

# Gesell has broken hand

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*HawkeyeDrive.com* has learned Iowa sophomore guard Mike Gesell's left hand is broken after X-rays taken late Thursday evening revealed a bone fracture.

Gesell injured the non-shooting hand during the second half of his Prime Time League game Thursday and had an ice bag wrapped around it when he left the North Liberty Community Center to see Iowa trainers. A source told *HawkeyeDrive.com* the fracture is non-displaced, meaning the ends of the broken bone are still in proper alignment and that this injury typically results in a cast being worn anywhere from 3-6 weeks before normal activity is resumed.

Big picture, there's a good news/bad news element at play. The good news for Gesell is that his hand should be fully healed before Iowa's first official team practice later this fall, so barring any further injuries between now and November, his sophomore season is not in jeopardy. However, this injury could possibly prevent Gesell from playing for the Hawkeyes next month when they play six exhibition games over in Europe.

Iowa's first exhibition takes place three-and-a-half weeks from now on Aug. 13 in London, so Gesell's best-case scenario given the "typical" timetable for this type of injury would be his cast being removed just before the Hawkeyes travel across the pond.

As of 9:40 a.m. CT Friday morning, UI officials could not be reached for comment.

**\*\*UPDATE (11 A.M. CT):** A release sent out Friday morning by Iowa's sports information department has confirmed Gesell's

*injury, saying he will miss 4-6 weeks as a result.\*\**