

# Iowa dominates Hasley Cup

[Shannon Heaton](#) The Quad-City Times | Posted: Saturday, September 11, 2010 11:17 pm

Tyler Pitlik knew it was coming.

"They always kick our butt in singles," said Pitlik, the Illinois team captain, of Iowa's history in singles play during the Hasley Cup, contested for the 12th time this weekend at Arsenal Golf Club.

"I don't know why they always do, but they do. They've got a lot of good players."

Those players got on a roll during Saturday's singles play, as Iowa won 12 matches and halved another to pull away from Illinois and win the Hasley Cup, the Quad-City Amateur Tour's season-ending event, for the sixth consecutive year.

Iowa won four of the first five matches in singles play, with Ron Wastyn winning his third match of the weekend in a 2-up victory over Illinois' Brad Muller. Illinois would get a victory on the board, with Ed Witkowski winning 4-and-2 over Dusty Drenth, but Iowa then rattled off eight straight match wins, including Tour champion Dennis Bull's 6-and-5 victory over David Lawrence, keeping the Cup in Iowa hands.

In a head-to-head matchup of captains, Iowa's Ben Peters won 3-and-2 over Pitlik. Along with his father, John, and uncle, Tim, the Peters clan went 2-0-1 in singles play after picking up two wins in Saturday morning's alternate-shot format and going 1-1-1 in Friday's four-ball format, in which Iowa established a three-point lead.

"That's kind of a special thing, to have us all playing and playing well. We did pretty good today, and they (John and Tim) did a great job," Ben Peters said of his family members. "It's just fun."

And although there was competitive golf, the mood was friendly at the end, as players from both sides mingled afterward.

"It's a different format and a fun format. It's the epitome of what the Quad-City Amateur Tour is all about," Peters said. "Everybody enjoys each other's company. It is a friendly competition, but obviously the results are fairly lopsided. I hope that's kind of a cyclical deal. The Iowa team has been strong and probably will be a couple more years, but there'll be turnover as guys stop playing, or people move into the area, and then things could change and Illinois will get stronger."

In addition to Wastyn's 3-0 mark over the two days, Iowa had several players go 2-0-1, including 2010 senior player of the year Dave Waugh. Bull and Peter Strothkamp both were 2-0-1, with Kevin Kilstrom winning twice while playing only on Saturday.

Illinois' top golfer for the weekend was David Holmes (2-0-1 on the weekend), who teamed with Brian Soucinek for a competitive 1-up win over Iowa's Chris Wilkins and Ben Hanson in four-ball play on Friday. Holmes and Soucinek then battled Bull and Strothkamp to an all-square draw in Saturday morning's alternate-shot format, and Holmes made it a 2-0-1 weekend with a 3-and-2 singles win over Iowa tour veteran Tim Flaherty.

"For me, I'm too competitive, and (losing) is getting really old, but it's a friendly competition towards the end of the year," Pitlik said. "When you match it up head-to-head in the point standings, they're the better team. We had a few good players that we didn't get to play here, because they weren't available, and that would have definitely helped."