

A collage of black and white photographs depicting various moments in Iowa sports history, including athletes in uniform, fans, and coaches, set against a dark, textured background.

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HAWKEYE HISTORIES

Sporting Stories

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Main Library Gallery

from the CURATOR

I love sports. And so does the University of Iowa.

I grew up in Iowa and have been faculty in (what is now) the Sport Media and Culture program at the University of Iowa for nearly a decade. I research and teach about sports—about their histories, current events, their cultural importance, their intersections with race and gender, their relationships with the media, politics, and the economy, their role locally and globally, and their power and potential. Researching and curating sport-focused exhibits is also something I cherish—as pedagogy and scholarship. These interests of mine have merged in *Hawkeye Histories | Sporting Stories* in an effort to engage the superfan, the casual passerby, and visitors to the exhibit that fall somewhere inbetween.

Sports have long played an important role at the University of Iowa. But the role sports have played—at Iowa, at universities, in the United States—has changed over time.

With nearly 150 years of athletes, teams, and coaches, there are too many Hawkeye histories to tell in one exhibit. And yet, I couldn't resist trying when the opportunity arose. While I've been researching and teaching the history of sports at Iowa since I arrived on campus, curating this exhibit has at least doubled my (still admittedly partial) knowledge. Selecting the items you'll see on display was both agonizing and gloriously fun. To use a sporting metaphor, I was swimming in potential sporting stories. Our archival collections are awash with incredible sporting items and artifacts. The exhibit *Hawkeye Histories | Sporting Stories* is a carefully curated and narrated selection of the University of Iowa's countless sporting pasts.

The exhibit is meant to be representative rather than comprehensive—to allocate balanced space to a breadth of sporting stories, rather than focusing attention on just a few.

The exhibit is meant to be contextual rather than myopic—to situate Iowa's sports histories in relation to each other



and broader issues, movements, and policies rather than narrating stand-alone stories.

I've come to think about the exhibit as more of a beginning than an end, and I am eager to continue to explore the histories of sport at the University of Iowa in their many forms and formulations. If you see me around, please ask me about the exhibit—but also ask me about the items that aren't on display or what stories I'd like to tell next. And tell me your stories.

Finally, this exhibit would not have been possible without the collaborative learning opportunities I have had with my students, the University Libraries resources and relationships I've depended on, and my supportive colleagues in the Department of American Studies and School of Journalism and Mass Communication. I am profoundly grateful.

Go Hawks!

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guide to **OBJECTS ON DISPLAY**

BOARD IN CONTROL OF ATHLETICS

All items from the University Archives.

1. Articles of incorporation, 1908. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005].
2. Handbook, 1915. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005].
3. Board recommendations for “I” letters in football, Nov. 28, 1928. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005].
4. Record book, 1906-1907. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005].

THE FIRST FOUR

All items from the University Archives.

5. Track and field photo album. Hecker Postcards and Photographs Collection [RG30.0001.034].
6. Duke Slater blocking Notre Dame line, The University of Iowa, October 8, 1921. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001].
7. “Strike one!” Iowa vs. Waseda, 1911. Hecker Postcards and Photographs Collection [RG30.0001.034].
8. Kansas vs. Iowa basketball ticket, 1906. Facsimile. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005].



1924

Men's track team record holders, 1924. Includes Charles Brookins (bottom row, far left) and Duke Slater (top row, third from right). Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.

THE WAA AND WRA

All items from the Iowa Women's Archives.

9. Name table tents for Pauline Spencer, the first woman to receive an athletic letter at Iowa, and basketball player Julia Darrow. Early 1920s. C. Pauline Spencer Papers [IWA0627].

10. Women's Athletic Association First Annual Banquet program, 1924. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106].
11. 1923 Women's Basketball Banquet program. C. Pauline Spencer Papers [IWA0627].
12. Estimated Women's Recreation Association budget, 1945. Department of Physical Education for Women: Women's Recreation Association Records [IWA0691].

MORE THAN PLAY DAYS

13. The Ideal Scrapbook, 1922. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
14. Students racing in a track meet, May 17, 1923. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
15. Midwest field hockey tournament in Iowa City at present-day Hubbard Park, 1933. Photo reproduction. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
16. Thelma Kenefick playing tennis, 1933. Photo series reproduction. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.



