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2004 IOWA CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Wartburg College received five of six first-place votes and accumulated 45 points to claim the top spot in the 2004 IIAC Football Coaches' Poll. Simpson College, the 2003 Conference runner-up, received the other first-place vote and is second in the preseason poll with 43 points followed by Loras College (38 points) and Luther College (32). The complete 2004 IIAC Football Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2003 Record
1	Wartburg (5)	45	11-1, 8-0 IIAC
2	Simpson (1)	43	9-2, 7-1 IIAC
3	Loras	38	7-3, 5-3 IIAC
4	Luther	32	6-4, 4-4 IIAC
5	Coe	30	5-5, 3-5 IIAC
6	Central	28	5-5, 3-5 IIAC
7	Buena Vista	21	6-4, 4-4 IIAC
8	Cornell	17	4-6, 2-6 IIAC
9	Dubuque	10	0-10, 0-8 IIAC

Wartburg and Simpson Receive Preseason National Rankings: Four publications produced preseason national polls – d3football.com, Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*, *Street and Smiths*, and *Lindy's*. Wartburg is ranked in the top-10 of all four polls, sitting as high as fourth in the *Lindy's* poll. The Knights are sixth in the d3football.com poll, eighth in the *Football Gazette* poll and 10th in *Street and Smiths'* poll. Simpson is ranked 30th in the *Football Gazette* poll.

Preseason All-Americans: Six Iowa Conference players were selected to Preseason All-American Teams. Simpson junior wide receiver **Dusty Kain** was named a First Team Preseason All-American by *Street and Smiths*, *Lindy's*, d3football.com, and Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*. Kain was also among eight "Players to Watch" named by *USA Today*.

Simpson senior defensive back **Kyle Westphal** was a First Team Preseason All-American by *Lindy's*, d3football.com, and Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*. Buena Vista senior linebacker **Michael Irvin** was a First Team Preseason All-American selection by *Street and Smiths* and Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*.

Central senior linebacker **Mark Sanger**, and Coe senior offensive lineman **Drew Dennis** and sophomore kicker **Michael Herzberger** were also named to Don Hansen's *Football Gazette* Preseason All-American Third Team.

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Buena Vista University Beavers
(6-4 overall, 4-4 IIAC – t-4th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 8/8/2

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 3/3/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 41/8

About the Team: Buena Vista is deep at the wide receiver position and experienced on the offensive line but must replace its top-two rushers and starting quarterback. Defensively, the Beavers have one of the nations leading tacklers from 2003 and seven senior starters returning.

Quote from the Coach: Sixth-year coach **Steve Osterberger** says, “Our football team has 22 seniors that have some game experience under their belt. They will be looked to provide leadership within the program. The key will be to see how the rest of our team gels by the end of camp and to stay healthy.”

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Justin Wiig, Sr., WR	Missed 2003 due to injury 2002 stats - 34 receptions for 366 yards, 1 TD
Michael Sullivan, Sr., WR	45 receptions for 843 yards (84.3 yards/game – 5th in IIAC), 1 TD; averaged 19.3 yards on 15 kick returns (8th in IIAC); 1133 all purpose yards (113.3 yards/game – 7th in IIAC)
Jesse Schmidt, Jr., WR	2003 Second Team All-Conference 38 receptions for 704 yards (70.4 yards/game – 8th in IIAC), 11 TD (t-6th in IIAC with 66 points)
Dustin Crook, Jr., FB	47 carries for 183 yards; 3 receptions for 58 yards
John Beck, Sr., OT	2003 Second Team All-Conference
Matt Percival, Sr., OT	
Blake Dodd, Jr., OG	
Joe Bandow, Jr., OG	
Jon Jacobson, Sr., C	
Ryan Hutton, So., K	2003 Second Team All-Conference 10-of-16 on field goals; 29-of-32 PAT (59 points, 3rd among IIAC kickers)
Chris Kemmerer, So., P	56 punts for an average of 39.2 yards (3rd in IIAC, 18th nationally)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Tom Mathisen, Sr., DE	10 tackles (5 solo), 2 TFL in 6 games
Rick Ohlinger, Jr., DT	2003 Second Team All-Conference 29 tackles (16 solo), 6 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Michael Irvin, Sr., LB	2003 All-American; 2003 Second Team All-Conference 145 tackles (88 solo, led IIAC in total tackles), 7.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles led nation in solo tackles/game (8.8); 3rd nationally in tackles/game (14.5)
Bryan Schwartz, Sr., LB	70 tackles (33 solo), 7 TFL, 1 sack, 2 interceptions
Matt Mullen, Sr., LB	57 tackles (29 solo), 6.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries
Scott Jamison, Sr., DB	67 tackles (36 solo), 2 interceptions, 9 pass break-ups
Matt Ambrose, Sr., DB	35 tackles (24 solo), 6 pass break-ups
Michael Lang, Sr., DB	29 tackles (14 solo), 4 interceptions (t-6th in IIAC)

