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2005 IOWA CONFERENCE SOFTBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Simpson College received four of eight first-place votes and accumulated 67 points to claim the top spot in the 2005 IIAC Softball Coaches' Poll. Three-time defending Conference Champion, Central College, received three first-place votes and is second in the preseason poll with 57 points. Wartburg College received the final first-place vote and is tied for third with Coe College in the Poll with 49 points. The complete 2005 IIAC Softball Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2004 Record
1	Simpson (4)	67	33-7, 12-4 IIAC
2	Central (3)	57	35-9, 13-3 IIAC
T3	Wartburg (1)	49	32-8, 11-5 IIAC
T3	Coe	49	25-14, 12-4 IIAC
5	Luther	37	18-21, 7-9 IIAC
6	Buena Vista	31	13-23, 8-8 IIAC
7	Loras	26	13-26, 4-12 IIAC
8	Cornell	20	6-33, 3-13 IIAC
9	Dubuque	16	12-24, 2-14 IIAC

Central, which has made 19 consecutive NCAA postseason appearances, is ranked 12th in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) preseason poll. Wartburg is ranked 22nd in the NFCA preseason poll.

The 2005 softball season is scheduled to begin on Saturday, February 26, as Dubuque begins play at the Gene Cusic Classic in Fort Myers, Fla. Loras begins its season at the same tournament the following day, and Central, Coe and Wartburg begin play the following week. Conference-play begins on Saturday, April 2, and concludes on Friday, May 6.

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Buena Vista University Beavers (13-23 overall, 8-8 IIAC – 5th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 4/6

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 1/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/10

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Marge Willadsen** says, "I look for our team to be more competitive within the conference. Gaining confidence and consistency will play a major role in our success. We will be tested early as we open with last year's NCAA National Champ St. Thomas."

Key Returnees	
Brooke Bousum, Jr., 1B	34 GP - .234 avg., 5 RBI, 4 2B, 4 runs, .277 slug %, .265 OB%
Katie Onken, Sr., 2B	35 GP - .218 avg., 7 RBI, 2 3B, 13 runs, .257 slug %, .282 OB%
Trisha Porter, Jr., RF	35 GP - .239 avg., 2 HR, 13 RBI, 5 2B, 1 3B, 8 runs, .380 slug %, .307 OB%
Molly Luchtel, So., DP	33 GP - .257 avg., 2 RBI, 15 runs, .257 slug %, .333 OB%, 5 SB
Sarah Dirx, Jr., RHP	24 GP, 14 starts, 14 CG, 9-10, 3.09 ERA, 120 IP, 100 K, 55 BB, 5 SO, .258 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-2nd in appearances, 3rd in K, 4th in IP, t-8th in wins, 11th in opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Melissa Putney, Fr., SS	
Lindsey Weirich, Fr., C	
Ashley McCool, Fr., 2B	
Amanda Armstrong, Fr., SS	
Brandi Sykora, Fr., RHP	
Adrienne Scott, Fr., OF	
Alissa Hopkins, Fr., 1B	
Monica Tucker, Fr., 3B	

Tough Losses	
Lindsey Roberts, C/DP	2004 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP - .333 avg., 2 HR, 19 RBI, 3 2B, 5 runs, .453 slug %, .375 OB% IIAC Rank – t-12th in avg.
Katie Richardson, C	24 GP - .254 avg., 8 RBI, 3 2B, 2 runs, .299 slug %, .292 OB%
Gelene Bousum, SS	33 GP - .386 avg., 2 HR, 16 RBI, 11 2B, 2 3B, 13 runs, .594 slug %, .431 OB% IIAC Rank – t-3rd in 2B, 4th in avg., 5th in slug%, 8th in OB%, t-11th in hits (39)
Lesley Salton, 3B	2004 Second Team All-Conference 31 GP - .294 avg., 1 HR, 10 RBI, 4 2B, 15 runs, .376 slug %, .355 OB%, 4 SB
Holli Protexter, LF	35 GP - .240 avg., 15 RBI, 5 2B, 2 3B, 8 runs, .333 slug %, .267 OB%
Krystal Cary, CF	22 GP - .266 avg., 5 RBI, 1 2B, 7 runs, .281 slug %, .347 OB%, 3 SB
Kara Rea, RHP	22 GP, 17 starts, 11 CG, 4-13, 3.44 ERA, 78 K, 35 BB, .297 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 6th in IP, 6th in K, t-6th in appearances

Central College Dutch (35-9 overall, 13-3 IIAC – 1st)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/7

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **George Wares** says, "We have been hit with some pretty serious injuries, if we get healthy we will be very solid. We have a very good freshman class, to go with a good group of returning players."

