

The first Hawkeye to go down with an injury was Max Murin. The All-American hasn't wrestled outside of practice since Jan. 18. He's missed duals against Ohio State, Penn State, and Mich-

igan State.

"Murin's good," head coach Tom Brands said. "He wants to go, and we got to be smart. We're going to do the right thing. We're going to be conservative when it's time to be conservative with those types of situations. We're going to be moderate when it's time to be moderate. Then when it's time to be aggressive, and when our medical team is comfortable with the safety level, then we'll be aggressive."

SEE WRESTLING, 7

Burvill poised for final stretch at Iowa

Hannah Burvill has been a standout for Iowa in the pool since her freshman year, and she is ready to go out on a high note as a senior.

BY CHRIS WERNER
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Hannah Burvill made waves immediately as a freshman when she climbed into the pool at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center for the first time back in 2016.

After her first collegiate meet, Burvill was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week. Later that season, she set the Iowa school record in the 100-free at 49.20 and was a member of three record-setting relay teams.

In the three seasons since, Burvill has acquired three more Hawkeye records, besting each of her own marks multiple times.

Her current 100-free record stands at 48.65. She also has the Iowa crown in the 50-free (22.54), 100-back (53.27), and 200-free (144.42.)

She set new records this year in the 50 and 100-free, both times coming at the Minnesota Invitational Dec. 4-7. Her record in the 200-free still stands from the Big Ten Championships two years ago. Her 100-back time is from the 2019 Big Ten meet.

Burvill's best performances have come when the stakes were the highest, swimming to her then-best time in the 100-back and 100-free during last year's postseason. There is no reason to think that she won't break her records again this time around.

"Having confidence coming off of a taper is a big mental step for preparation," Burvill said. "I love suiting up, and I feel like a com-



Burvill

SEE BURVILL, 7