



# Iowa Conference Wrestling

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## Standings

	IIAC			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Wartburg	8	0	1.000	24	3	.889
Luther	7	1	.875	15	3	.833
Coe	6	2	.750	11	7	.611
Loras	5	3	.625	15	8	.652
Simpson	4	4	.500	13	9	.591
Dubuque	2	6	.250	10	11	.476
Buena Vista	1	6	.143	7	8	.467
Cornell	1	6	.143	5	12	.294
Central	1	7	.125	4	14	.222

## This Week's Schedule

Feb. 17

Iowa Conference Championship, 10:00 AM at  
Loras College

**IIAC Wrestling Championship  
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## Wrestler of the Week

**Mark Sturm**  
**Wartburg College**

Wartburg College senior **Mark Sturm** (Armstrong, Iowa/Emmetsburg) posted a 15-3 major decision over Buena Vista's Bobby Flaherty at 174-pounds. The victory was Sturm's 13th straight and third bonus-point win in his last four matches.

# IOWA CONFERENCE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . .** The 2005 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) wrestling Championship is Thursday, February 17, at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Matches begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Graber Sports Center with the finals set for 6:30 p.m. in the Loras Field House.

Iowa Public Television (IPTV) will televise the Championship finals on tape-delay across the state of Iowa at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday. **Tim Johnson** will provide the play-by-play and former national champion wrestlers **Jim and Joe Gibbons** will provide analysis. For local IPTV stations, visit IPTV's web site at [www.iptv.org](http://www.iptv.org).

Wartburg enters the 2005 Conference Championship winners of the last 12 IIAC titles and back-to-back national titles. Last year, the Knights sent nine wrestlers to the Conference finals, coming away with eight titles en route to a 54-point victory over Luther (206.5-152.5). Luther and third-place Simpson (144 points) won 165-pounds and 125-pounds, respectively.

Luther and Simpson return eight wrestlers from its 2004 Championship line-up. Wartburg and Loras each return seven wrestlers. All of Luther and Wartburg's returnees placed in the Conference's top-six last year while six of Loras and Simpson's returnees placed in the top-six. Central, Coe and Dubuque each return five wrestlers from last season, all of Coe's returnees placed in the top-six, and two of Central and Dubuque's placed. Buena Vista returns two from last year's Championship line-up and Cornell returns one.

Wartburg and Luther's line-ups feature seven national qualifiers from 2004. Simpson has four returning national qualifiers in its line-up, Loras has three and Buena Vista has one. Wartburg has six returning All-Americans, Luther has five, Simpson has three and Loras has one.

Two of the last three IIAC Outstanding Wrestlers are in their team's line-up. Simpson's **Dustin Brewer** was named Outstanding Wrestler after winning the 125-pound weight class last year. He is wrestling at 141-pounds this year. Luther's **Garrett South** was named Outstanding Wrestler in 2002 after winning the title at 165-pounds.

**IIAC WRESTLING CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE COACHES' POLL:** Five Iowa Conference teams and 18 wrestlers are ranked in the latest National Wrestling Coaches Association/Brute-Adidas poll released on February 9. In the team poll, Wartburg is ranked second, Luther is fourth, Coe is ranked 13th, Loras is 15th and Simpson is 17th.

Individually, three IIAC wrestlers are ranked among the top eight at 133-pounds and 149-pounds. Wartburg has nine wrestlers ranked, Luther has six wrestlers ranked, and Buena Vista, Coe and Simpson each have one ranked wrestler.

Thirty-three IIAC wrestlers will qualify for the NCAA Championship field of 160. The 2005 NCAA National Wrestling Championship will be hosted by St. Olaf College at the Skoglund and Tostrud Centers in Northfield, Minn. on March 4-5.

A class-by-class preview follows with each school's probable line-up. Championship brackets will be posted on the Conference web site ([www.iowaconference.com](http://www.iowaconference.com)) on Thursday morning and the web site will be updated with results throughout the day.