Key Returnees	
Anne Legg, Sr., 1B	Two-time All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Second Team 44 GP - .397 avg., 23 RBI, 14 2B, 4 runs, .504 slug %, .448 OB% IIAC Rank – 2nd in hits (52), 2nd in 2B, 3rd in avg., 4th in OB%, t-10th in RBI, 12th in slug%
Kristin Wares, Jr., 2B	44 GP - .237 avg., 16 RBI, 3 2B, 18 runs, .263 slug %, .389 OB%, 4 SB IIAC Rank – t-14th in OB%
Laura Anderson, So., OF	2004 First Team All-Conference 43 GP - .366 avg., 1 HR, 8 RBI, 8 2B, 10 runs, .500 slug %, .441 OB%
Bri Kuyper, Sr., OF	2002 First Team All-Conference 55 GP - .233 avg., 7 RBI, 32 runs, .233 slug %, .369 OB%, 25 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in SB, t-2nd in runs
Dawn Nissen, So., OF	36 GP - .324 avg., 11 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 15 runs, .368 slug %, .361 OB%, 8 SB IIAC Rank – t-10th in SB
Tina Shimak, Jr., DP	2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region First Team 44 GP - .355 avg., 8 HR, 39 RBI, 17 2B, 16 runs, .685 slug %, .441 OB% IIAC Rank – 1st in RBI, 1st in 2B, 1st in HR, 2nd in slug %, 5th in OB%, 6th in hits (44), 11th in avg.
Corrie Schmidt, Sr., RHP	2004 IIAC MVP; 2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region First Team 36 GP, 31 starts, 16 CG, 25-7, 1.28 ERA, 175.1 IP, 121 K, 42 BB, 4 SO, .207 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 1st in wins, 1st in IP, 1st in appearances, 2nd in K, 5th in opp. avg., 6th in ERA
Emily Vaughn, So., RPH	24 GP, 11 starts, 1 CG, 9-0, 1 save, 1.64 ERA, 77 IP, 42 K, 15 BB, .237 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-2nd in appearances, 8th in ERA, t-8th in wins, 9th in opp. avg., 15th in IP
Amanda Wilson, Jr., LHP	21 GP, 2 starts, 1-1, 1 save, 0.67 ERA, 41.2 IP, 19 K, 4 BB, .167 opp. avg.

Tough Losses	
Stef Miller, C	2004 First Team All-Conference 44 GP - .239 avg., 1 HR, 29 RBI, 4 2B, 18 runs, .315 slug %, .412 OB%, 9 SB IIAC Rank – 5th in RBI, t-6th in SB, 12th in OB%
Katy Lein, 3B	2003 First Team All-Conference 44 GP - .287 avg., 1 HR, 20 RBI, 5 2B, 7 runs, .346 slug %, .317 OB% IIAC Rank – t-11th in hits (39), t-12th in RBI
Beth Peterson, SS	44 GP - .192 avg., 12 RBI, 2 2B, 1 3B, 11 runs, .231 slug %, .250 OB%, 9 SB IIAC Rank – t-6th in SB

Coe College Kohawks
(25-14 overall, 12-4 IIAC – t-2nd)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 7/2

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Bob Timmons** says, "Pitching needs to improve over last year and we need to stay healthy. If that happens we could be a factor."

