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The Iowa women's basketball coaching staff has become one of the most successful – and closest – units in college athletics.



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Five things to watch

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This weekend could be a test run for the team's future.

1. Scoring support around Caitlin Clark

This is going to be a theme throughout the entire postseason for the Hawkeyes. If they can motor a well-rounded, efficient offense — in which Clark leads the way and two or three more scorers step up into high double figures — this team is going to be very, very hard to beat. But in each of Iowa's four losses this season, no one has stepped up. Take Nebraska on Feb. 11 for example. Clark didn't score in the final quarter, and no other player was there to take over. The fact of the matter is, as cliché as it is, there truly is no "I" in "team."

The Hawkeyes have shown glimpses. In their three wins over the Big Ten Tournament from March 8-10 Clark had a much harder time putting the ball in the bucket than usual. But Gabbie Marshall and Kate Martin drilled from three, Hannah Stuelke added a 25-point performance, and Sydney Affolter filled any holes still left in this offense. When Clark's game clicks around them, it's going to be very difficult to guard an Iowa team that operates on multiple levels of scoring.



Clark

2. Sydney Affolter

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder noted after Selection Sunday on March 17 that guard Molly Davis is still walking with a limp after a knee injury suffered against Ohio State on March 3. She said she is not as far along in her recovery as Bluder had hoped for. That means Sydney Affolter will likely be a starter for this team for the foreseeable future. And she's risen to the occasion — starting all three games of the Big Ten Tournament, earning All-Big Ten Tournament honors, and posting point/assist/rebound statlines of 18/5/9, 12/8/7, and 11/3/11.



Affolter



Bluder

The question this weekend is how Bluder uses Affolter moving forward — and how Affolter executes in response. She's started six games this season, but those games only get bigger from here on out. It will be interesting to see how she continues to fill Davis' gap in the starting lineup as she likely sees more minutes and takes on a much bigger role in an offense that needs her. That's not to mention she's just an entertaining player to watch for any basketball nut.

3. Post play

Monika Czinano's departure from the team at the conclusion of last season because she ran out of eligibility left a pretty important



Czinano

void in Iowa's offense. Who will run the one-two punch with Clark? And while Stuelke has certainly brought some power at the five, she definitely plays better at the four. This team needs consistent, physical post-play at that five to take some of the weight off of the smaller guards and better shape this team on both ends of the floor. That means either Addison O'Grady or Sharon Goodman needs to step up, so this first-round game can help give a sense of

Bluder's rotation in the post moving forward.

But neither O'Grady nor Goodman, both slightly undersized too, have seen massive amounts of minutes this season. Whether the Hawkeyes' opponent brings a post-attack or not, this game will be a bit of a trial run moving forward — as the Hawkeyes could see Kansas State's 6-foot-6 center Ayoka Lee yet again very soon down the line in the region. That's not to mention Stanford's 6-foot-4 Cameron Brink and South Carolina's 6-foot-7 Kamilla Cardoso.

4. Caitlin Clark's shooting efficiency

In line with my first point, this is definitely something to keep an eye out for in the opening round after the Big Ten Tournament — in which Clark shot a combined 27-of-67 from the field. That's 40.3 percent. She's averaging 46 percent this season. It's very rare her shot doesn't fall that much in one game, but it happened over the course of three games that weekend. Maybe it was a fluke. Maybe she's gone cold. The only way to know is to see how she shoots it inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday — where she'll be the most comfortable throughout the entire tournament with Hawkeye fans right by her. And it has serious repercussions for this team moving forward.

Of course, yes, there's no "I" in "team," but it would be foolish to say this team can win an entire National Championship with Caitlin Clark absent. She needs help around her, but she needs to be a threat herself for that help to be effective. With Clark on, defenses will have so much to focus on that this team will just wear them down. That's not to mention she's averaging 32 of Iowa's 93 points per game. That's tough to beat.

5. Defense

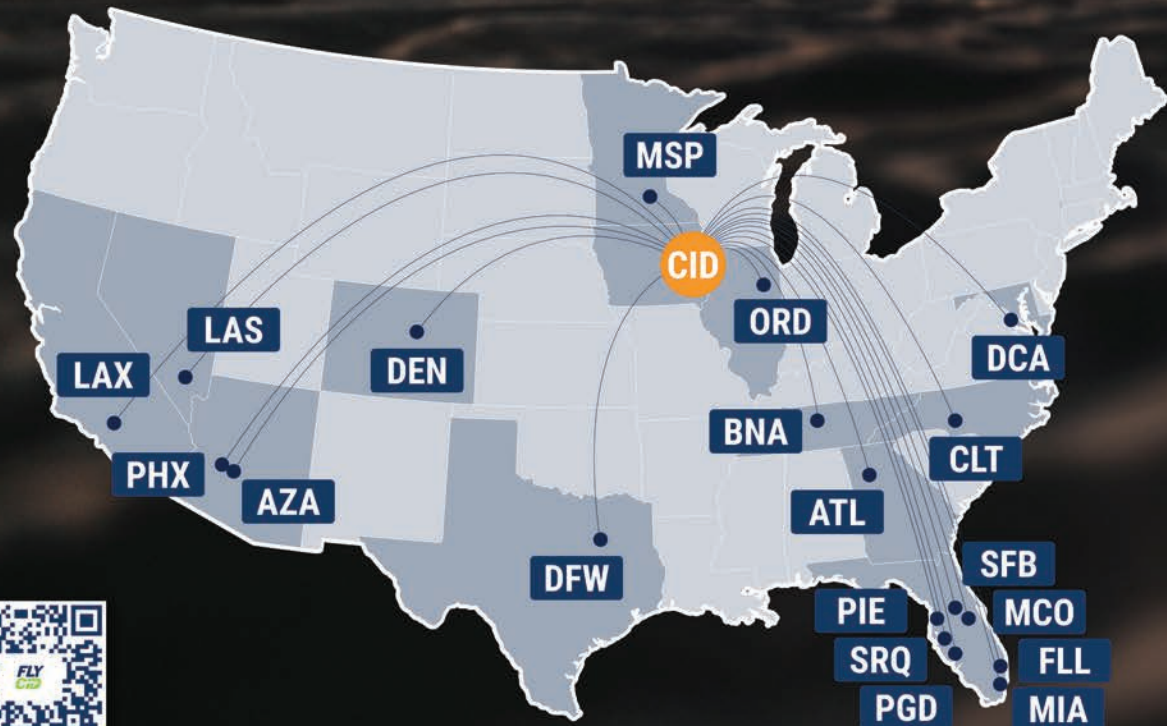
It's that simple. Defense wins games. Sure, Iowa is averaging 93 points per game, but it's also averaging giving up 72 points per game. And that's against a handful of middle-of-the-road teams. But when the tournament teams come around, the Hawkeyes tend to get a little flimsy in the backcourt. Drake gave the Hawkeyes 90. Ohio State gave them 100. Maryland gave them 85. Penn State 93. Michigan 89. Indiana 86. Nebraska 89.

