

Iowa vs. Illinois: who will take the Hasley cup?

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The local Quad City Amateur Tour golf circuit wraps up its 2010 season this weekend and there are two decidedly different thoughts on how it should close in the annual **Hasley Cup** matches.

Team Iowa hopes this season ends the same way the previous five have – with the Iowa-side team dominating the Ryder **Cup**-style matches against their Illinois counterparts.

Team Illinois, though, is not throwing in the towel, instead holding out hope for a surprising upset. The Land of Lincoln squad has not enjoyed the thrill of **Hasley Cup** victory since a stiring 16.5-15.5 victory at Oakwood Country Club in 2004.

In all, Team Iowa has dominated the annual matches, winning 10 of the 11 events – including a 2002 sweep when there were both spring and fall **Hasley Cup** matches. The top 10 point-scorers on the season-long tour and two captains choices will team up in the open division matches, while the top four senior season scorers will clash against each other in that division. Because of conflicts, there have been some changes in the lineups with not all qualified players able to compete.

The **Hasley Cup** is named after long-time local pro Jim **Hasley** and this year takes place today and Saturday on the Arsenal Island Golf Course. The matches begin today at noon with team best-ball matches. Action then continues on Saturday with morning modified alternate shot matches. After a lunch break during which pairings are set, the matches conclude with afternoon singles play. Spectators are welcome to watch and cheer their favorite teams and players.