Key Returnees	
Chris Engel, Jr., 1B	2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Second Team 39 GP - .377 avg., 6 HR, 32 RBI, 11 2B, 15 runs, .632 slug %, .437 OB% IIAC Rank – 2nd in RBI, t-3rd in 2B, t-3rd in HR, 4th in slug%, 5th in avg., 6th in OB%, t-7th in hits (43)
Jana Bradley, Jr., 2B	2004 Second Team All-Conference 39 GP - .257 avg., 12 RBI, 8 2B, 9 runs, .327 slug %, .294 OB%
Leslie Schnack, So., 3B	31 GP - .270 avg., 4 RBI, 8 2B, 1 3B, 6 runs, .429 slug %, .370 OB%
Ashley Wagner, Jr., LF	2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region First Team 39 GP - .372 avg., 7 HR, 19 RBI, 8 2B, 3 3B, 38 runs, .643 slug %, .434 OB%, 8 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in runs, 2nd in HR, 3rd in slug%, t-3rd in 3B, 4th in hits (48), 6th in avg., 7th in OB%, t-10th in SB
Rachel Brinkman, So., CF	38 GP - .232 avg., 1 HR, 5 RBI, 2 2B, 11 runs, .321 slug %, .271 OB%, 3 SB
Beth Rohlena, Sr., RF	2003 Second Team All-Conference 39 GP - .288 avg., 4 HR, 15 RBI, 5 2B, 1 3B, 19 runs, .459 slug %, .347 OB% IIAC Rank – t-6th in HR, 14th in slug%, t-14th in runs
LaToshia Burrell, So., DP	2004 Second Team All-Conference 29 GP - .328 avg., 5 RBI, 13 runs, .328 slug %, .406 OB%, 3 SB
Amy Ernst, Sr., RHP	Two-Time All-Conference 22 GP, 19 starts, 6 CG, 10-5, 2.41 ERA, 64 K, 23 BB, .296 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-6th in wins, t-6th in appearances, 9th in IP, 9th in K, 10th in ERA
Sarah Marting, Jr., RHP	2004 Second Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Third Team 23 GP, 18 starts, 8 CG, 12-5, 3 saves, 1.25 ERA, 82 K, 36 BB, 2 SO, .211 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 1st in saves, t-4th in appearances, 5th in wins, 5th in ERA, 5th in K, 6th in opp avg., 7th in IP

Newcomers To Watch	
April Kalmes, Fr., OF	
Dani Hommer, Fr., OF	
Shelby Kent, Fr., OF	
Val Steele, Fr., OF	
Kate Goodwin, Fr., IF	
Michele Bruess, So., C	

Tough Losses	
Abby Kite, C	Three-time All-Conference 36 GP - .261 avg., 11 RBI, 4 2B, 6 runs, .304 slug %, .327 OB%
Leah Fuhrman, SS	Three-time First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region First Team 39 GP - .331 avg., 6 HR, 30 RBI, 7 2B, 2 3B, 31 runs, .554 slug %, .360 OB% IIAC Rank – t-3rd in HR, 4th in runs, 4th in RBI, t-7th in hits (43), 8th in slug%, 14th in avg.
Lindsay Chase, RHP	22 GP, 1 start, 2-3, 3.65 ERA, 34 K, 21 BB, .301 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-6th in appearances
Ashley Ockenfels, RHP	2 GP, 1 start, 1-1, 4.20 ERA, 5 K, 3 BB, .333 opp. avg.

Cornell College Rams (6-33 overall, 3-13 IIAC – 8th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 6/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Lori Moss** says, "We are excited to begin the 2005 season after the disappointing season a year ago. We hope to have a much stronger season with the added experience of the returning players and the talent of our first year players."

Key Returnees	
Steph Geppert, Jr., 3B	27 GP - .216 avg., 3 RBI, 7 runs, .216 slug %, .256 OB%, 4 SB
Amy Pitlik, Sr., SS	39 GP - .288 avg., 11 RBI, 5 2B, 15 runs, .333 slug %, .333 OB%
Jill Hopper, So., LF	39 GP - .196 avg., 8 RBI, 10 runs, .196 slug %, .232 OB%
Alex Myers, Sr., CF	2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Third Team 37 GP - .444 avg., 18 RBI, 7 2B, 4 3B, 23 runs, .565 slug %, .461 OB%, 5 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in avg., 1st in hits (55), 1st in 3B, 3rd in OB%, 7th in slug%, t-9th in runs
Kasi Kiner, Jr., RF	36 GP - .105 avg., 3 RBI, 2 2B, 5 runs, .158 slug %, .150 OB%
Megan Draeger, Sr., DP	37 GP - .240 avg., 2 HR, 13 RBI, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 runs, .370 slug %, .296 OB%
Laura Fuller, Sr., OF	Missed last two seasons; 2002 stats – 28 GP - .267 avg., 3 HR, 9 RBI, 1 2B, 2 3B, 14 runs, .500 slug %, .343 OB%
Maggie O'Rourke, So., RHP	7 GP, 3 starts, 2 CG, 1-3, 3.11 ERA, 27 IP, 10 K, 14 BB, .274 opp. avg.
Becky Roberg, Jr., RHP	19 GP, 18 starts, 16 CG, 4-15, 4.65 ERA, 119 IP, 46 K, 41 BB, 2 SO, .336 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 5th in IP, t-14th in K, 14th in appearances
Amy Carlson, So., RHP	8 GP, 4 starts, 1 CG, 0-2, 2.62 ERA, 24 IP, 8 K, 11 BB, .351 opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Hope Coffin, Fr., IF	
Brittany Raymond, Fr., C/2B	
Jessica Preiss, Fr., C/1B/OF	