That's got to end. The Denver Nuggets style of offense — "score more points than they do" — won't work past the second round of this tournament when you win or go home. Every player needs to lock in, clamp down, and secure boards. And of course, holding a 16 seed to 40-ish points certainly makes a statement.



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Best friends on the bench

Iowa women's basketball has a unique and tenured coaching staff.

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In athletics, there is rarely an occupation with a higher turnover rate than coaching.

Researchers from the Stanford Graduate School of Business recently found that 30 and 21 percent of NBA and NFL teams, respectively, have a coach leave in an average year. These numbers typically are higher for assistant coaches who are trying to work their way up the ranks.

This makes the Iowa women's basketball team so unique, as head coach Lisa Bluder has been at the helm for the past two decades, making her the longest-tenured coach in the Big Ten and the winningest coach in program history.



Jensen



Fitzgerald

Hawkeyes ever since.

Along with assistant coaches Abby Stamp and Raina Harmon, who have been on Bluder's staff for 15 and seven seasons, respectively, Iowa has the longest-tenured coaching staff in the Big Ten. Iowa's current coaches average 14.14 seasons spent on a team compared to the conference average of 4.02.

Now, the staff is trying to capitalize on a veteran lineup led by star guard Caitlin Clark to make a deep run in the tournament and further last year's success — making it to the national championship for

"She instills a confidence and a belief that propels her team to hopefully and typically meet their highest expectations and even push a little bit higher. It's Lisa's constant push for 'better' and her intensity to never allow mediocrity that elevates all those around her."

Jan Jensen said of Lisa Bluder
Iowa associate head coach

Now, in her 24th season, Bluder is leading the Hawkeyes to their 13th NCAA Tournament appearance. Iowa will host the first and second rounds in Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend as the No. 1 seed in the Albany 2 Region.

However, like Tex Winter and Jim Cleamons were for Phil Jackson, Bluder has had a pair of assistant coaches at her side through every moment of her historical run at Iowa.

"You hire people who can cover up your weaknesses," Bluder said last October. "I think I've done that with Jan and Jenni."

Then-assistant coaches Jan Jensen and Jenni Fitzgerald accompanied Bluder to Iowa when she departed from Drake in the spring of 2000 and have remained with the

the first time in program history.

"She instills a confidence and a belief that propels her team to hopefully and typically meet their highest expectations, and even push a little bit higher," Jensen said of Bluder. "It's Lisa's constant push for 'better' and her intensity to never allow mediocrity that elevates all those around her."

Coach to best friend

Jensen and Fitzgerald were first introduced to Bluder during their senior season playing basketball for Drake University, as the then 30-year-old Bluder accepted the head coaching job for the Bulldogs after six seasons at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.



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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and Iowa associate head coach Jan Jensen speak with an official during a basketball game between then-No. 2 Iowa and then-No. 5 Nebraska at the TIAA Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament at Target Center in Minneapolis, Minn., on March 10. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers in overtime, 94-89.



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Iowa associate head coach Jan Jensen speaks with players during a women's basketball game between then-No. 6 Iowa and Minnesota at Williams Arena in Minneapolis, Minn., on Feb. 28.

After two-straight seasons of averaging more than 15 points per game, Jensen was hesitant at first about Bluder's hiring potentially disrupting things at Drake.

"The coach who recruited you and believed in you is gone, and there was always a fear that no matter how good you were, the new coach can come in and want

to play freshmen or people they recruited," Jensen said on *The Daily Iowan's* Press Box Banter podcast.

Jensen's attitude toward her new head coach quickly changed once she saw how Bluder blended a desire to be great while also keeping the game fun and enjoyable for the players.



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Iowa associate head coach Jan Jensen cheers during an exhibition women's basketball game between Iowa and Clarke University at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Oct. 22, 2023. The Hawkeyes defeated the Pride, 122-49.

Building Iowa's coaching staff

Over the last two decades, the Hawkeyes' coaching staff has transformed.

2000:

Lisa Bluder named head coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Iowa. Bluder left her coaching job at Drake University after 10 seasons. Then-Drake assistants Jan Jensen and Jenni Fitzgerald are hired to serve as assistants for the Hawkeyes.

2004:

Jensen is promoted to assistant head coach.

2017:

Fitzgerald is promoted to Iowa women's basketball associate head coach. After five seasons as an assistant coach for Central Michigan, Raina Harmon is added to Bluder's coaching staff as assistant coach.

2023:

Omaha's Tiana Davis hired as an assistant coach and director of player development.

2024:

Bluder, Jensen, and Fitzgerald enter their 24th seasons with the Hawkeyes.

"Our previous coach was very hard-nosed: Either you do this or that," Jensen said. "Lisa was the first coach I had who had the balance and the approach of you can work hard and play hard, win or lose."

In Jensen's first and only season with Bluder, she averaged 29.6 points per game, becoming the first of three Bluder-coached players to lead the nation in scoring.