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## 125-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	—OPEN—	Loras	<b>Terry Morgan</b> , Jr. (22-5)
Central	<b>Peter Howard</b> , Jr. (18-18)	Luther	<b>Nate Evans</b> , Jr. (11-12)
Coe	<b>Ryan Gotto</b> , Sr. (21-8)	Simpson	<b>Tony Hager</b> , So. (8-23)
Cornell	<b>Chris Heilman</b> , Fr. (24-10)	Wartburg	<b>Justin McClintock</b> , Sr., (22-3)
Dubuque	<b>Sean Brown</b> , Jr. (0-5) —OR— <b>Ben Cothran</b> , Fr. (1-8)		

Wartburg's **Justin McClintock**, ranked second in the nation, finished second in the Conference last year and fifth in the nation. Loras' **Terry Morgan** finished third in the Conference last season and qualified for nationals. Luther's **Nate Evans** finished fourth in the Conference and Dubuque's **Sean Brown** wrestled in the Conference meet at 141-pounds.

## 133-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Jestin Hulegaard</b> , Fr. (12-5)	Loras	<b>Brandon Young</b> , Jr. (16-17)
Central	<b>Nick Valdez</b> , Sr. (17-7)	Luther	<b>Mike Lopez</b> , Jr. (22-6)
Coe	<b>Brian Clement</b> , So. (26-13)	Simpson	<b>Quent Christensen</b> , Sr. (15-11)
Cornell	<b>Greg Murphy</b> , Fr. (23-11)	Wartburg	<b>Tyler Hubbard</b> , Sr. (21-3)
Dubuque	<b>Brandon Jones</b> , Jr. (7-11)		

One of two weight classes with three nationally ranked wrestlers – Wartburg's **Tyler Hubbard** (2nd), Luther's **Mike Lopez** (6th) and Buena Vista's **Jestin Hulegaard** (8th). Simpson's **Quent Christensen** received All-American honors last year, finishing seventh nationally after a second-place Conference finish. Central's **Nick Valdez** finished fifth in the IIAC last year and Coe's **Brian Clement** finished sixth. Dubuque's **Brandon Jones** and Loras' **Brandon Young** also competed in the Conference meet last year.

## 141-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Matt Hanson</b> , Fr. (21-15)	Loras	<b>Mike Ressler</b> , Jr. (19-13)
Central	<b>Derek Konrad</b> , Sr. (11-16)	Luther	<b>Jeff Patzke</b> , Sr. (26-8)
Coe	<b>Matt Carey</b> , Fr. (29-11)	Simpson	<b>Dustin Brewer</b> , Jr. (8-4)
Cornell	<b>Ryan Wright</b> , Fr. (8-21)	Wartburg	<b>Dustin Hirschberger</b> , Jr. (34-1)
Dubuque	<b>Pat Bauer</b> , Fr. (1-13) –OR– <b>Benjamin Swan</b> , So. (15-18)		

Defending national Champion **Dustin Hirschberger** of Wartburg and two-time All-American **Jeff Patzke** of Luther are ranked first and third nationally. Hirschberger won the 141-pound weight class at last year's Conference Championship, Patzke finished third and Loras' **Mike Ressler** finished sixth. Simpson's **Dustin Brewer**, the 2004 IIAC Outstanding Wrestler, wrestled at and won 125-pounds. Dubuque's **Benjamin Swan** finished fifth at 149-pounds last year.