Tough Losses	
Sarah Klingaman, C	2004 Second Team All-Conference 39 GP - .333 avg., 8 RBI, 3 2B, 5 runs, .358 slug %, .355 OB% IIAC Rank – 10th in hits, t-12th in avg.
Lisa Henze, 1B	39 GP - .183 avg., 6 RBI, 1 2B, 3 runs, .191 slug %, .197 OB%
Sarah Wille, 2B	Two-time All-Conference 37 GP - .277 avg., 2 HR, 14 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B, 11 runs, .429 slug %, .305 OB% IIAC Rank – t-10th in 2B
Traci Finke, RHP	17 GP, 14 starts, 9 CG, 1-13, 4.62 ERA, 83.1 IP, 34 K, 44 BB, .369 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 13th in IP

University of Dubuque Spartans
(12-24 overall, 2-14 IIAC – 9th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/5

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/5

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Todd Huffman** says, "Spartan Softball will be young, but much improved from a season ago. We will continue to build our program and get better each and every game!"

Key Returnees	
Laurie Steinback, Jr., C	36 GP - .219 avg., 3 RBI, 6 2B, 21 runs, .281 slug %, .336 OB%, 17 SB IIAC Rank – 2nd in SB, t-11th in runs
Brooke Russell, So., C/1B	18 GP - .106 avg., 3 RBI, 2 runs, .106 slug %, .125 OB%
Amanda Vasquez, So., 1B	6 GP - .167 avg., 1 RBI, .167 slug %, .231 OB%
Katie Kozlowski, Jr., OF	36 GP - .178 avg., 7 RBI, 2 2B, 10 runs, .196 slug %, .235 OB%, 7 SB IIAC Rank – t-12th in SB
Ashley Harrow, So., RHP	13 GP, 9 starts, 7 CG, 2-6, 2.02 ERA, 62.1 IP, 25 K, 27 BB, 2 SO, .244 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 9th in ERA, 10th in opp. avg.
Samantha Dundee, So., RHP	7 GP, 7 starts, 4 CG, 2-5, 2.72 ERA, 36 IP, 7 K, 19 BB, .258 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 12th in opp. avg., 14th in ERA

Newcomers To Watch	
Stephanie Gilbert, Fr., OF	
Jenna Kinnikin, Jr., 3B	
Erin Nerison, Fr., 2B	
Amy Schultz, Fr., SS	
Danialle Stewart, Fr., OF	
Nicole Brubaker, Fr., OF	
Alyssa Rodriguez, Fr., LHP	
Starris Kidd, Fr.	
Calli Conley, So., OF	
Jayme Thissen, Fr., RHP	

Loras College Duhawks
(13-26 overall, 4-12 IIAC – 7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 7/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Sarah Anderson** says, "I'm really pleased with the improved depth of our player's talent level. It will help give us a better chance of catching some of the top teams in our conference."