After briefly parting ways to explore personal interests, Jensen and Fitzgerald both returned to Drake in 1993 as graduate assistants. They were quickly promoted, with Jensen becoming Bluder's first assistant coach and Fitzgerald handling administrative duties.

The trio coached the Bulldogs to five 20-plus win seasons and reached the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament eight times.

After Angie Lee stepped down as head coach of the Iowa women's basketball team in 2000, former athletics director Christine Grant hired Bluder as the fifth head coach in program history.

When it came time to assemble her staff at Iowa, Bluder knew she wanted Jensen and Fitzgerald to be included.

"I knew we had a winning combination," Bluder said. "We had a dream that we wanted to go to a Final Four and fill Carver."

Since joining Iowa, Bluder and Co. have amassed a 523-252 record for the Iowa women's team, reaching the postseason in 22 out of 24 seasons. Most recently, the trio won its fifth Big Ten Tournament — Iowa's third consecutive conference title — with a 94-89 overtime win against Nebraska.

And this season, the women's team sold out all regular season games at Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the first time.

"We are each other's best friends," Fitzgerald told *The Cedar Rapids Gazette*. "We've been very blessed to be great friends and be able to coach together."

Stamp joined the coaching staff in 2009 as director of operations after four seasons playing under the trio. Harmon joined in 2017 after spending the previous seven years as an assistant at Michigan and Central Michigan.

"I didn't know Coach Bluder well prior to the hire, but during my interview process, I could tell that she and her staff were very genuine," Harmon said in May 2017.

Coaching styles



Gustafson

Bluder's coaching staff is made up of those who know her brand of basketball the best.

Despite dominating as a guard during her playing career, Jensen has found most of her success coaching predominantly forwards and centers in the post.

Jensen worked with center Megan Gustafson, who broke conference and NCAA records during her four years at Iowa. She became the consensus player of the year in

mostly works with Iowa's perimeter players while also having a role in recruiting.

Guard Sydney Affolter said Jensen and Fitzgerald both played a big role in her recruiting to Iowa and that they see players as more than just a number on a jersey.

"Whether you play 30 minutes a game or you don't play at all, they emphasize that you're just as important as the person next to you, and I think everyone can feel that," Affolter said.

Stamp and Harmon also help with perimeter players. The latter was recently named to the 2024 ABIS Head Coach Watch List by the Advancement of Blacks in Sport Committee.

"Coach Raina has helped me with so much stuff since I've been here," forward Hannah Stuelke said. "I struggled a lot during my freshman year learning the offense, and she was always there to kind of walk me through things whenever I needed."

The most recent addition to the coaching staff is Tania Davis, who joined the program before this season after being an assistant coach for Omaha women's basketball from 2021-2023.



Harmon



Davis

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Lisa Bluder

Iowa women's basketball head coach

2019 and helped the Hawkeyes reach the Elite Eight.

Recently, Jensen worked with center Monika Czinano, who finished her Iowa career with 2,413 points and 787 rebounds and became the 17th Hawkeye to go to the WNBA when she was taken with the 26th overall pick in last year's draft.

Jensen said she gets too much credit for the success of Iowa's post players and that it all stems from the type of players she and the coaching staff recruit.

"They buy into what we are about, and I believe in getting really good at the basics and doing a lot of drills to be the best in the world," Jensen said. "Megan did it, and Monika came very close, too."

Last season, Jensen was recognized as the 2023 Women's Basketball Coaches Association assistant coach of the year.

"Jenni Fitzgerald could've easily gotten that [award]," Jensen said. "I am a reflection of everybody I work with, certainly Coach Bluder."

Though her title and responsibilities have changed throughout the years, Fitzgerald

Like Stamp, Davis is the latest former player to be coached by Bluder and join her coaching staff.

The now-director of player development started 87 games at guard for the Hawkeyes between 2015 and 2019.

Davis told the *DI* last June that transitioning from player to coach at Iowa was effortless due to the trust Bluder and the other coaches have in her.

"If I open my mouth and I speak, whether it's during a practice, during a meeting, or anything, [Bluder's] going to listen, trust, and hear me out just because she knows that I understand the game of basketball," Davis said.

Bluder's teaching of future coaches won't stop with Davis. Guard and sixth-year senior Kate Martin has expressed interest in coaching once her playing days are over, which is supported by Jensen, Martin's aunt.

"I couldn't ask for a better set of coaches to learn from and to implement coaching styles that I want to do one day as well," Martin said.

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Prepping for the postseason

UI staff has spent the last several months planning to host the NCAA Tournament.

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Months of prep will soon turn into a weekend of memories.

Iowa women's basketball received the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, giving the Hawkeyes hosting rights for a "First Four" game and the first two rounds.



Berka

Behind the scenes, the University of Iowa staff has been preparing to host the tournament since last fall. One of those staff members who makes hosting possible is Josh Berka, the assistant athletics director of event management and sports camps.

Berka started by securing hotel room blocks around the community for visiting teams. Once the new year rolled around, Iowa submitted its bid to the NCAA to host the first and second rounds. The NCAA requires a hosting site to meet specific safety, facility, and financial standards, such as ADA seating and accessibility, number of locker rooms, and electrical components that allow broadcast TV, like ESPN, to plug in its mobile trucks.

He said the athletics department has a "great partnership" with UI Campus Safety, which collaborates with local law enforcement, to ensure a safe and secure environment for everybody. The visiting team locker rooms in Carver-Hawkeye Arena along with another Iowa locker room, such as men's basketball or volleyball, will be utilized. The Hawkeye women will use their regular locker room.

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Josh Berka

Assistant Athletic Director of event management and sports camps

He added that arena capacity "isn't necessarily part of [the requirements]." That's something Iowa wouldn't have to worry about anyway because over 15,000 seats inside Carver will be filled as the Hawkeyes battle



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Iowa Assistant Athletics Director of Event Management and Sports Camps Josh Berka talks into a walkie talkie during a women's basketball game between then-No. 5 Iowa and Nebraska on Jan. 27.

for a berth to the Sweet 16. There was no public sale after brackets were announced on March 17 because Iowa season ticket holders snatched up every available seat in 30 minutes. Each team traveling to Iowa City — Princeton, West Virginia, UT Martin, and Holy Cross — is required to purchase at least 100 all-session tickets. Iowa City's first-round attendance last year was higher than nine of the 16 sites' first and second-round combined attendance,

according to Hawkeye Sports.

