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MICHIGAN 73, IOWA 45

Wolverines crush Hawkeyes

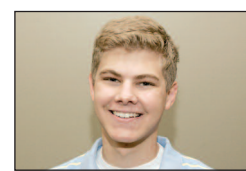


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Iowa sophomore Jarryd Cole walks off the floor after the Hawkeyes' 73-45 loss to Michigan during the first round of the men's basketball Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis on Thursday.

Spirit goes AWOL

Iowa didn't show its usual fight and toughness against Michigan on Thursday.



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INDIANAPOLIS — I'm very conscious of being too critical of student-athletes.

After all, they're people just like me who go to class and are on campus to get education and have fun. They just so happen to wear a jersey a couple of days a week.

After Iowa's embarrassing 73-45 loss to Michigan in the opening round of the Big Ten Tournament, I tried my best to take a step back and look at the big picture.

I couldn't do it. I've watched a lot of basketball in my life — both good and bad — and I can honestly say Thursday's performance was one of the worst I've ever seen.

Forget the inexcusable errors — junior Devan Bawinkel's grade-school-esque traveling violation midway through the second half, sophomore Jake Kelly's best rendition of street basketball, or the way the Hawkeyes shot the from the floor — it was just a poorly played contest in every sense of the word.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

Michigan stomps Iowa in the opening round, sending the Hawkeyes packing for the second-straight season.

By **CHARLIE KAUTZ**
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INDIANAPOLIS — After all the injuries, all the adversity, and all of Michigan's biggest man on campus DeShawn Sims Thursday, the Hawkeyes' postseason hopes amounted to 40 minutes from hell in Indianapolis.

That, said Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter, and a postseason trip overseas in May.

Thoughts of Italy, Greece, and time for individual coaching offered little consolation for Lickliter's competitive spirit, one he felt crash and crumble on the Consecro Field House sideline at some point during Iowa's 73-45 loss to Michigan.

The shellacking gave Iowa's second-year head coach an inclination he wouldn't be

fielding calls from the NCAA Tournament Committee or NIT organizers upon returning to Iowa City after a second-consecutive opening-round loss to the Wolverines.

"I think that the criteria are a winning record for most of those," he said. "And that would probably eliminate us."

Somewhere, buried under the embarrassment of Lickliter's facial expressions during a brief postgame press conference, remained the lessons and enjoyment taken from Iowa's success experienced during his time coaching Butler University in Indianapolis.

He could explain only one emotion in his latest short-lived return to the city that's defined his coaching career.

"Sick," he said.

SEE M HOOPS, 3B

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to get reaction from the Iowa men's basketball team after falling to Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament.

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Go to dailyiowan.com for an exclusive photo slide show from Thursday's Big Ten Tournament game in Indianapolis between the Iowa Hawkeyes and Michigan Wolverines.

Sims set the tone and scaled the stat sheet in Thursday's ruthless undressing of Iowa (15-17, 5-13), scoring the Wolverines' first 14 points before finishing with a game-high 27. Trapped by a 21-point halftime deficit, Iowa saw the Wolverines ease into a 30-point cushion midway through the second half behind 59 percent shooting from the field (29-49) and a team-oriented offensive mindset.

Michigan recorded assists on all but seven possessions

MICHIGAN 73, IOWA 45

IOWA (15-17)			
Angle	0-1	0-0	0
Gatens	1-10	0-0	2
Bawinkel	2-3	0-0	6
Davis	0-2	0-0	0
Fuller	3-8	0-0	7
Kelly	3-11	3-4	10
Tate	4-5	4-6	12
Cole	2-5	4-4	8
Totals	15-45	11-14	45

MICHIGAN (20-12)			
Novak	1-2	0-0	3
Douglass	3-6	0-0	8
Lee	1-2	0-0	2
Harris	7-11	1-1	18
Wright	0-0	0-0	0
Merritt	1-2	2-2	5
Shepherd	0-0	0-0	0
Puls	0-1	0-0	0
Lucas-Perry	2-4	0-0	6
Gibson	2-5	0-0	4
Sims	12-16	2-2	27
Grady	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	29-49	5-5	73

Halftime — Michigan 40-19
3-Point Goals — Iowa 4-17 (Bawinkel 2-3, Kelly 1-4, Fuller 1-5, Davis 0-1, Angle 0-1, Gatens 0-3), Michigan 10-22 (Harris 3-5, Lucas-Perry 2-4, Douglass 2-4, Merritt 1-2, Novak 1-2, Sims 1-2, Lee 0-1, Puls 0-1, Gibson 0-1).
Fouled Out — None
Rebounds — Iowa 28 (Kelly 7), Michigan 23 (Harris 7)
Assists — Iowa 8 (Bawinkel, Kelly 2), Michigan 22 (Harris 8)
Total Fouls — Iowa 12, Michigan 13
A — NA

Diedra Freeman

SWIMMING

Divers spring for Minneapolis

The Iowa diving team will send five competitors to the Zone C NCAA diving qualifier in Minneapolis this weekend.