Key Returnees	
Michele Kearney, Jr., C	35 GP - .363 avg., 11 RBI, 2 2B, 7 runs, .382 slug %, .389 OB%, 5 SB IIAC Rank – 8th in avg., t-14th in OB%
Amanda Reiss, Jr., CF	Two-time All-Conference 39 GP - .293 avg., 1 HR, 9 RBI, 5 2B, 2 3B, 21 runs, .390 slug %, .338 OB%, 9 SB IIAC Rank – t-6th in SB, t-11th in runs
Megan Bosso, So., OF	Missed a majority of 2004 season due to injury 9 GP - .379 avg., 1 RBI, 2 runs, .379 slug %, .379 OB%
Nicki Kohl, So., OF	24 GP - .375 avg., 1 RBI, 7 runs, .375 slug %, .500 OB%, 4 SB
Kari Cutler, Sr., SS	38 GP - .231 avg., 1 HR, 16 RBI, 3 2B, 8 runs, .287 slug %, .288 OB%
Sarah McKone, Jr., IF	27 GP - .189 avg., 4 RBI, 4 2B, 4 runs, .264 slug %, .254 OB%
Cari Hefferenen, Jr., IF	27 GP - .123 avg., 2 RBI, 4 runs, .123 slug %, .206 OB%
Liz Book, So., IF	28 GP - .239 avg., 1 HR, 3 RBI, 1 2B, 5 runs, .326 slug %, .286 OB%
Bri Erger, Jr., IF	13 GP - .095 avg., 1 RBI, 6 runs, .143 slug %, .095 OB%
Sara Neverman, Jr., RHP	16 GP, 12 starts, 11 CG, 5-7, 1 save, 3.32 ERA, 84.1 IP, 36 K, 20 BB, .307 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 12th in IP
Leslie George, Jr., RHP	15 GP, 11 starts, 8 CG, 3-8, 2.96 ERA, 75.2 IP, 55 K, 15 BB, 1 SO, .280 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 10th in K, 15th in ERA

Newcomers To Watch	
Audrey Reiter, Fr., OF	
Jillian Emery, Fr., 1B/DP	
Stacy Bahl, Fr., 1B/DP	
Melissa Biederman, Fr., RHP	

Tough Losses	
Trixie Reed, P	17 GP, 15 starts, 10 CG, 5-10, 2.71 ERA, 87.2 IP, 28 K, 12 BB, 4 SO, .261 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 11th in IP, 13th in ERA, 14th in opp. avg.

Luther College Norse (18-21 overall, 7-9 IIAC – 6th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 7/1

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/7

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Renae Hartl** says, "We will have a lot more experience on the field this year after losing only one senior last year. Our team chemistry and our leaders have already played a valuable role in practices and I suspect that will be evident during the season in our play and our record."

Key Returnees	
Heidi Mitchell , So., C	37 GP - .255 avg., 1 HR, 16 RBI, 5 2B, 7 runs, .333 slug %, .310 OB%
Katie Hopp , Jr., 1B	2004 First Team All-Conference 38 GP - .322 avg., 4 HR, 25 RBI, 9 2B, 1 3B, 14 runs, .512 slug %, .341 OB%
Katie Chambers , Sr., 2B	2003 Second Team All-Conference 13 GP - .425 avg., 2 HR, 17 RBI, 3 2B, 3 3B, 10 runs, .800 slug %, .439 OB%
Ashley Wirtz , So., 3B	28 GP - .183 avg., 4 RBI, 1 2B, 7 runs, .200 slug %, .234 OB%
Jen Anderson , Sr., RF	29 GP - .299 avg., 1 HR, 4 RBI, 6 2B, 19 runs, .416 slug %, .386 OB%
Teri Olson , Sr., CF	39 GP - .229 avg., 10 RBI, 4 2B, 10 runs, .271 slug %, .306 OB%
Erin Michael , So., RF	2004 Second Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Second Team 39 GP - .435 avg., 6 HR, 31 RBI, 10 2B, 1 3B, 32 runs, .696 slug %, .536 OB%
Becki Buls , So., RHP	21 GP, 14 starts, 7 CG, 8-8, 2.64 ERA, 98 IP, 52 K, 21 BB, 2 SO, .279 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 10th in wins, 10th in IP, t-10th in appearances, 11th in K, 12th in ERA
Michelle Osterhaus , Jr., RHP	20 GP, 12 starts, 4 CG, 5-7, 3.14 ERA, 80.1 IP, 39 K, 20 BB, 1 SO, .270 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 12th in K, 13th in appearances, 14th in IP, 15th in opp. avg.
Katelyn Kampfe , JR., RHP	5 GP, 0-0, 1.75 ERA, 12 IP, 2 K, 4 BB, .280 opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Lindsey Aeilts , Fr., 1B	
Allison Bouslog , Fr., 2B	
Anna Fergesen , Fr., 1B	
Sadie Hemmerich , Fr., IF	
Tami Magner , Fr., C	
Abby Oitzman , Fr., P	
Megan Schroeder , Fr., IF	

Tough Losses	
Julie Esterday , SS	35 GP - .245 avg., 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 2B, 7 runs, .347 slug %, .275 OB%
Trisha Stogdill , RHP	17 GP, 13 starts, 4 CG, 5-6, 3.08 ERA, 59 IP, 50 K, 35 BB, 2 SO, .230 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 7th in opp. avg.