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do. And they know what it takes to put forth the best site that we possibly can and be the best site in the country."

Berka said the biggest change to tournament preparation was when the women's tournament started using March Madness branding in 2022. Since then, the NCAA has made "little tweaks" to improve its hosting sites.

As far as the March Madness branding goes, Berka said the NCAA shipped banners to the university this week for him and his staff to hang. Because of the unique layout of Carver and its single concourse, Berka and his team have been discussing the best places to hang the banners for a while.

The March Madness logos you see on the court during the first two rounds, however, are "superimposed," Berka said.

"Because of the turnaround and just not knowing logistically where everything's going to go until Sunday night, there's no core graphics that are actually sent to each site," Berka said. "And part of that is also from the standpoint for the student-athletes to not have a slip hazard."



Turner

He clarified that for the Sweet 16, Elite Eight, and Final Four,

there will be unique logos specific to each hosting site stuck on the court.

With all the attention Caitlin Clark and the Hawkeyes have brought to women's basketball, Berka is expecting many media contingencies to be in Iowa City. In the final game of the regular season against Ohio State, there were nearly 300 credentialed media members at Carver.

This is when Bailey Turner, Iowa women's basketball's sports information director, comes in. Since Selection Sunday, Turner has spent eight to 10 hours at Carver prepping for this weekend. He predicts 120-130 media members will be covering the games.

Turner said the hardest part is making sure everyone gets a spot and it's fair, but he has some help from the NCAA, as each hosting site is required to have an NCAA media coordinator. According to the NCAA, its media coordinators should collaborate with "the sports information directors of each participating team to provide smooth media operations at each site, for the media, the coaches, and the student-athletes."

During Iowa games, Turner is responsible for tracking the postgame notes and any historical data that will be sent out to media members after the final buzzer. With a few minutes left in a game, Turner facilitates which players will be interviewed and then gets everybody to the press conferences and locker rooms.

Turner said he is mainly responsible for the Iowa beat writers, who already know how to navigate the arena. The only thing that's different for the Hawkeye beat writers might be where they sit during a game. Along with press row above Iowa's bench, Berka said there will be more media seating courtside.

The chairs you would typically see fans sit in on the opposite side of the team benches will be gone and replaced with a media table. Berka said the university is also getting a larger number of photographer requests than in previous years, so there will be additional space on the ends of the court for them.

After the first two rounds are complete, the NCAA will get feedback from the participating teams at each host site to assess the student-athlete experience. Berka said he and his team always welcome feedback from anyone they can to continue to "provide the best experience for student-athletes in the country."

"Knowing the opportunity our student-athletes have to perform, compete, and excel at the highest level and to be able to do it on their home court and not having to worry about anything else but going out and doing their best — that's the reason why we do what we do," Berka said.



NO. 1 IOWA

IOWA ROSTER

1	Molly Davis	G	5-7	Fifth Year	Midland, Mich.
2	Taylor McCabe	G	5-9	So.	Fremont, Neb.
3	Sydney Affolter	G	5-11	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.
4	Kylie Feuerbach	G	6-0	RS Jr.	Sycamore, Ill.
13	Kennise Johnson	G	5-4	Fr.	Joliet, Ill.
20	Kate Martin	G	6-0	Graduate Student	Edwardsville, Ill.
22	Caitlin Clark	G	6-0	Sr.	West Des Moines, Iowa
23	Jada Gyamfi	F	6-1	So.	Johnston, Iowa
24	Gabbie Marshall	G	5-9	Fifth Year	Cincinnati, Ohio
34	AJ Ediger	F	6-2	Jr.	Hudsonville, Mich.
35	Ava Jones	F	6-2	Fr.	Nickerson, Kan.
40	Sharon Goodman	C	6-3	RS Jr.	Lime Springs, Iowa
44	Addison O'Grady	F/C	6-3	Jr.	Aurora, Colo.
45	Hannah Stuelke	F	6-2	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 21,198
Conference: Big Ten
Mascot: Hawkeyes

Coach: Lisa Bluder

Conference Tournament performance: Earned third straight conference title with wins against No. 7 Penn State (95-62) No. 6 Michigan (95-68), No. 5 Nebraska (94-89).

Points:

1. Caitlin Clark (31.9)
2. Hannah Stuelke (14.6)
3. Kate Martin (12.9)

Rebounds:

1. Caitlin Clark (7.3)
2. Hannah Stuelke (6.8)
3. Sydney Affolter (6.6)

Assists:

1. Caitlin Clark (8.9)
2. Molly Davis (3.1)
3. Kate Martin (2.5)



NO. 16 UT MARTIN

UT MARTIN ROSTER

0	Sydneey Boykin	G	5-9	Sr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
2	Love Mays	G	5-8	Fr.	Harrodsburg, Ky.
3	Ally Collett	G	5-7	RS Jr.	London, Ky.
4	Anaya Brown	F	6-1	So.	Lexington, Ky.
5	Mah Minthe	F	5-10	Jr.	Paris, France
10	Amari Bonds	G	5-9	Fr.	Union City, Tenn.
11	Shae Littleford	G	5-7	Jr.	Charlston, Ill.
12	Lexi Rubel	F	6-1	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
15	Morgan Borgstadt	G	6-0	Fr.	Claremore, Okla.
20	Tori Rubel	F	6-1	Fr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
23	Kendal George	G	5-9	Fr.	Centerville, Ohio
24	Kiya Dorroh	G/F	6-1	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz.
25	Norah Clark	F	6-1	Fr.	Springfield, Mo.
32	Sophie Singleton	F	5-10	Fr.	Huntingdon, Tenn.
33	Josie Storey	G	5-10	So.	Mountain View, Ark.
44	Kenley McCarn	G	5-11	RS Fr.	Melbourne, Ark.