## 149-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Kyle Kriz</b> , Jr. (12-17)	Loras	<b>Josh Watts</b> , Jr. (12-5)
Central	<b>Ryan DeVriendt</b> , So. (14-16)	Luther	<b>Matt Pyle</b> , So. (10-2)
Coe	<b>Jared Creason</b> , So. (34-7)	Simpson	<b>Clint Manny</b> , Sr. (29-3)
Cornell	<b>Pat McAuley</b> , Fr. (25-11)	Wartburg	<b>Jacob Naig</b> , Fr. (6-2)
Dubuque	<b>Josh Cross</b> , Fr. (6-16) –OR– <b>Lance Wetter</b> , Fr. (10-20)		

This weight class will features the top-three ranked wrestlers in the nation. Simpson's **Clint Manny** has been ranked #1 all season, Luther's **Matt Pyle** is ranked second and Wartburg's **Jacob Naig** is third. Manny is a two-time All-American finishing second last year and fourth in 2003. Pyle earned All-American honors last year with a third-place national finish. Four of last year's Conference place winners return this year – Manny finished second, Pyle finished third, Coe's **Jared Creason** finished fourth and Loras' **Josh Watts** finished sixth. Central's **Ryan DeVriendt** also competed in the Conference meet.

## 157-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Jacob Johnston</b> , Fr. (11-20)	Loras	<b>Dave Early</b> , So. (15-10)
Central	<b>Danny Ebling</b> , Sr. (5-4)	Luther	<b>Ryan LeBeau</b> , Sr. (31-10)
Coe	<b>Tyler Jentz</b> , Fr. (24-9)	Simpson	<b>Kellen Delaney</b> , So. (25-10)
Cornell	<b>Dan Oesch</b> , Fr. (4-14)	Wartburg	<b>Cory Connell</b> , Sr. (25-5)
Dubuque	<b>Bobby Larson</b> , So (23-11) –OR– <b>Darren Kaisand</b> , Fr. (28-15)		

Wartburg's **Cory Connell** and Luther's **Ryan LeBeau** are ranked second and third, respectively, in the nation. Both are returning All-Americans, Connell finished second nationally last year and LeBeau was fourth. At the Conference meet, Connell won the weight class and LeBeau finished third. Dubuque's **Bobby Larson** competed in last year's Conference Championship as did Simpson's **Kellen Delaney** (at 141-pounds).

## 165-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	—OPEN—	Loras	<b>Brad Bishop</b> , Jr. (23-9)
Central	<b>Ross Patton</b> , Jr. (12-10)	Luther	<b>Garrett South</b> , Sr. (30-6)
Coe	<b>Adam McNeil</b> , Sr. (28-13)	Simpson	<b>Nate Broghammer</b> , Sr. (16-17)
Cornell	<b>Reuben Zacharakis-Jutz</b> , Fr. (0-6)	Wartburg	<b>Andrew Knaack</b> , Sr. (16-10)
Dubuque	<b>Cole Williams</b> , Jr. (30-7)		

Two-time All-American and two-time Conference Champion **Garrett South** of Luther is the top-ranked wrestler in the weight class. He finished second in nation last year and fourth in 2003 (at 157-pounds), winning Conference titles in 2002 and 2004, earning Outstanding Wrestler honors in 2002. Loras' **Brad Bishop** earned All-American honors last year with an eighth-place national finish and finished third in the Conference. Wartburg's **Andrew Knaack** finished fourth in the Conference and qualified for the national meet. Simpson's **Nate Broghammer** finished fifth and Coe's **Adam McNeil** finished sixth in the Conference last year. Central's **Ross Patton** placed fourth in the Conference at 157-pounds.

## 174-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (2004-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (2004-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Bobby Flaherty</b> , Jr. (15-17)	Loras	<b>Ryan Hagerty</b> , Jr. (27-7)
Central	<b>Ryan Bredleau</b> , Sr. (3-13)	Luther	<b>Lon Welsh</b> , Jr. (10-6)
Coe	<b>Adam Reid</b> , Sr. (27-6)	Simpson	<b>Wade Samo</b> , Sr. (19-9)
Cornell	<b>Adam Sandoval</b> , Jr. (10-22)	Wartburg	<b>Mark Sturm</b> , Sr. (25-5)
Dubuque	<b>Kyle Morrow</b> , Fr. (12-17)		