1933

Midwest field hockey tournament in Iowa City at present-day Hubbard Park, 1933. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.

CO-EDS

17. Archery scrapbook, 1940s. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
18. Women's rifle team, October 27, 1936. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
19. Women's rifle team patch. Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
20. Program for the Dolphin Club's Olympic Previews 16th Annual Water Pageant, 1935. Dolphin Club Records [RGO2.0003.011], University Archives.



1939

Ticket to Iowa vs. Notre Dame, November 11, 1939. Athletics Guides, Programs, and Tickets Collection [RG28.0003.003], University Archives.

“THE CORNBELT COMET”

21. Tickets to Iowa vs. Notre Dame, November 11, 1939. Athletics Guides, Programs, and Tickets Collection [RG28.0003.003], University Archives.
22. Nile Kinnick scoring a touchdown, November 11, 1939. Nile C. Kinnick Papers [MsCO112], Special Collections and Archives.
23. Nile Kinnick Heisman card. On loan from the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame.

MARCHING TOWARD MADNESS

24. Men’s basketball Big Ten champions 1955-56 poster. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044], University Archives.

DEVELOPING A DYNASTY

All items from the University Archives.

25. Wrestler Chris Campbell and opponent, 1977. Photo reproduction. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044].
26. Wrestling program, 1980-81. Athletics Guides, Programs, and Tickets Collection [RG28.0003.003].
27. Wrestling arena and crowd, 1975. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044].
28. Wrestling coach Dan Gable, 1979. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001].
29. Wrestling schedule, 1975-76. Athletics Guides, Programs, and Tickets Collection [RG28.0003.003].

EXPANSION

All items from the University Archives.

30. Hawkeye Yearbook, 1937. Yearbooks Collection [RG02.0010.001].
31. Swimming coach David Armbruster, ca. 1950s. Photo reproduction. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044].
32. Keith McCanless on pommel horse, 1969. Photo reproduction. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044].
33. Hawkeye Yearbook, 1969. Yearbooks Collection [RG02.0010.001].
34. Hawkeye Yearbook, 1958. Tennis page reproduction. Yearbooks Collection [RG02.0010.001].



1969

Keith McCanless on pommel horse, 1969. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044].

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

35. Early women's sports organizations pins, ca. 1970s-80s. Holly Wilson Greene Papers [IWA1334], Iowa Women's Archives.

ACRONYM KEY

DGWS: Division for Girls' and Women's Sports (later National Association for Girls and Women in Sports; NAGWS or GWS)

AAHPER: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (now SHAPE America)

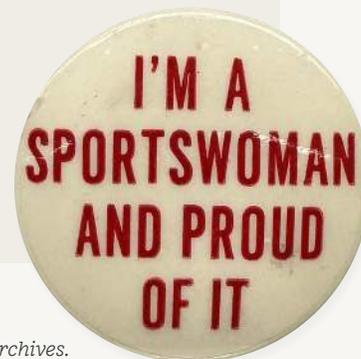
CIAW: Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

AIAW: Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women

NATA: National Athletic Trainer's Association

AAU: Amateur Athletic Union

ERA: Equal Rights Amendment



| 1970s-80s

Early women's sports organization pin, ca. 1970s-80s.
Holly Wilson Greene Papers [IWA1334], Iowa Women's Archives.

ASSOCIATION FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR WOMEN

All items from the Iowa Women's Archives.

- 36. Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women paddle, 1970s. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106].
- 37. AIAW pins, ca. 1970s-80s. Holly Wilson Greene Papers [IWA1334].
- 38. AIAW Directory of Charter Member Institutions, 1971-1972. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106].