Location: Martin, Tennessee
Enrollment: 4,743
Conference: OVC
Mascot: Skyhawks

Coach: Kevin McMillan

Conference Tournament performance: Tech, 79-71, and No. 2 Little Rock, 54-48, before losing in the championship to top-seeded Southern Indiana, 81-53.

Points:

1. Kenley McCarn (16.7)
2. Anaya Brown (15.1)
3. Norah Clark (10.0)

Rebounds:

1. Anaya Brown (8.9)
2. Lexi Rubel (7.2)
3. Kenley McCarn (4.5)

Assists:

1. Lexi Rubel (3.7)
2. Kenley McCarn (2.8)
3. Shae Littleford (2.8)



NO. 16 HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS ROSTER

0	Callie Wright	F	6-1	Sr.	Markham, Ontario
4	Meg Cahalan	F	5-8	So.	Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
10	Janelle Allen	F	5-11	Sr.	Lake in the Hills, Ill.
13	Bronagh Power-Cassidy	G	5-10	Sr.	Dublin, Ireland
15	Cara McCormack	G	5-3	Sr.	Smithtown, N.Y.
21	Janie Bachmann	G	6-0	Fr.	Holmdel, N.J.
22	Simone Lewis	F	6-0	Fr.	Lanham, Md.
23	Grace Munt	G	5-11	Jr.	Fair Haven, N.J.
24	Simone Foreman	G	5-9	So.	Odenton, Md.
25	Hannah Griffin	G	5-6	Fr.	Conshohocken, Pa.
33	Mary-Elizabeth Donnelly	G	6-0	So.	Manasquan, N.J.
34	Lauren Huber	G	5-10	Jr.	Libertyville, Ill.
35	Lindsay Berger	F	6-2	Jr.	Orefield, Pa.

Location: Worcester, Massachusetts

Enrollment: 3,233
Conference: Patriot
Mascot: Crusaders

Coach: Maureen Magarity

Conference Tournament performance: Earned No. 1 seed, defeated Bucknell, 61-56, No. 4 Loyola Maryland, 72-54, beat and No. 3 Boston University, 61-55, in championship.

Points:

1. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (16.8)
2. Cara McCormack (10.5)
3. Janelle Allen (10.2)

Rebounds:

1. Simone Foreman (8.6)
2. Lindsay Berger (5.8)
3. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (5.0)

Assists:

1. Kaitlyn Flanagan (4.4)
2. Cara McCormack (3.1)
3. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (1.7)

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34	AJ Ediger	F	6-2	Jr.	Hudsonville, Mich.
35	Ava Jones	F	6-2	Fr.	Nickerson, Kan.
40	Sharon Goodman	C	6-3	RS Jr.	Lime Springs, Iowa
44	Addison O'Grady	F/C	6-3	Jr.	Aurora, Colo.
45	Hannah Stuelke	F	6-2	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 21,198
Conference: Big Ten
Mascot: Hawkeyes

Coach: Lisa Bluder

Rebounds:
 1. Caitlin Clark (7.3)
 2. Hannah Stuelke (6.8)
 3. Sydney Affolter (6.6)

Assists:
 1. Caitlin Clark (8.9)
 2. Molly Davis (3.1)
 3. Kate Martin (2.5)

Conference Tournament performance: Earned third straight conference title with wins against No. 7 Penn State (95-62) No. 6 Michigan (95-68), No. 5 Nebraska (94-89).

Points:
 1. Caitlin Clark (31.9)
 2. Hannah Stuelke (14.6)
 3. Kate Martin (12.9)



NO. 16 UT MARTIN

UT MARTIN ROSTER

0	Sydneey Boykin	G	5-9	Sr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
2	Love Mays	G	5-8	Fr.	Harrodsburg, Ky.
3	Ally Collett	G	5-7	RS Jr.	London, Ky.
4	Anaya Brown	F	6-1	So.	Lexington, Ky.
5	Mah Minthe	F	5-10	Jr.	Paris, France
10	Amari Bonds	G	5-9	Fr.	Union City, Tenn.
11	Shae Littleford	G	5-7	Jr.	Charlston, Ill.
12	Lexi Rubel	F	6-1	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
15	Morgan Borgstadt	G	6-0	Fr.	Claremore, Okla.
20	Tori Rubel	F	6-1	Fr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
23	Kendal George	G	5-9	Fr.	Centerville, Ohio
24	Kiya Dorroh	G/F	6-1	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz.
25	Norah Clark	F	6-1	Fr.	Springfield, Mo.
32	Sophie Singleton	F	5-10	Fr.	Huntingdon, Tenn.
33	Josie Storey	G	5-10	So.	Mountain View, Ark.
44	Kenley McCarn	G	5-11	RS Fr.	Melbourne, Ark.

Location: Martin, Tennessee
Enrollment: 4,743
Conference: OVC
Mascot: Skyhawks

Coach: Kevin McMillan

Rebounds:
 1. Anaya Brown (8.9)
 2. Lexi Rubel (7.2)
 3. Kenley McCarn (4.5)

Assists:
 1. Lexi Rubel (3.7)
 2. Kenley McCarn (2.8)
 3. Shae Littleford (2.8)

Conference Tournament performance: Tech, 79-71, and No. 2 Little Rock, 54-48, before losing in the championship to top-seeded Southern Indiana, 81-53.

Points:
 1. Kenley McCarn (16.7)
 2. Anaya Brown (15.1)
 3. Norah Clark (10.0)



NO. 16 HOLY CROSS

HOLY CROSS ROSTER

0	Callie Wright	F	6-1	Sr.	Markham, Ontario
4	Meg Cahalan	F	5-8	So.	Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
10	Janelle Allen	F	5-11	Sr.	Lake in the Hills, Ill.
13	Bronagh Power-Cassidy	G	5-10	Sr.	Dublin, Ireland
15	Cara McCormack	G	5-3	Sr.	Smithtown, N.Y.
21	Janie Bachmann	G	6-0	Fr.	Holmdel, N.J.
22	Simone Lewis	F	6-0	Fr.	Lanham, Md.
23	Grace Munt	G	5-11	Jr.	Fair Haven, N.J.
24	Simone Foreman	G	5-9	So.	Odenton, Md.
25	Hannah Griffin	G	5-6	Fr.	Conshohocken, Pa.
33	Mary-Elizabeth Donnelly	G	6-0	So.	Manasquan, N.J.
34	Lauren Huber	G	5-10	Jr.	Libertyville, Ill.
35	Lindsay Berger	F	6-2	Jr.	Orefield, Pa.