Tough Losses	
Eric Wiebers, QB	140-of-275, 2,176 yards (217.6 yards/game – 5th in IIAC), 15 TD, 15 INT, 124.47 pass efficiency (5th in IIAC); 61 carries for 74 yards, 4 TD; 225.0 yards total offense/game (3rd in IIAC)
Craig Rowedder, RB	140 carries for 464 yards, 7 TD; 8 receptions for 44 yards
Barry VanVoorst, RB	85 carries for 312 yards, 1 TD, 3 receptions for 16 yards
Brandon Johnson, TE	16 receptions for 192 yards, 1 TD
Nick Barrett, DL	4 tackles in 4 games
James Mitchell, DL	50 tackles (33 solo), 10.5 TFL, 4 sacks
Troy Nielsen, DB/PR	Two-time All-Conference 84 tackles (50 solo), 6 TFL, 2 interceptions, 2 fumble recoveries. Averaged 6.5 yards on 12 punt returns

Central College Dutch
(5-5 overall, 3-5 IIAC – t-6th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 6/6/2

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 5/6/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 29/28

About the Team: Central is coming off a very un-Central-like season, finishing at .500, a mark it has not finished below since 1960. The Dutch have returning starters at skill positions and a veteran group of defensive starters back that should assure Central returns to a more familiar place at or near the top of the Conference standings.

Quote from the Coach: First-year coach **Jeff McMartin** says, “The thing I stress is that whatever style we play, we’re going to take care of the ball. We want to play sound, smart football, and avoid penalties and turnovers. That’s a big thing with me. I want to be an attacking, hard-hitting team. I want our offense to be a reflection of our defense. I want to find ways to be aggressive. And we want to be great on special teams.”

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Mark Isaacson, Sr., QB	104-of-240, 1278 yards (127.8 passing yards/game – 8th in IIAC), 8 TD, 6 INT. 94.06 passing efficiency (7th in IIAC). 135.1 yards total offense/game (9th in IIAC)
Durk Pearston, Sr., FB	59 carries for 209 yards, 4 TD; 3 receptions for 9 yards
Tyler Baethke, Sr., TB	179 carries for 757 yards, 4 TD (75.7 yards/game – 5th in IIAC); 9 receptions for 51 yards
Trent Cooper, Sr., WR	26 receptions for 378 yards, 2 TD
Dustyn Baethke, So., TB	64 carries for 341 yards, 3 TD
Stephen Barnes, Jr., WR/PR	Averaged 4.7 yards on 11 punt returns
Derek Livingston, Sr., TE	17 receptions for 276 yards, 1 TD in 6 games
Ryan S. Johnson, Jr., RT	
Ike Hammerly, Sr., C	
Keith Wasoba, Sr., P	67 punts for an average of 37.2 yards (5th in IIAC)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Rodney Sundine, Sr., NG	52 tackles (19 solo), 7 TFL, 5 sacks
Matt Matthes, Sr., Stinger	55 tackles (20 solo), 6 TFL, 4 sacks
Kyle Paris, Sr., Stinger	47 tackles (20 solo), 4 TFL, 3 sacks, 5 pass break-ups
Quentin Huisman, Jr., DL	13 tackles (7 solo), 3 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Kevin Bonstetter, Sr., OLB	65 tackles (22 solo), 5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Mark Sanger, Sr., ILB	Two-time All-Conference 106 tackles (46 solo, 4th in IIAC in total tackles), 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 INT, 4 pass break-ups
Nick Cross, Sr., FS	85 tackles (40 solo), 3 INT, 8 pass break-ups
Jeff T. Jones, Sr., CB	36 tackles (23 solo), 6 pass break-ups

