

# 7/11/2012: Iowa basketball non-conference update

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The Iowa Hawkeyes have yet to announce their entire non-conference slate for the 2012-13 season, but the pieces are slowly being completed.

As of Wednesday, 10 of Iowa's 13 non-conference games appear to be set. All that remains are three regular season games that would be played at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, plus the exhibition game that is usually played in early November. This number comes from Iowa announcing that season-ticket packages include 19 home games – nine Big Ten home games, nine non-conference home games, and the one exhibition).

The only two games Iowa has confirmed publicly are its Big Ten/ACC Challenge contest at Virginia Tech on Nov. 27, and its Big Four Classic showdown with Northern Iowa scheduled to take place on Dec. 15 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Meanwhile, the following match-ups have also been leaked through multiple news outlets:

Dec. 7 – vs. Iowa State (Source: [Jeff Goodman, CBSSports.com](#); Iowa and Iowa State have typically played each other on the Friday prior to the UI's Finals week for the fall semester, which would be Dec. 7 this year.)

Nov. 12 – vs. Central Michigan (Source: [Rick Brown, Des Moines Register](#))

Nov. 15 – vs. Howard (Source: [howard-bison.com](#))

Nov. 17 – vs. Gardner-Webb (Iowa will have already played

Howard, while Western Kentucky announced [it'll play Western Carolina](#) and Austin Peay announced [it would be playing at DePaul](#) on the same date. The only possible opponent remaining would be Gardner-Webb. This, folks, is called deductive reasoning.)

Nov. 20 – Western Kentucky in Cancun (Source: [Chad Bishop, Bowling Green Daily News](#), who includes a direct quote from Hilltopper head coach Ray Harper saying his team would be playing the Hawkeyes)\*

Nov. 21 – Wichita State or DePaul in Cancun\*

*– The reason for the asterisks here is there's [a tweet from the Wichita State message board ShockerNet.net](#) that says the Shockers would be playing Iowa in Cancun, which was re-tweeted by the basketball program's official Twitter feed. I'm more inclined to believe the Western Kentucky beat writer who has the team's coach on record saying his team is playing Iowa, but until an "official" announcement is made by either Iowa or by Triple Crown Sports (who operates the Cancun Challenge), either match-up could be a possibility.*

Date TBD – vs. Norfolk State (Source: [Andy Katz, ESPN.com](#))

Date TBD – vs. Coppin State (Source: [Aaron Brenner, Quad-City Times](#))

Iowa still needs final approval from the UI's Presidential Committee on Athletics before it releases its non-conference schedule. The Big Ten portion of the Hawkeyes' schedule will be revealed later this summer. Iowa is slated to have the same four single-plays it had last season, only swapping home and away. This means the Hawkeyes would play Illinois and Michigan State at home and play both Michigan and Ohio State on the road.

*\*Be sure to check back here for further updates should anything else regarding Iowa's non-conference schedule begin*

*to surface.*