1970s-80s

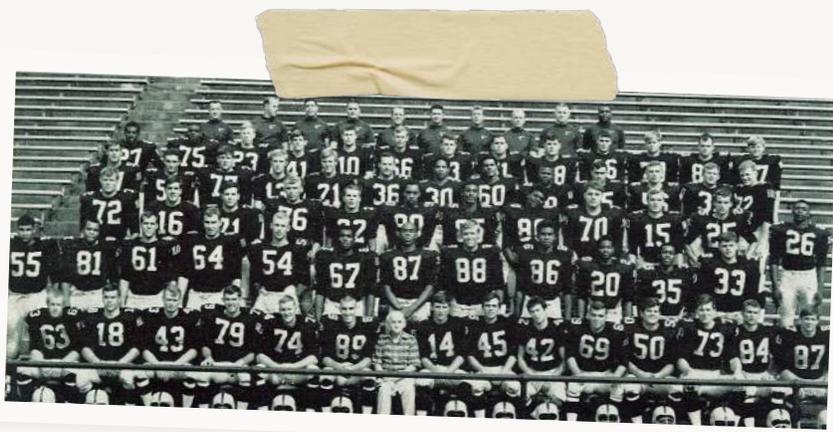
AIAW pin, ca. 1970s-80s.
Holly Wilson Greene Papers
[IWA1334].

TITLE IX

- 39. Wilson Title IX 40th Anniversary basketball, 2012. Founder's Award recognizing Dr. Christine Grant. Christine Grant Papers [IWA0329], Iowa Women's Archives.

REVOLUTIONS

- 40. Portrait and name plate for Dr. Yvonne "Bonnie" Slatton, chair of the UI Department of Physical Education for Women (1987-2000). Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 41. AIAW press conference info sheet, October 10, 1981. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 42. AIAW v. NCAA lawsuit brief, 1981. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.



1968

1968 football team. Hawkeye Yearbook, 1969. Yearbooks Collection [RGO2.0010.001], University Archives.

43. Certified copy of Ohlensehlen v. The University of Iowa. Title IX violation lawsuit brought by swimmers Sage Ohlensehlen, Christina Kaufman, Alexa Puccini, and Kelsey Drake, 2020. On loan from Jennifer Sterling.
44. Correspondence from Dean Phillip Hubbard to Prof. Samuel Fahr, Chairman of the Board in Control of Athletics, April 21, 1969. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005], University Archives.
45. Statement by Sam Fahr, Chairman of the Board in Control of Athletics, April 24, 1969. Board in Control of Athletics Records [RG28.0003.005], University Archives.
46. 1968 football team. Reproduction. Hawkeye Yearbook, 1969. Yearbooks Collection [RG02.0010.001], University Archives.

WOMEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

All items from the Iowa Women's Archives.

47. Fencing members pins, 1969. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106].
48. Sports scheduling grid, ca. 1970s. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106].
49. Women's Intercollegiate Athletics student information booklet, 1978-79. Lark Birdsong Papers [IWA1048].
50. "Here are the women coaches at Iowa" magazine clipping, 1975. Lark Birdsong Papers [IWA1048]. Dr. Grant's first full-time women's coaching hire was Lark Birdsong (basketball, 1974-1979).
51. Photograph of Bump Elliott, Christine Grant, and Peg Burke, 1970s. Christine Grant Papers [IWA0329].
52. Women's Intercollegiate Athletics "Every Woman is a Winner" bumper sticker, ca. 1980s. Christine Grant Papers [IWA0329].