Tough Losses	
Bryan Rempt, TE	15 receptions for 166 yards, 1 TD
Scott Venteicher, WR	11 receptions for 127 yards, 3 TD
Jeremy Christofferson, LG	2003 Second Team All-Conference
Brandon Sowers, RG	
Ryan McCombs, LT	
Mike Rasmussen, DE	2003 First Team All-Conference 50 tackles (19 solo), 16 TFL (4th in IIAC), 6.5 sacks (6th in IIAC), 5 fumble recoveries (2nd in IIAC)
Lucas Nims, DE	29 tackles (8 solo), 7.5 TFL, 3 sacks
Brady Boese, LB	65 tackles (23 solo), 4 TFL
Ryan J. Johnson, CB	27 tackles (13 solo), 4 INT

Coe College Kohawks
(5-5 overall, 3-5 IIAC – t-6th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 5/6/2

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 6/5/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 28/25

About the Team: Coe's offense will be led by senior **Joe Brannen** who has a veteran and deep receiving corps as he approaches the top of Coe's career list in several passing categories (yards, attempts, completions and touchdowns). Defensively, the linebacker corps is expected to be the team's strength.

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Joe Brannen, Sr., QB	2003 First Team All-Conference 152-of-290, 2,190 yards (219.0 yards/game – 4th in IIAC), 15 TD, 7 INT, 128.09 pass efficiency (4th in IIAC). Rushed for 5 TD. 235.3 yards total offense/game (2nd in IIAC)
Ashton Northern, So., FB	23 receptions for 195 yards, 4 TD
Michael Hale, Jr., RB/KR	18 carries for 104 yards, 1 TD; 6 receptions for 94 yards, 1 TD; averaged 20.8 yards on 12 kick returns (4th in IIAC)
Matt Starmer, Jr., WR	25 receptions for 381 yards, 2 TD
Brandon King, So., WR	10 receptions for 68 yards in 6 games
Nate Clapham, Jr., WR	4 receptions for 45 yards in 3 games
K.C. Pochobradsky, Jr., WR	6 receptions for 93 yards in 4 games
Nate Davidson, Sr., WR	Missed most of 2003 due to injury; 2 receptions for 77 yards, 1 TD in 3 games
Drew Dennis, Sr., OL	2003 First Team All-Conference
Sean Kennedy, Jr., OL	
T.J. Filip, Jr., OL	
Marcus Dunn, So., OL	
Cody Angle, Sr., P	25 punts for an average of 40.4 yards
Michael Herzberger, So., K	2003 First Team All-Conference 10-of-13 on field goals; 34-of-36 PAT (64 points led IIAC kickers)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Adam Jordison, So., DL	40 tackles (20 solo), 9 TFL, 3 sacks, 3 pass break-ups
James Harris, Jr., DL	26 tackles (7 solo), 1.5 TFL in 7 games
Travis Harrison, Jr., DL	26 tackles (10 solo)
Lucas Schaefer, Sr., DL	12 tackles (5 solo), 5 TFL, 4 sacks in 6 games
Blake Borrett, Sr., LB	101 tackles (51 solo, 7th in IIAC in total tackles), 9.5 TFL, 1 INT, 1 sack
Brant Pfantz, Jr., LB	63 tackles (35 solo), 5.5 TFL, 3 sacks
Ross Weymiller, Jr., LB	22 tackles (16 solo, 1 TFL, 1 sack in 8 games
Tyler Staker, Jr., FS/KR	38 tackles (20 solo), 4 pass break-ups; averaged 28.6 yards on 11 kick returns in 6 games
Brandon Schmitz, Sr., CB	25 tackles (11 solo), 1 INT, 6 pass break-ups in 7 games
Lucas Ptacek, Sr., DB	21 tackles (12 solo), 1 TFL, 1 INT in 7 games
John Greiner, Jr., DB	14 tackles (7 solo) in 4 games
Adam Nusbaum, Jr., DB	20 tackles (17 solo) in 6 games
Nick Hirth, So., DB	17 tackles (9 solo), 1 INT in 3 games
Michael Kuennen, So., DB	22 tackles (17 solo), 2.5 TFL, 1 INT in 5 games