Location: Worcester, Massachusetts
Enrollment: 3,233
Conference: Patriot
Mascot: Crusaders

Coach: Maureen Magarity

Rebounds:
 1. Simone Foreman (8.6)
 2. Lindsay Berger (5.8)
 3. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (5.0)

Assists:
 1. Kaitlyn Flanagan (4.4)
 2. Cara McCormack (3.1)
 3. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (1.7)

Conference Tournament performance: Earned No. 1 seed, defeated Bucknell, 61-56, No. 4 Loyola Maryland, 72-54, beat and No. 3 Boston University, 61-55, in championship.

Points:
 1. Bronagh Power-Cassidy (16.8)
 2. Cara McCormack (10.5)
 3. Janelle Allen (10.2)



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NO. 8 WEST VIRGINIA

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8	Danelle Arigbabu	F	6-4	Jr.	Berlin, Germany
14	Kylee Blacksten	F	6-3	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
21	Tavy Diggs	F	6-1	Fifth Year	Plano, Texas
23	Lauren Fields	G	5-9	Fifth Year	Shawnee, Okla.
10	Jordan Harrison	G	5-6	So.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
00	Jayla Hemingway	G	5-11	Fifth Year	Collierville, Tenn.
13	Mesiah Hunter	F	6-2	RS So.	Hopewell, Va.
33	Tirzah Moore	G	6-0	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.
24	Ashala Moseberry	G	5-10	Jr.	Madison, Wisc.
22	Zya Nugent	G	5-7	Sr.	Denison, Texas
11	JJ Quinerly	G	5-8	Jr.	Norfolk, Va.
32	Kyah Watson	G	5-10	RS Jr.	Rapid City, S.D.

Location: Morgantown, West Virginia
Enrollment: 18,878
Conference: Big 12
Mascot: Mountaineers

Coach: Mark Kellogg

Rebounds:
 1. Kyah Watson (6.5)
 2. Jordan Harrison (4.1)
 3. J.J. Quinerly (3.2)

Assists:
 1. Jordan Harrison (5.2)
 2. J.J. Quinerly (2.7)
 3. Lauren Fields (2.0)

Conference Tournament performance: Earned No. 6 seed, defeated No. 11 Cincinnati, 70-55, but lost to No. 3 K State in semifinals, 65-62.

Points:
 1. J.J. Quinerly (19.6)
 2. Jordan Harrison (13.8)
 3. Lauren Fields (9.6)



NO. 9 PRINCETON

PRINCETON ROSTER

00	Ellie Mitchell	F	6-1	Sr.	Chevy Chase, Md.
1	Adaora Nwokeji	G	5-8	Jr.	Houston, Texas
2	Olivia Hutcherson	G/F	5-11	Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga.
3	Tabitha Amanze	F	6-4	So.	Ogun, Nigeria
5	Paige Morton	F	6-3	Jr.	Summit, N.J.
10	Skye Belker	G	5-9	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
11	Taylor Charles	F	6-2	So.	Elgin, Ill.
13	Ashley Chea	F	5-8	Fr.	Montebello, Calif.
15	Fadima Tall	G/F	6-0	Fr.	Sliver Spring, Md.
20	Kaitlyn Chen	G	5-9	Sr.	San Marino, Calif.
21	Margo Mattes	G	5-10	Fr.	Brookline, Mass.
22	Parker Hill	F	6-4	Jr.	Bethesda, Md
23	Madison St. Rose	G	5-10	So	Old Bridge, N.J.
24	Mari Bickley	G	5-10	Fr.	Akron, Ohio
25	Chet Nweke	G	6-0	Sr.	Woodbine, Md.
32	Amelia Osgood	G	5-9	Jr.	Brentwood, Tenn.
44	Katie Thiers	F	6-2	Jr.	Seattle, Wash.

Location: Princeton, New Jersey
Enrollment: 5,604
Conference: Ivy
Mascot: Tigers

Coach: Carla Berube

Rebounds:
 1. Ellie Mitchell (10.0)
 2. Chet Nweke (4.8)
 3. Kaitlyn Chen (3.6)

Assists:
 1. Kaitlyn Chen (5.0)
 2. Madison St. Rose (1.4)
 3. Skye Belker (1.4)

Conference Tournament performance: Defeated No. 4 Penn State, 59-54, and No. 2 Columbia, 75-58, to win the championship.

CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA



Location: 1 Elliott Drive, Iowa City, IA
Capacity: 15,500

Conference Tournament use: Carver-Hawkeye has hosted the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament seven times dating back to 2013.

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Fans' guide to downtown Iowa City

Find out where to watch Caitlin Clark and the Hawkeyes along with dining and other activities.

Brad Schultz
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The Iowa women's basketball team will host the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The No. 1 seed Hawkeyes will take on the winner of Holy Cross and UT Martin in the "First Four" play-in matchup on Saturday afternoon. Should Iowa advance, it will face the winner of the West Virginia/Princeton contest that follows Iowa's game.

Where to watch

Shortly after the NCAA Women's Selection Show on Sunday, Iowa announced that all sessions are sold out.

Inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, fans can choose from a variety of classic American fare, such as hotdogs, chicken tenders, nachos, pretzels, and popcorn. Along with food, the arena serves its classic "Carver Cone" — a large ice cream cone available in chocolate, vanilla, raspberry, or twist. Alcoholic beverages are also sold at separate locations.