The Aquahawks will be led by junior Deidre Freeman, who has been a consistent performer throughout the season.

During the Big Ten championships, she earned Iowa's Highest Point Award. She finished eighth on 3-meter (301.65) and 12th on the 1-meter (253.50).

Sophomore Veronica Rydze also qualified for the meet, despite separating her shoulder prior to the Big Ten event.

On the men's side, juniors Frank Van Dijkhuizen and Michael Gilligan will try to continue their successful seasons.

Van Dijkhuizen was named Big Ten Diver of the Week after sweeping both the 3-meter (336.45) and 1-meter (316.13) events against Northwestern on Jan. 24.

At Big Tens, Van Dijkhuizen finished 12th (319.20) on the 1-meter, with Gilligan following in 13th place (317.25). On the 3-meter, Gilligan led Iowa with a 15th-place showing (307.00), with Van Dijkhuizen (318.30) and senior Drew DeLashmutt (315.80) coming in 17th and 18th place.

Competition is set to kick off today at 1 p.m. with the men's 1-meter and women's 3-meter events.

— by Evelyn Lau

TRACK

3 Hawks head to nationals

Iowa trackers seniors Racheal Marchand and John Hickey and sophomore Karesa Farley will head to College Station, Texas, today for the NCAA indoor nationals.

Marchand provisionally qualified for the 5,000 meters at the Iowa State Classic in Ames on Valentine's Day. She later officially qualified last weekend at the Big Ten championships with a time of 15:55.70, which ranks her fourth in the field.

Hickey, Iowa's men's first All-American since 2002, threw 60-8½ the shot put, also officially qualifying him for the national indoor meet. He is ranked sixth in the field with a throw of 63-0.

Farley also provisionally qualified at the Iowa State Classic as well in the 60-meter hurdles when she ran an 8.30. She returned last weekend for the Last Chance Meet and bettered her time by .09, bringing her qualifying time down to 8.21 which places her 13th in the field.

While Hickey garnered All-America honors last year at the indoor meet, this weekend will be Marchand and Farley's first opportunity to compete at the big show.

Hickey and Marchand will compete today, and Farley will wrap up the meet Saturday in the 60-meter finals.

The Iowa men's team has one individual champion in its history — Bashir Yamini won the long jump in 1998. The women's team has had four individual champions: Nan Doak (1985), Tracey Dahl (1992, 93), and Kineke Alexander (2006).

— by Jake Krzeczowski

TV TODAY

- NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL**
- Minnesota vs. No. 7 Michigan State, 11 a.m., ESPN
 - Virginia Tech vs. No. 1 North Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN2
 - Ohio State vs. Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
 - Georgia Tech vs. No. 22 Florida State, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
 - Michigan vs. Illinois, 5:30 p.m., Big Ten Network
 - No. 10 Villanova vs. No. 5 Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN
 - Maryland vs. No. 8 Wake Forest, 6 p.m., ESPN2
 - Penn State vs. No. 24 Purdue, 8 p.m., Big Ten Network

Hoopsters wait for the brackets

The Iowa women's basketball team waits to hear who it will take on at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the NCAA Tournament.

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**
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Their own beds and home-court advantage are among the many perks that await the Iowa women's basketball players in the NCAA Tournament.

Three teams will join Iowa inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena March 22 and 24 for first and second round tournament action.

The Hawkeyes find out on

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ON THE WEB

Lisa Bluder and the Iowa Hawkeyes will play at home for the first and (possibly) second rounds of the women's basketball NCAA Tournament, and **The Daily Iowan** will cover all the action from inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com on March 16 for reaction as the Hawkeyes find out which teams will stand in the way of a trip to the Sweet 16 and again on March 21 for previews on all four teams in the bracket, including Iowa. Then be sure to follow our first-round coverage of both games on March 22 and second-round coverage on March 24 from inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, which will include video reaction from Iowa players and coaches, as well as exclusive photo slide shows from all three tournament contests.

Zero hour for wrestlers

The No. 1 Iowa wrestling team will compete for its 22nd national title March 19-21 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

By **ZACH SMITH**
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Several hours of workouts that would weed out Navy Seals.

Countless days have turned into weeks, weeks into months.

For the nine Iowa wrestlers who are set to throw it down next week at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, all of the blood, all of the sweat, all of the pain has finally come down to this.

"Zero hour" is here for the Hawkeyes.

Most of the nine qualifiers

SEE WRESTLING, 3B



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Brent Metcalf grapples with Kyle Ruschell of Wisconsin during the semifinals of the Big Ten wrestling championships on March 7.

ON THE WEB

Tom Brands and the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes will head to St. Louis for the NCAA wrestling championships, and **The Daily Iowan** will be there to cover all the action from inside the Scottrade Center. Beginning March 18, be sure to visit dailyiowan.com for pre-meet coverage and then again after every session from March 19-21 for complete coverage of the Hawkeyes' quest for a 22nd national championship, featuring video reaction from Iowa wrestlers and coaches, as well as photo slide shows from every session.