Tough Losses	
Matt Wycoff, RB	Two-time All-Conference; 273 carries for 1363 yards (led IIAC), 15 TD (led IIAC); 18 receptions for 167 yards, 1 TD; 153.0 all purpose yards/game (2nd in IIAC); 19th nationally in rushing yards/game (136.3)
Jared Rance, TE	2003 Second Team All-Conference 34 receptions for 628 yards, 2 TD (62.8 yards/game – 10th in IIAC)
Josh Hoeg, WR	18 receptions for 386 yards, 3 TD
Chris Bell, OL	
Justin Stein, OL	
Matt Kelley, OL	
Scott Sutton, DL	40 tackles (17 solo), 5.0 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries
Zach Pfantz, LB	Two-time All-Conference; 104 tackles (45 solo, 5th in IIAC in total tackles), 7.5 TFL, 4 sacks, 2 INT, 5 pass break-ups, 2 fumble recoveries
Jared Fletcher, LB	58 tackles (23 solo), 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks
Jim Gordon, CB	75 tackles (48 solo), 4.5 TFL, 2 INT, 6 pass break-ups
Brad McCloskey, SS	52 tackles (31 solo), 2 INT, 3 pass break-ups

Cornell College Rams
(4-6 overall, 2-6 IAC – 8th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 6/9/0

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 7/3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 24/19

About the Team: Fourteen seniors, one of the largest senior classes in recent times for Cornell, will be looked to for veteran leadership as the Rams look to improve on last season's 4-6 record. Cornell's defense struggled from inconsistency last season but with nine starters back, should be much improved.

Quote from the Coach: Third-year coach **Ray Reasland** says, "My focus is on our team development and utilizing the 14 seniors we have coming back to help this program. This is the largest nucleus we have had at Cornell for many years. We will be much improved defensively and we will try to keep a solid balance offensively with the loss of a couple of higher profile players. Depth in all areas is always a concern in building programs with smaller numbers. We want to improve our field position for both the offensive and defensive units with the help of our special teams."

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Ricky Legree, Sr., FB	106 carries for 620 yards, 9 TD (62.0 yards/game – 8th in IAC); 4 receptions for 49 yards
Nate Newmeister, So., Slot	36 carries for 235 yards, 1 TD; 7 receptions for 122 yards, 1 TD
Erik Pedersen, Sr., WR	15 receptions for 216 yards, 3 TD
Dustin Waite, Jr., WR	6 receptions for 83 yards
Adam Hadenfeldt, Sr., QB	Moves back to offense where he saw considerable action in 2002. Played mostly outside linebacker in 2003 - 44 tackles (20 solo), 5.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 4 pass break-ups; rushed for 51 yards on 14 carries. In 2002 – 81-of-164, 1,096 yards, 7 TD, 7 INT, 111.08 pass efficiency; 108 carries for 292 yards, 3 TD
Zach Frazer, Jr., LT	
Brett Gillespie, So., RG	
Mike Griswold, Sr., LG	

Key Returnees – Defense	
Brian Benight, Sr., NG	41 tackles (9 solo), 5 TFL
Zach Zousel, Jr., DE	23 tackles (4 solo), 2 TFL in 8 games
Adam Eichhorn, Sr., MLB	102 tackles (25 solo, 6th in IAC in total tackles), 6.5 TFL, 2 pass break-ups
Blue Aldridge, Jr., OLB	80 tackles (35 solo), 6.0 TFL, 1 INT, 3 pass break-ups
Tyler Griffith, So., CB	38 tackles (15 solo), 1 INT
Seth Bartlett, Jr., OLB	29 tackles (14 solo), 1 INT
Dominic Wilson, Sr., SS	77 tackles (31 solo), 5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT
Derrick Clark, Jr., CB	31 tackles (15 solo), 7 pass break-up sin 7 games
Dan Latimer, So., DB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 43 tackles (16 solo), 1.5 TFL, 7 INT (2 nd in IAC) t-13th nationally in interceptions/game (0.8)