Simpson College Storm

(33-7 overall, 12-4 IIAC – t-2nd)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 4/5

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/7

Key Returnees	
Jeana Baker , Sr., 2B	39 GP - .257 avg., 15 RBI, 2 2B, 10 runs, .274 slug %, .263 OB%
Heather Beeler , Jr., SS	31 GP - .367 avg., 4 RBI, 1 2B, 20 runs, .380 slug %, .383 OB%, 6 SB IIAC Rank – 13th in runs
Kate Brandt , Sr., LF/RHP	27 GP - .375 avg., 9 RBI, 11 2B, 12 runs, .547 slug %, .412 OB% IIAC Rank – t-3rd in 2B 7 GP, 0-0, 1 save, 0.00 ERA, 13 IP, 11 K, 4 BB, .122 opp. avg.
Rebecca Siler , Sr., CF	Two-time All-Conference 40 GP - .359 avg., 4 HR, 23 RBI, 7 2B, 2 3B, 23 runs, .539 slug %, .381 OB%, 5 SB IIAC Rank – 5th in hits (46), t-6th in HR, 9th in avg., 9th in slug%, 9th in runs, t-10th in RBI
Nikki Gruber , Jr., OF	Could move to 1B this season 26 GP - .289 avg., 6 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 10 runs, .368 slug %, .386 OB%
Karla Hogrefe , Sr., OF	17 GP - .314 avg., 4 RBI, 2 3B, 8 runs, .429 slug %, .368 OB%
Kasey Keimig , Jr., C	13 GP - .333 avg., 1 RBI, 4 runs, .333 slug %, .500 OB%
Jill Mitchell , So., C/OF	29 GP - .241 avg., 7 RBI, 3 2B, 2 3B, 12 runs, .370 slug %, .281 OB%, 4 SB
Halie Stalzer , So., OF	22 GP - .500 avg., 8 runs, .500 slug %, .500 OB%
Bradi Smith , Jr., RHP	2004 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Second Team 22 GP, 18 starts, 13 CG, 18-2, 0.56 ERA, 124.1 IP, 142 K, 30 BB, 5 SO, .200 opp avg. IIAC Rank – 1st in ERA, 1st in K, 2nd in wins, 2nd in opp. avg., 3rd in IP, t-6th in appearances
Marissa Campbell , So., RHP	18 GP, 7 starts, 3 CG, 10-3, 1 save, 0.97 ERA, 72 IP, 74 K, 5 BB, 1 SO, .204 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 3rd in ERA, 3rd in opp. avg., t-6th in wins, 7th in K, 15th in appearances

Newcomers To Watch	
Calie Hohneke , Fr., P/3B	
Emily Kimzey , Fr., 3B	
Alicia Uhde , So., SS	Transfer from Luther– 8 GP - .333 avg., 2 RBI, 1 2B, 4 runs, .417 slug%, .500 OB%
Eden Olsen , Fr., SS	
Alison Erichsen , So., 2B	
Jacey Stephens , So., 1B	
Jerilyn Geneser , Fr., 1B	
Brandie Johnson , So., OF	
Ali Halvorsen , Fr., OF	
Nicole May , Fr., OF	
Shyann Warrick , Fr., OF	