Iowa City offers many fan-friendly restaurants and bars that provide a great experience for sports fans. Micky's Irish Pub, located in the heart of downtown, has been a local favorite for over four decades. DC's Sports Bar on the Ped Mall, is well received by patrons for its game day atmosphere and drinks.

Joe's Place, a bar at 115 Iowa Ave., has three large rooms for watch parties, complete with rooftop seating overlooking Iowa City, providing another great option for the Hawkeye faithful. If you're seeking

a less localized experience, Buffalo Wild Wings has locations in Coralville and downtown Iowa City.

Dining

Iowa City and the neighboring city of Coralville offer plenty of dining spots for fans.

For breakfast, check out Hamburg Inn No. 2 on 214 N. Linn St. They're known for their famous omelets, pancakes, and French toast. Lines will be long, but residents of Iowa City will recommend it to any visitor. The Bluebird Diner at 330 E. Market St. offers the same fare along with burgers and sandwiches.

Stella next to Kinnick Stadium on 1006 Melrose Ave. sells a variety of classic dishes such as burgers named from counties in Iowa, chicken sandwiches, pizzas, and even Cajun food. Black bean burgers are also served for vegetarians.

In 2015, former Iowa football star kicker Nate Kaeding opened Pullman Bar and Diner, a take on a classic Midwestern diner. The menu features a wide selection of breakfast and dinner options.

Wig & Pen Pizza at 1220 US-6 West and Pagalis Pizza at 302 E. Bloomington St. offer many classic and specialty pizzas that are perfect for families and large parties.

Attractions before

On March 2, a Nike ad of Caitlin Clark was unveiled in downtown Iowa City at 125 E. Burlington St. The banner spans the side of Edge Iowa City, a seven-story building. The next day when Clark became the NCAA all-time leading scorer, Nike unveiled a new



Jordan Barry | The Daily Iowan

Micky's Irish Pub customers look up at a television to watch a basketball game between then-No. 6 Iowa and then-No. 2 Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye arena in Iowa City on March 3. Clark sank a free-throw just before half-time passing "Pistol" Pete Maravich's record for most points in NCAA collegiate basketball.

advertisement from the top of the Capitol Street Garage in downtown Iowa City. The banner at 19 E. Burlington St. depicts a basketball hoop and backboard that reads "This was never a long shot," with a Nike logo and Iowa Tigerhawk below the text.

Located on the University of Iowa campus, the Stanley Art Museum that opened in 2022 has modern and contemporary art collections. Tickets are free of charge.

The Old Capitol Museum on the UI campus gives visitors a glimpse of the state's first capital building. The museum showcases the original House and Senate chambers, with other permanent exhibits across its three floors.

The Terry Trueblood Recreation Area hosts plenty of outdoor fun, including fishing, hiking and biking trails, and picnic areas. Canoe and kayak rental options are also available.



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One on One: Tiffany Reedy

Reedy, a former Iowa women's basketball player, has filled in on the Hawkeye Radio Network this season.

Tiffany Reedy • Color Commentator | Hawkeye Radio Network

The Daily Iowan: What is your favorite memory from playing at Iowa?

Reedy: Oh man, there are so many. I think the best memories that come out of that are the relationships that you had when you played and then how they are still alive and well. A lot of my teammates are still my really good friends. We all kind of keep in touch. You know, like, being bridesmaids in each other's weddings, being there when their children were born. And so I think that's probably the key memory. I think you don't realize when you commit at age 16, 17, 18 that the people you've played with are going to be a part of your life in such important ways.

How did you get into broadcasting after your college career?

So actually, I am pinch-hitting. One of my teammates, and still to this day a very best friend, Jamie Cavey Lang has been doing the radio the last eight years. And so this year, she was having some health issues, and she stepped back. And Coach Bluder kind of called and said, 'Hey, will you fill in for the year and sort of pinch hit.' So I had filled in when Jamie was on maternity leave, or when Rob [Brooks], the play by play person, does football. So I had filled in the last couple of years, a game here and a game there. But this is my first year doing a full season. So I kind of joke that I'm a substitute color commentator.

How have you prepared for calling a whole season instead of just a few games?

I definitely was very, very nervous to start out. My first game of the season was the Crossover at Kinnick. I remember going there and sitting down and being like, 'Oh, we're on another level here.' You don't often get an opportunity in the middle of your life to do something new. So I think I just went in trying to get better every game. I asked my partner Rob for feedback. I asked people who were listening for some feedback. And then I just did a lot more like listening to other people on the radio or on the TV and tried to kind of go from there.

Do you have a favorite moment or game that you've been on the call for this season?

There's been so many, but Caitlin Clark's last-second three to beat Michigan State earlier this season was pretty incredible. As a broadcaster, you want to paint the picture for the audience because we're on the radio, so they don't have the visuals on it. And it's hard when you have a shot like that in the last second to keep your composure and keep trying to paint the picture for the listeners versus just yelling or jumping up and down or whatever. You have to maintain your composure. I would say the game versus Nebraska in the Big Ten Championship was pretty incredible as well. They got themselves into overtime and then just like went into gear, and so that was a really fun one to call, too.

Do you have another occupation outside of broadcasting?

I work for John Deere. I'm a marketing manager for the engine side of our business. So we make engines for our tractors and our combines, but then we also make them and sell them to other equipment manufacturers. So I do the marketing for that and I'm really blessed. I have a great boss, and the company is great, so I've been able to kind of do both.

See more online

The Daily Iowan talked more with Tiffany Reedy. See the full conversation about the status of women's sports at dailyiowan.com.

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WEST VIRGINIA
"Tougher than a long weekend at your in-laws" - Jon Rothstein

PRINCETON
WVU won't have to worry about sending "Caitlin Clark packing" when they lose Saturday.

PRINCETON
That orange and black color combination is flawless.

PRINCETON
The Tigers continue their hot streak in the Big Dance.

PRINCETON
WVU thinking too much about Clark... won't even get the matchup with her.

PRINCETON
Have to go with the Ivy Leaguers.