Tough Losses	
Matt Ditch, WR-P-CB	Two-time All-Conference 58 receptions for 880 yards, 11 TD (88 yards/game – 4th in IAC); 15 tackles (10 solo), 3 INT; 41 punts for an average of 36.0 yards (6th in IAC); averaged 21.4 yards on 15 kick returns (3 rd in IAC) and 7.6 yards on 9 punt returns; 138.6 all purpose yards/game (4th in IAC), 84 points (2nd in IAC)
Chris Lovely, QB	109-of-196, 1,613 yards (161.3 yards/game – 6th in IAC), 18 TD, 10 INT, 144.84 pass efficiency (3rd in IAC, 21st nationally); 182 carries for 534 yards, 7 TD; 214.7 yards total offense/game (6th in IAC)
Rusty Yansky, Slot	36 carries for 206 yards, 1 TD; 19 receptions for 378 yards, 3 TD
Jesse Woskowicz, Slot	59 carries for 250 yards, 2 TD; 11 receptions for 130 yards, 2 TD
Andy Martin, C	
Chad Hepperly, OG	
Todd TePoel, OT	
Joe Conklin, K	33-of-39 PAT
Mike Kilburg, DE	13 tackles (2 solo), 1.5 TFL, 1 INT in 7 games
Shawn Laidlaw, SS	24 tackles (7 solo), 2.5 TFL in 6 games
Joe Curnutte, FS	48 tackles (20 solo), 2 INT, 3 pass break-ups in 9 games

University of Dubuque Spartans
(0-10 overall, 0-8 IIAC – 9th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 11/11/1

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 0/0/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 38/3

About the Team: Seventy players, including 22 starters, return from 2003 and another 70 newcomers will challenge the returning players for playing time and add depth that has been lacking at Dubuque for several seasons.

Quote from the Coach: Fourth-year coach **Vince Brautigam** says, “We are excited about the possibilities this season. We have 22 starters and experienced depth coming back in 2004. We feel that our team is ready to compete in the Iowa Conference every week.”

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Will Hewlett, Sr., QB	Missed all but one game in 2003 (23-of-45, 237 yards, 1 TD, 102.68 pass efficiency). In 2002, 43-of-114, 498 yards, 2 TD in 8 games
Jemar Jackson, So., QB	81-of-212, 1,181 yards (131.2 yards/game – 7th in IIAC), 7 TD, 15 INT, 81.75 pass efficiency; 126 carries for 259 yards, 6 TD; 160.0 yards total offense/game (7th in IIAC)
Maurice Avant, Jr., RB	98 carries for 296 yards, 1 TD; 9 receptions for 96 yards; averaged 15.5 yards on 13 kick returns
Josh Staley, Jr., TE/WR	19 receptions for 375 yards, 2 TD
Jason Steinlicht, Sr., FB	50 carries for 193 yards; 1 reception for 21 yards
Brett Jovanovic, Sr., LT	
Matt Rear, Sr., P	79 punts for an average of 38.7 yards (4th in IIAC, 25th nationally)
D. J. Moore, So., PR/KR	averaged 19.7 yards on 28 kick returns (6th in IIAC); averaged 7.1 yards on 21 punt returns (4th in IIAC)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Chris Alitz, Jr., DL	2003 Second Team All-Conference 34 tackles (16 solo), 9 TFL
Prince Bussie, Jr., FS	2003 Second Team All-Conference 107 tackles (55 solo, 3rd in IIAC in total tackles), 2 TFL, 4 pass break-ups
Kory Folk, Sr., DL	28 tackles (15 solo), 7.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Garrett Perrone, Sr., ILB	64 tackles (35 solo), 9 TFL
Justin Gill, Sr., OLB	66 tackles (33 solo), 4 TFL, 1 INT
Thoni Oriental, Jr., CB	47 tackles (36 solo), 5 INT (t-4th in IIAC), 8 pass break-ups