Two-time All-American **Mark Sturm** is ranked fourth nationally. He has fifth and sixth-place national finishes the last two years and won the Conference title in 2002 and 2004. Luther's **Lon Welsh** was second in the IIAC last year and a national qualifier. The top-five finishers from last year return to the weight class. In addition to Sturm and Welsh, other returning placemen include Simpson's **Wade Samo** (3rd), Coe's **Adam Reid** (4th) and Loras' **Ryan Hagerty** (5th). Cornell's **Adam Sandoval** also competed at the Conference meet last year.

## 184-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Michael Irvin</b> , Sr. (14-9) —OR— <b>Shane Hunter</b> , Sr. (11-9)	Loras	<b>Tom Andrews</b> , Sr. (25-5)
Central	<b>Ty Wheeler</b> , Jr. (3-20)	Luther	<b>Dan Adams</b> , Sr. (21-8)
Coe	<b>Marcus Schneider</b> , So. (12-18)	Simpson	<b>Cody Downing</b> , So. (26-15)
Cornell	—OPEN—	Wartburg	<b>Scott Kauffman</b> , Jr. (19-1)
Dubuque	<b>Matt Wonderlin</b> , Fr. (25-13)		

Wartburg's **Scott Kauffman** is the weight class' top ranked wrestler and Luther's **Dan Adams** is ranked third. Adams was a national qualifier last year and finished third in the Conference. Buena Vista's **Michael Irvin** finished fourth at 197-pounds last year. Simpson's **Cody Downing** also competed in the Conference Championship.

## 197-Pounds

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Wade Hammen</b> , So. (12-10)	Loras	<b>Mitch Hager</b> , Sr. (20-7)
Central	<b>Ryan Harms</b> , So. (0-1)	Luther	<b>Wyatt Reyerson</b> , Sr. (17-11)
Coe	<b>Mike McCabe</b> , Sr. (29-7)	Simpson	<b>Trent Byler</b> , Fr. (20-22)
Cornell	<b>Josh Pastor</b> , Jr. (3-9)	Wartburg	<b>Akeem Carter</b> , Jr. (25-2)
Dubuque	<b>Nickolai Timbs</b> , So. (21-9)		

Wartburg's **Akeem Carter** is the top ranked wrestler nationally and Coe's **Mike McCabe** is ranked seventh. Carter is the defending national and Conference champion. Luther's **Wyatt Reyerson** earned All-American honors with a sixth-place finish last year after finishing third in the Conference. Dubuque's **Nickolai Timbs** finished fifth in the Conference last year and McCabe finished sixth. Loras' **Mitch Hager** was a national qualifier at 184-pounds after finishing fourth in the Conference. Central's **Ryan Harms** competed in last year's Conference Championship.

## Heavyweight

School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)	School	Wrestler, Year (04-05 Record)
Buena Vista	<b>Adam Buthe</b> , Sr. (22-11)	Loras	<b>Ben McCready</b> , Fr. (19-10)
Central	<b>Mark Trullinger</b> , So. (4-24)	Luther	<b>Joe Postuma</b> , So. (6-12)
Coe	<b>Ted Drees</b> , Jr. (19-18)	Simpson	<b>Brett Christensen</b> , Jr. (24-11)
Cornell	<b>Jeremy Day</b> , Fr. (0-3) —OR— <b>Chris Gustafson</b> , Fr. (no record)	Wartburg	<b>Blake Gillis</b> , So. (27-3)
Dubuque	<b>James Mundy</b> , Jr. (7-10)		

Wartburg's **Blake Gillis**, last year's national runner-up, is ranked second in the nation. Gillis, Buena Vista's **Adam Buthe** and Simpson's **Brett Christensen** were the top-three finishers in the Conference last year and all qualified for the NCAA Championship. Central's **Mark Trullinger** also competed in last year's Conference Championship.