

Iowa's +/- in 2013 Big Ten play after 18 games (premium)

By Brendan Stiles

HawkeyeDrive.com

This is the sixth installment of a series examining Iowa basketball players' plus-minuses during Big Ten play. [Part One](#) was written Jan. 11, [Part Two](#) was written Jan. 23, [Part Three](#) was written Feb. 4, [Part Four](#) was written Feb. 15, and [Part Five](#) came Feb. 28, one day following the Hawkeyes' 58-48 win over Purdue.

Iowa just completed its 18-game Big Ten slate over the weekend, making this an appropriate time to provide this sixth update in our series about (+/-), a statistic used by basketball coaches in evaluating individual players and how their team is doing when said player is on the court during a game.

Since the fifth part was written, Iowa lost a road game against then-No. 1 Indiana by 13 points and followed that up with a pair of home wins this week against Illinois and Nebraska to assure it a sixth-place finish in the Big Ten this season. Iowa also finished the season having won six of its last eight games.

Typically, the plus-minus data gathered for this series comes courtesy of the site, statsheet.com. While minutes proved to be correct for each of these three games that it had data listed for, the actual plus-minuses weren't fully accurate.

As for the data, a few observations: One, as mentioned before, is freshman guard Mike Gesell being sidelined with a foot injury. He has missed each of Iowa's last four games. With Gesell out, Iowa's rotation has pretty much been nine players,

as freshman Pat Ingram has seen sparse minutes.

Only three scholarship players completed Big Ten play with minuses and all three of them were freshmen. However, both center Adam Woodbury and guard Anthony Clemmons have posted better plus-minuses in recent games and should this trend continue in the Big Ten Tournament, that would be a very encouraging sign for Iowa moving forward.

The player who finished with the best plus-minus during league play was junior forward Melsahn Basabe, who had a +17 in the Hawkeyes' most recent game against Nebraska and finished Big Ten play +63. Right behind Basabe at +58 was sophomore center Gabe Olaseni, who is starting to consistently see minutes that are similar to Woodbury's.

The last player worth mentioning here is senior forward Eric May, who was inserted into the starting lineup for Iowa's last two games against Illinois and Nebraska. May spent the majority of the Hawkeyes' conference slate with a minus. His +17 against the Cornhuskers propelled him to finishing Big Ten play with an overall +5. He also ended up playing the third-most minutes against Big Ten teams of any Hawkeye as a result of Gesell's foot injury.

Like the previous five posts in this series, there are three sets of numbers next to each name. The number surrounded by parentheses is the +/- . The first set of numbers is the point differential when that particular player is playing. Next to the +/- is the number of minutes played during the Big Ten season.

Underneath each player's name will be data from the three most recent games, which will then be broken up with data from each individual game.

Aaron White: 903-896; (+7); 547:24

Last 3 games: 156-150; (+6); 93:39

- *at Indiana: 48-60; (-12); 32:18*
- *vs. Illinois: 49-38; (+11); 30:30*
- *vs. Nebraska: 59-52; (+7); 30:51*

Devyn Marble: 855-830; (+25); 515:38

Last 3 games: 163-158; (+5); 95:41

- *at Indiana: 53-63; (-10); 33:44*
- *vs. Illinois: 57-49; (+8); 33:49*
- *vs. Nebraska: 53-46; (+7); 28:08*

Eric May: 641-636; (+5); 412:30

Last 3 games: 148-129; (+19); 83:19

- *at Indiana: 47-56; (-9); 29:30*
- *vs. Illinois: 45-34; (+11); 26:32*
- *vs. Nebraska: 56-39; (+17); 27:17*

Mike Gesell: 675-654; (+21); 410:39

Last 3 games: 0-0; (0); 0:00

- *at Indiana: DNP*
- *vs. Illinois: DNP*
- *vs. Nebraska: DNP*

Melsahn Basabe: 588-525; (+63); 361:25

Last 3 games: 82-69; (+13); 54:23

- *at Indiana: 23-29; (-6); 18:00*
- *vs. Illinois: 20-18; (+2); 16:10*

– vs. Nebraska: 39-22; (+17); 20:13

Anthony Clemmons: 510-543; (-33); 319:21

Last 3 games: 97-90; (+7); 57:38

– at Indiana: 30-37; (-7); 18:54

– vs. Illinois: 24-24; (0); 15:26

– vs. Nebraska: 43-29; (+14); 23:18

Josh Oglesby: 503-458; (+45); 308:31

Last 3 games: 97-94; (+3); 65:11

– at Indiana: 41-45; (-4); 27:58

– vs. Illinois: 34-35; (-1); 23:41

– vs. Nebraska: 22-14; (+8); 13:32

Adam Woodbury: 417-445; (-28); 279:26

Last 3 games: 83-82; (+1); 52:16

– at Indiana: 27-30; (-3); 16:10

– vs. Illinois: 26-23; (+3); 17:36

– vs. Nebraska: 30-29; (+1); 18:30

Zach McCabe: 476-463; (+13); 278:36

Last 3 games: 60-63; (-3); 39:05

– at Indiana: 2-8; (-6); 3:11

– vs. Illinois: 28-26; (+2); 17:27

– vs. Nebraska: 30-29; (+1); 18:27

Gabe Olaseni: 320-262; (+58); 193:49

Last 3 games: 95-87; (+8); 53:57

– at Indiana: 25-31; (-6); 17:30

– vs. Illinois: 32-28; (+4); 18:52

– vs. Nebraska: 38-28; (+10); 17:35

Pat Ingram: 57-61; (-4); 36:12

Last 3 games: 4-9; (-5); 2:37

– at Indiana: 4-6; (-2); 2:25

– vs. Illinois: DNP

– vs. Nebraska: 0-3; (-3); 0:12

**This is the conclusion of the six-part series. However, we'll continue to track Iowa's plus-minuses during the Big Ten Tournament this week. For more on the (+/-) statistic, current Portland Trail Blazers head coach Terry Stotts [wrote this article](#) about it from his days as an assistant coach with the Milwaukee Bucks.*