Tough Losses	
Levi Jarvi, K	19-of-22 PAT

Loras College Duhawks
(7-3 overall, 5-3 IIAC – 3rd)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 7/8/1

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 4/3/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 40/14

About the Team: Loras' offense returns two running backs that have been All-Conference performers in the past, a record-setting quarterback and his favorite target. Not to be overshadowed, Loras returns eight starters on the defensive side of the ball.

Quote from the Coach: Coach **Bob Bierie**, in his 25th season as Loras head coach, says, "We are excited about our team with four All-Conference players and 15 starters returning from a team that went 7-3 last year. I definitely think the Duhawks are one of the five or six teams in the Conference that have a shot at making a run at the odds-on Conference favorite Wartburg."

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Matt Hintz, Sr., QB	154-of-284, 2,232 yards (223.2 yards/game – 3rd in IIAC), 16 TD, 21 INT, 124.05 pass efficiency (6th in IIAC). School records in yardage and completions. 223.0 yards total offense/game (4th in IIAC)
Jeremy Brown, Sr., TB	2002 All-Conference; limited to 3 games in 2003 due to injury – 42 carries for 167 yards
Dee Hill, Sr., TB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 185 carries for 956 yards, 10 TD. 95.6 yards/game – 4th in IIAC; 96.7 all purpose yards/game (9th in IIAC)
Quentin Smith, Sr., FB	
Nick Brown, Sr., WR	2003 Second Team All-Conference 61 receptions for 946 yards, 9 TD; 6.1 catches/game (2nd in IIAC); 94.6 yards/game (2nd in IIAC, 28th nationally); 94.0 all purpose yards/game (10th in IIAC)
Matt Wienen, Sr., WR	34 receptions for 364 yards, 1 TD
Matt Burds, Jr., WR	10 receptions for 162 yards, 1 TD in 6 games
Adam Welbes, Sr., TE	5 receptions for 101 yards in 6 games
Brian Kane, Sr., TB/PR	9 carries for 12 yards, 5 receptions for 32 yards, 2 TD; 12 punt returns for an average of 2.8 yards/return (8th in IIAC); 4 kick returns for an average of 12.8 yards/return
Justin Peck, Jr., FB	2 carries for 2 yards, 1 reception for 9 yards
Jim Milner, Sr., OL	2003 Second Team All-Conference
Steve Campbell, Sr., OL	
Pat Sullivan, Jr., OL	
Ross Weiler, Jr., OL	
Jake Schisler, So., P	30 punts for an average of 38.0 yards

Key Returnees – Defense	
Ross Dillavou, Jr., DE	2003 Second Team All-Conference; 52 tackles (29 solo), 19.5 TFL (2nd in IIAC; 2.0 TFL/game – t-25th nationally); 9 sacks (4th in IIAC), 5 pass break-ups
Jason Wentzel, Sr., DE	33 tackles (21 solo), 11 TFL (9th in IIAC), 6 sacks (t-7th in IIAC)
Aaron Chappell, Jr., DT	44 tackles (21 solo), 7.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 2 fumble recoveries
Nate Osterberger, Sr., DE	8 tackles (5 solo), 3 TFL, 1 sack in 6 games
Brian Mettille, Sr., LB	65 tackles (36 solo), 6.5 TFL, 4 pass break-ups
Travis Sullivan, Sr., LB	64 tackles (28 solo), 3 INT, 3 pass break-ups
Ron Udelhofen, Jr., LB	30 tackles (14 solo), 6 TFL, 3.5 sacks in 7 games
Clint Miller, Sr., S	74 tackles (40 solo), 8.5 TFL, 1 INT, 2 pass break-ups
Jarrold Phelps, Sr., CB	59 tackles (35 solo), 1 TFL, 5 pass break-ups
Victor Jones, Jr., CB	34 tackles (20 solo), 11 pass break-ups
Will Johnson, Sr., CB	4 tackles (4 solo) in 4 games