Tough Losses	
Sara Kahler , C	2003 First Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region First Team 36 GP - .356 avg., 20 RBI, 10 2B, 6 runs, .455 slug %, .496 OB% IIAC Rank – 2nd in OB%, t-6th in 2B, 10th in avg., t-11th in RBI, 15th in slug%
Michelle Montgomery , 1B	40 GP - .250 avg., 1 HR, 14 RBI, 6 2B, 11 runs, .318 slug %, .288 OB%
Alexis Angier , 3B	40 GP - .321 avg., 1 HR, 20 RBI, 5 2B, 1 3B, 27 runs, .397 slug %, .417 OB% IIAC Rank – 5th in runs, 9th in hits (42), 10th in OB%, t-11th in RBI
Krista Schurr , RF	34 GP - .311 avg., 12 RBI, 1 2B, 10 runs, .324 slug %, .381 OB%, 4 SB
Tuesdae Bailey , DP	24 GP - .265 avg., 3 RBI, 3 2B, 6 runs, .327 slug %, .294 OB%
Jacki Dougherty , P	16 GP, 14 starts, 3 CG, 5-2, 1 save, 1.00 ERA, 70.1 IP, 65 K, 14 BB, 2 SO .233 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 4th in ERA, 8th in K, 8th in opp. avg.

Wartburg College Knights (32-8 overall, 11-5 IIAC – 4th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 4/4

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 1/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/12

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Kara Kehe** says, "We have several energetic newcomers who will be key players this season, and our team is looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead."

Key Returnees	
Renae Vomacka, Jr., C	2003 Second Team All-Conference 40 GP - .293 avg., 27 RBI, 7 2B, 2 3B, 11 runs, .382 slug %, .351 OB%, 4 SB IIAC Rank – 6th in RBI
Cindy Hannemann, Sr., SS	2004 Second Team All-Conference 40 GP - .287 avg., 17 RBI, 3 2B, 2 3B, 25 runs, .352 slug %, .366 OB%, 6 SB IIAC Rank – t-6th in runs
Stephanie Howe, So., 1B	2004 All-Region Third Team 40 GP - .327 avg., 4 HR, 24 RBI, 6 2B, 4 3B, 24 runs, .570 slug %, .413 OB%, 6 SB IIAC Rank – t-1st in 3B, t-6th in HR, 6th in slug%, 8th in runs, 9th in RBI, 11th in OB%, 15th in avg.
Deb Schindler, Jr., OF	38 GP - .310 avg., 3 HR, 26 RBI, 10 2B, 1 3B, 13 runs, .520 slug %, .357 OB% IIAC Rank – t-6th in 2B, 7th in RBI, 10th in HR, 10th in slug%
Jackie Sorensen, Jr., P	2004 All-Region Third Team 23 GP, 19 starts, 18 CG, 16-5, 2 saves, 0.96 ERA, 131.2 IP, 96 K, 14 BB, 7 SO, .165 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 1st in opp. avg., 2nd in ERA, 2nd in IP, 2nd in saves, 3rd in wins, 4th in K, t-4th in appearances
Courtney Kowalke, Sr., P	8 GP, 1 start, 1-0, 1 save, 0.55 ERA, 12.2 IP, 6 K, 4 BB, .160 opp. avg.
Rachelle Miller, So., P	3 GP, 0-0, 4.20 ERA, 5 IP, 6 K, 2 BB, .235 opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Ashley Rogers, Fr., IF	
Cari Kinzenbaw, Jr., IF	
Amber Vaughn, Fr., P	

Tough Losses	
Kelly Watkins, P	2004 Second Team All-Conference 21 GP, 20 starts, 7 CG, 15-3, 1 save, 1.52 ERA, 110.1 IP, 46 K, 26 BB, 3 SO, .205 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 4th in wins, t-4th in K, 4th in opp. avg., 7th in ERA, 8th in IP, t-10th in appearances
Carrie Clement, 3B	2004 First Team All-Conference 40 GP - .308 avg., 19 RBI, 6 2B, 1 3B, 13 runs, .375 slug %, .357 OB%
Betsy Girsch, 2B	Three-time All-Conference 40 GP - .316 avg., 14 RBI, 6 2B, 1 3B, 11 runs, .400 slug %, .421 OB% IIAC Rank – 9th in OB%
Heather Winter, C	40 GP - .288 avg., 17 RBI, 10 2B, 1 3B, 9 runs, .404 slug %, .339 OB% IIAC Rank – t-6th in 2B
Lindsey Smith, OF	2004 Second Team All-Conference; 2004 All-Region Third Team 38 GP - .369 avg., 18 RBI, 8 2B, 2 3B, 7 runs, .485 slug %, .404 OB% IIAC Rank – 7th in avg., 13th in slug%, 13th OB%, 14th in hits (38)