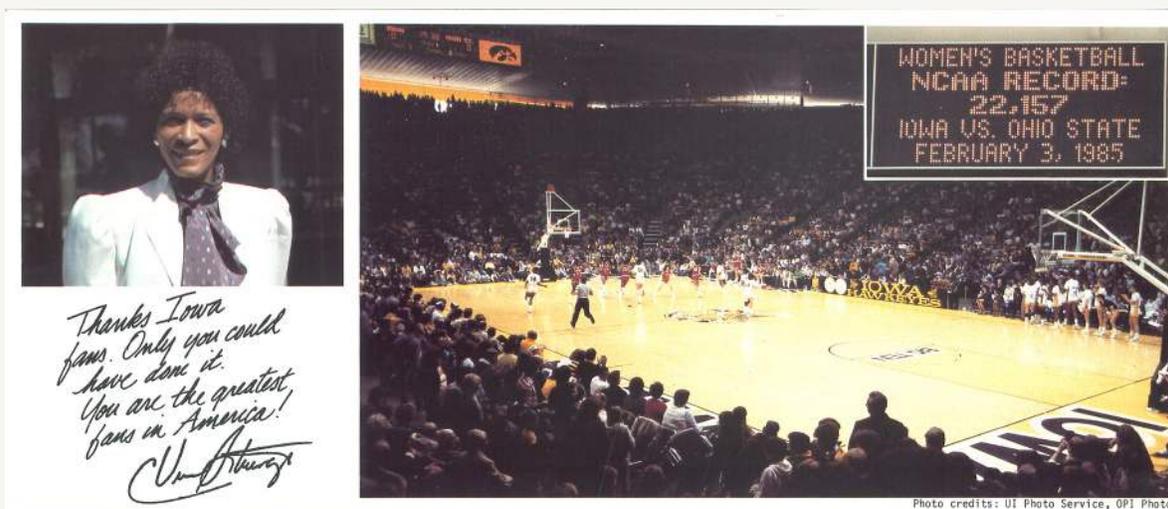


| 1980s

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics "Every Woman is a Winner" bumper sticker, ca. 1980s. Christine Grant Papers [IWA0329].

DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

- 53.** Field hockey media guide, 1984. Athletics Guides, Programs, and Tickets Collection [RG28.0003.003], University Archives.
- 54.** Softballs. University of Iowa Women's Softball Records [IWA1046], Iowa Women's Archives.
Gayle Blevins 300 career wins, 1987.
Gayle Blevins 400 career wins, 1990.
Team autographed NCAA Women's College World Series ball, 1997.
- 55.** Memo from Casey D. Mahon to Dr. Christine Grant about exceeded capacity at Carver Hawkeye Arena, February 7, 1985. Christine Grant Papers [IWA0329], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 56.** Iowa Women's Athletics 20th anniversary pin, 1993. Lark Birdsong Papers [IWA1048], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 57.** Basketball coach C. Vivian Stringer 400 career wins button, 1990. Realia and Artifacts Collection [RG31.0001.001], University Archives.
- 58.** T-shirt commemorating record attendance of 22,157 fans for a women's basketball game at Carver Hawkeye Arena, 1985. Realia and Artifacts Collection [RG31.0001.001], University Archives.
- 59.** Coach Stringer postcard celebrating women's basketball and NCAA attendance record, Iowa vs. Ohio State at the University of Iowa, February 3, 1985. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.



1985

Coach C. Vivian Stringer postcard celebrating women's basketball and NCAA attendance record, Iowa vs. Ohio State at the University of Iowa, February 3, 1985. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.



GOING PRO, GOING FOR GOLD

- 60. USA Basketball cap, 1990s. Nadine Domond Papers [IWAo787], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 61. Racing Louisville soccer jersey, 2024. On loan from Samantha Cary.

COVID-19

- 62. Cutout of Dr. Christine Grant used to help fill empty seats in the stands during the 2020-2021 season. Christine Grant Papers [IWAo329], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 63. 2020 | *The Year Documented*. Published by *The Daily Iowan*, 2021. On loan from Jennifer Sterling.

1998

Nadine Domond (1994-98) was drafted by the WNBA in 1998. Nadine Domond Papers [IWAo787], Iowa Women's Archives.

ON THE RISE

- 64. Commemorative extra edition of *The Des Moines Register* featuring Caitlin Clark, 2024. On loan from Jennifer Sterling.
- 65. Crossover at Kinnick record attendance commemorative t-shirt from RAYGUN, Iowa City, 2023. Realia and Artifacts Collection [RG31.0001.001], University Archives.
- 66. University of Iowa Women's Wrestling Day proclamation, 2024. On loan from The University of Iowa Women's Wrestling Program.
- 67. NCAA Women's Final Four program, 2024. On loan from Jennifer Sterling.



2023

Left: National wrestling champion Emilie Gonzalez pins Presbyterian College's Chiara Barbieri at Iowa's first home meet, 2023. Right: Iowa women's basketball vs. DePaul University during the Crossover at Kinnick event. October 15, 2023. Photos: Tim Schoon, University of Iowa Office of Strategic Communication.