Tough Losses	
Josh Brown, RB	11 carries for 33 yards; 5 receptions for 35 yards, averaged 10.2 yards on 5 kick returns
Robert Haddick, WR	29 receptions for 501 yards
Tom Kropf, OL	2003 First Team All-Conference
Dan Wood, OL	
Ryan Carney, LB	77 tackles (38 solo), 9.5 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT, 3 pass break-ups
Larry Gainey, DL	29 tackles (15 solo), 6.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Joe Roudez, DB	53 tackles (30 solo), 2 INT, 2 pass break-ups
Tony Foxen, K	5-of-6 on field goals, 25-of-27 PAT

Luther College Norse
(6-4 overall, 4-4 IIAC – t-4th)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 6/8/2

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 5/3/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 38/18

About the Team: A strong defense that featured three All-Conference players, led Luther back into the top half of the Conference standings last season. Eight starters return from Conference's second ranked defense last year and should receive more support from the offense that is led by two experienced quarterbacks and its top three receivers.

Quote from the Coach: Third-year coach **Paul Hefty** says, "We will be striving to continue our slow progress with Luther football. The great thing about coaching and playing in this Conference is that you are competing with some of the best in the nation. A great challenge for our program is to improve on our 6-4 record from last year."

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
James Daubendick, Jr., QB	61-of-134, 719 yards, 4 TD, 7 INT, 90.0 pass efficiency; 56 carries for 80 yards
Nate Rolland, Jr., QB	63-of-136, 662 yards, 7 TD, 8 INT, 92.43 pass efficiency; 33 carries for 43 yards, 2 TD
Seth Wigle, Sr., FB	Missed most of 2003 due to injury. In 2 games, had 8 carries for 24 yards. In 2002, 46 carries for 200 yards
Brad Paulsrud, Sr., TE	30 receptions for 390 yards, 5 TD
Kyle Pearson, So., WR	24 receptions for 400 yards, 4 TD
Brett Scheetz, So., WR/PR/KR	17 receptions for 193 yards; averaged 6.5 yards on 24 punt returns (t-5th in IIAC); averaged 18.0 yards on 5 kick returns
Josh Minnes, Sr., RT	
Jordan Wright, Sr., C	
Tim Webb, Jr., OL	Missed 2003 season due to injury
Jonathon Stavast, So., OL	
Kyle Wickwire, Jr., K	3-of-9 on field goals, 26-of-30 PAT (35 points – 7th among IIAC kickers)
Tony Vanden Heuvel, Jr., P	32 punts for an average of 34.9 yards

Key Returnees – Defense	
Hans Gustaf, Jr., DE	19 tackles (8 solo), 3.5 TFL, 1 sack
Scott Romens, Sr., NT	2003 First Team All-Conference 28 tackles (21 solo), 15.5 TFL (t-5th in IIAC), 10 sacks (3rd in IIAC, t-12th nationally with 1.1 sacks/game)
Luke Wigle, So., DL	10 tackles (7 solo) in 7 games
John Jaeger, Sr., LB/P	Two-time All-Conference 111 tackles (59 solo, 2nd in IIAC in total tackles; t-31st nationally with 11.1 total tackles/game), 12 TFL (8th in IIAC), 2.5 sacks, 2 INT, 4 pass break-ups; 30 punts for an average of 31.2 yards (7th in IIAC)
Matt Higgins, Sr., LB	16 tackles (8 solo), 3 TFL, 2 sacks in 7 games
Phil Bear, Jr., LB	22 tackles (14 solo), 1 TFL, 1 sack, 1 INT in 6 games
Justin Albers, Sr., DB	36 tackles (23 solo), 5.0 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 INT, 6 pass break-ups
Tyler Sherden, So., DB	64 tackles (31 solo), 6.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 INT, 4 pass break-ups
Reese Shanahan, Jr., DB	42 tackles (29 solo), 2 TFL, 4 INT, 4 pass break-ups
Sam McDonald, Jr., CB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 45 tackles (34 solo), 4 INT, 15 pass break-ups; t-6th nationally in passes defended/game (1.9)