WEST VIRGINIA
West Virginia sends Caitlin packing for Albany.



HOLY CROSS
The Crusaders gave up losing for Lent.

UT MARTIN
Just because it reminds me of Kate Martin.

HOLY CROSS
The battle of who wants to get smoked by the Hawkeys.

HOLY CROSS
The Crusaders' Bronagh Power-Cassidy is shooting over 40 percent from three this season.

HOLY CROSS
They'll need a Holy miracle to get any further.

UT MARTIN
As an Ohio Valley Conference aficionado, going with the Skyhawks.

HOLY CROSS
It will take a prayer to beat Iowa.



IOWA
Hawks will go to Albany, a city more boring than this game.

IOWA
A loss would be the biggest disappointment in Iowa sports history.

IOWA
Let's get realistic here people.

IOWA
Clark versus Bron should be a fun matchup.

IOWA
This might be the toughest region, but Iowa is getting out of Carver.

IOWA
Yeah, they're not losing this one. Or anything anytime soon.

IOWA
The road to the Final Four is tough, but Iowa is more than capable.



UNLV
Does Desi-Rae have a hesi?

CREIGHTON
Don't talk about 2022.

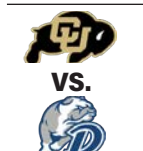
CREIGHTON
Don't catch any Zs on the Bluejays this post-season.

UNLV
Creighton gets out-physicaled against the Rebs.

CREIGHTON
Still have flashbacks to a few years ago...

CREIGHTON
A ghost from a tournament past.

CREIGHTON
Another Hawkeye thorn in the bracket.



COLORADO
My cousin Eisha hooped there back in the day, so I have some familial athleticism.

DRAKE
I'm rooting for the state of Iowa.

COLORADO
The Coach Prime effect.

DRAKE
Upsets continue with the Bulldogs getting their first NCAA Tournament victory in over 20 years.

DRAKE
The more Iowa teams the better.

COLORADO
Colorado's coach is nicknamed for JR Ewing. Google it.

COLORADO
Coach Prime is headed to the Little Apple.



KANSAS STATE
Emaw. Get used to it, Kellen. Wildcats are legit.

KANSAS STATE
The Wildcats are dangerous.

KANSAS STATE
I want to see the Wildcats and Hawks go at it one more time...

KANSAS STATE
Be sure to watch out for Lucy Cochrane and Ayoka Lee's matchup in the paint.

KANSAS STATE
This will be a scary Sweet 16 game for the Hawkeys.

KANSAS STATE
Why not have a third matchup with the Hawkeys?

KANSAS STATE
Committee didn't do Iowa any favors with this bracket...

LET'S GO HAWKS!

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NO. 8



NORTH CAROLINA (19-12)

NO. 9



MICHIGAN STATE (22-8)

Friday, March 22 | 10:30 a.m. | **ESPN**
Colonial Life Arena - Columbia, South Carolina
Line: **MSU -4.5 | O/U: 142.5**

This is the Spartans' first tournament berth since 2021. Under first-year head coach Robyn Fralick, Michigan State has won nine of its last 12 contests, falling to Nebraska in the Big Ten quarterfinals. Fralick is the first head coach to lead the Spartans to the NCAA Tournament in their first season at the helm.

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NO. 4



INDIANA (24-5)

NO. 13



FAIRFIELD (31-1)

Saturday, March 23 | 12:30 p.m. | **ESPN**
Assembly Hall - Bloomington, Indiana
Line: **IU -23.5 | O/U: 138.5**

Indiana earned hosting rights at Assembly Hall for the first two rounds. This is the Hoosiers' fifth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament, in which they hold a 9-9 overall record. Finishing the season third in the Big Ten, Indiana leads the nation in field goal and 3-point field goal percentage.

ALBANY 1 REGIONAL

NO. 6



NEBRASKA (22-11)

NO. 11



TEXAS A&M (19-12)

Friday, March 22 | 9:30 p.m. | **ESPN**
Gill Coliseum - Corvallis, Oregon
Line: **UNL -3.5 | O/U: 128.5**

Nebraska is coming off an overtime loss to Iowa in the Big Ten finals. Led by first-team All-Big Ten center Alexis Markowski and sharpshooter Jaz Shelley, Nebraska can make a run. The Huskers lead the all-time series against the Aggies, 15-9, winning the last meeting between the two programs in 2013.

PORTLAND 3 REGIONAL

NO. 8



KANSAS (19-12)

NO. 9



MICHIGAN (20-13)

Saturday, March 23 | 1 p.m. | **ESPN**
Galen Center - Los Angeles, California
Line: **KU -1 | O/U: 129.5**

Michigan is looking for their third straight Sweet 16 appearance. Laila Phelia leads the Wolverines with 16.8 points and 3.6 boards per game while shooting 32.4 percent from beyond the arc. Michigan led Iowa after the first quarter of the Big Ten Tournament semifinals but ultimately lost, 95-68.

PORTLAND 3 REGIONAL

NO. 2



OHIO STATE (25-5)

NO. 15



MAINE (24-9)

Friday, March 22 | 11 a.m. | **ESPN**
Schottenstein Center - Columbus, Ohio
Line: **OSU -26.5 | O/U: 133.5**

Ohio State won the Big Ten regular season title but ended on a two-game losing streak. The Buckeyes fell to Iowa at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and were upset by Maryland in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament. After making the Elite Eight as a No. 3 seed last year, Ohio State is chasing its first Final Four appearance since 1993.

PORTLAND 4 REGIONAL

NO. 7



IOWA STATE (20-11)

NO. 10



MARYLAND (19-13)

Friday, March 22 | 6:30 p.m. | **ESPN**
Maples Pavilion - Palo Alto, California
Line: **ISU -1.5 | O/U: 151.5**

Although Maryland didn't win the Big Ten Tournament, the Terps went farther than most expected. Maryland upset No. 1 seed Ohio State in the quarterfinals and lost to a tough Nebraska team in the semis. Last season, the Terps advanced to the Elite Eight for the 11th time in program history.

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