TEACHING SPORT

- 68.** Women's Physical Education graduate program booklet, 1959. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education Records [RG06.0026.001], University Archives.
- 69.** Patch worn on blazers of P.E. majors, 1960s. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 70.** Anatomy course notebook, 1920s. C. Pauline Spencer Papers [IWA0627], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 71.** "Physical Education: A Career for College-Trained Women" brochure, 1951. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education Records [RG06.0026.001], University Archives.
- 72.** "Physical Education for Men" brochure, 1954. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education Records [RG06.0026.001], University Archives.
- 73.** UI Course Bulletin, 1928. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education Records [RG06.0026.001], University Archives.
- 74.** Physical Education and Athletic Coaching bulletin, 1925. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education Records [RG06.0026.001], University Archives.
- 75.** Lantern slides feat. women's physical education student data, 1928. University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.



1950s

*Dr. M. Gladys Scott and her dog, 1950s.
Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection
[RG30.0001.001], University Archives.*

sporting HAWKEYE SPIRIT

On display in the front window case.

- 76. Women's gymnastics leotard, 1970s. Terttu "Tepa" Haronoja Papers [IWA1335], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 77. Gymnastics coach's jacket, 1970s. Terttu "Tepa" Haronoja Papers [IWA1335], Iowa Women's Archives.
- 78. Women's basketball uniform, ca. 1970s. On loan from the University of Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame.
- 79. Men's rifle team sweater, late 1930s. Harold Hemingson Papers [RGo2.0009.027], University Archives.
- 80. 2024 National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship headgear. On loan from The University of Iowa Women's Wrestling Program.
- 81. Holly Wilson Greene's Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Association gym bag, 1980s. Holly Wilson Greene Collection of Athletic Apparel [UA10017], University Archives.
- 82. Football helmet, 1921. Papers of Charles Russell Huber [RGo2.0009.041], University Archives.



1973-79

Tepa Haronoja was the first coach of the University of Iowa's women's gymnastics team, 1973-79. Terttu "Tepa" Haronoja Papers [IWA1335], Iowa Women's Archives.

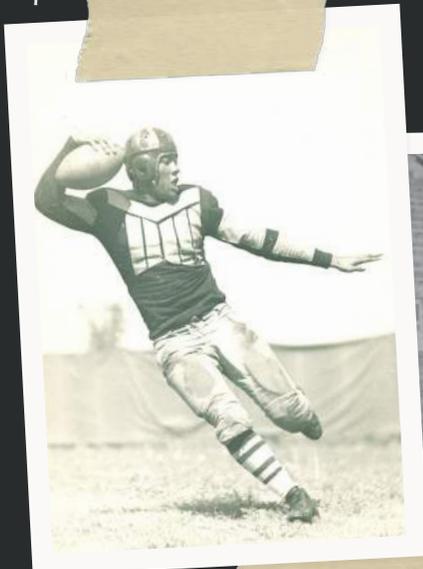




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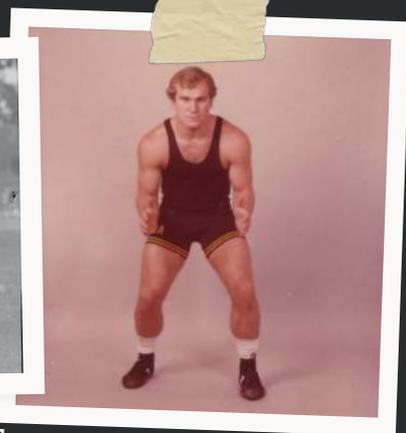
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1. Women's track team athletes, mid-1920s. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
2. Women's soccer game, 1920s. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
3. Ozzie Simmons, ca. 1934-36. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044], University Archives.
4. Women's track and field team, 1924. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
5. Wrestler Ed Banach, early 1980s. Center for Media Production Photographic Services Image Collection [RG30.0001.044], University Archives.
6. Men's physical education boxing class, 1929. Frederick W. Kent Photograph Collection [RG30.0001.001], University Archives.
7. 1911 women's basketball team, University of Iowa Department of Physical Education for Women Records [IWA0106], Iowa Women's Archives.

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1890

*“State University of Iowa”
football team, 1890. Frederick
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