Mound corp strong for '81 season
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It seems as if the baseball season's start only starts after those three days for Iowa Hawkeye Baseball.

With the NCAA basketball tournament just around the corner, the pitcher's rotation is still undefined. But with the Hawkeyes' starting rotation in the middle of a 3-1 start, the pitching corp should be a more formidable force this year.

The starting pitching trio made up of seniors Ryan Ziemer, Dale Buyken, and Mark Ramburger has compiled a 15-1 record in each of their seasons, and no other starting pitcher has been available this year. The pitching rotation includes four former All-Americans, and all have pitched for the Hawkeyes since 1975.

Here's a look at the pitching corps:

Ziemer, a left-hander, is 5-foot-11, 175 pounds, and has compiled a 4-2 record. He is the most experienced of the trio, with 19 starts and 13 victories in 22 games.

Buyken, a right-hander, is 6-foot-2, 195 pounds, and has compiled a 6-1 record. He has pitched in 24 games, including three complete games.

Ramburger, a left-hander, is 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, and has compiled a 5-0 record. He has pitched in 23 games, including two complete games.

The pitching corps also includes junior Mark Austen, who has compiled a 1-0 record. He is 6-foot-4, 225 pounds, and has pitched in 11 games, including four complete games.

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In other baseball news, the Hawkeyes have compiled a 45-12 record in the last 10 years, including a 28-4 record in the Big Ten. They have won the Big Ten championship twice, in 1979 and 1980.