Tough Losses	
Mike Jefferson, RB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 194 carries for 989 yards (3rd in IIAC), 10 TD; 16 receptions for 135 yards, 1 TD; averaged 26.1 yards on 20 kick returns; led IIAC and ranked 20th nationally in all purpose yards/game (164.6); led IIAC and ranked 23rd nationally in kick return yards/return (26.1)
Adam Davis, RB	169 carries for 673 yards, 5 TD, 11 receptions for 52 yards
Dan Elliott, OL	2003 Second Team All-Conference
Zach Wigle, DB	76 tackles (41 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT, 7 pass break-ups, 3 fumble recoveries
Jason Grimm, LB	51 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 5 pass break-ups

Simpson College Storm
(9-2 overall, 7-1 IIAC – 2nd)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 6/6/1

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 5/5/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 29/16

About the Team: Simpson returned to the NCAA Playoffs last season for the first time in six years. This year's team returns two All-Americans from that squad but the Storm must replace record-setting, All-American quarterback **Mike Donnenwerth**.

Quote from the Coach: Second-year coach **Jay Niemann** says, "Being able to fill the void of several key losses offensively makes our season difficult to speculate on. Those questions marks will remain until we get well into our season."

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Dusty Kain, Jr., WR/KR/PR	2003 All-American; 2003 First Team All-Conference WR/Second Team Ret. Specialist 93 receptions for 1466 yards (led IIAC in both categories), 14 TD; 8 punt returns for an average of 12.4 yards and 1 TD; 4 kick returns for an average of 23.8 yards; 152.4 all purpose yards/game (3rd in IIAC); 2nd nationally in receiving yards/game (133.3); 4th in receptions/game (8.5)
Kurt Hanna, Jr., WR	14 receptions for 244 yards, 4 TD
Kyle Peterson, So., WR	23 receptions for 318 yards, 2 TD; 5 punt returns for 19.6 yard average; 4 kick returns for an average of 16.8 yards
Scott McCarty, Jr., QB	1-of-5, 9 yards, 35.12 pass efficiency in 5 games
Jacob Johnson, Sr., QB	Moves back to offensive side of the ball after spending 2003 as a defensive back
Carl Duffy, So., RB	29 carries for 136 yards, 1 TD; 4 receptions for 46 yards, 1 TD in 5 games
Eric Hentges, So., RB	39 carries for 105 yards, 11 TD (32 of 39 carries were for TD or first down) saw action on defense registering 13 tackles (8 solo)
Ross Parker, Sr., LG	2003 Second Team All-Conference
Andrew Lansink, Jr., RG	
Casey Howe, Jr., RT	
Sean Smith, Jr., K	3-of-9 on field goals, 45-of-51 PAT (54 points – 4th among IIAC kickers)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Josh Bervan, So., DE	21 tackles (6 solo), 3 TFL
Curtis Head, Jr., DT	2003 Second Team All-Conference 25 tackles (6 solo), 4 TFL
Jason Ripke, Jr., DE	2003 First Team All-Conference 63 tackles (28 solo), 15.5 TFL (t-5th in IIAC), 8 sacks (5th in IIAC), 6 pass break-ups, 3 fumble recoveries
Jeremy Scott, Sr., LB	69 tackles (29 solo), 8 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Kyle Westphal, Sr., CB	2003 All-American; two-time All-Conference 64 tackles (40 solo), 10 INT (led IIAC); 13 pass break-ups, 6 fumble recoveries (led IIAC); 3rd nationally in interceptions/game (0.9); 4th in forced fumbles/game (0.55); 5th in passes defended/game (2.1)
Nick McFall, Jr., CB	43 tackles (28 solo), 2 TFL, 3 INT, 5 pass break-ups

Tough Losses	
Mike Donnenwerth, QB/P	2003 All-American; two-time All-Conference 245-of-413, 3,461 yards (led IIAC), 32 TD, 16 INT, 147.54 pass efficiency (2nd in IIAC, 16th nationally); 317.4 yards total offense/game (led IIAC, 7th nationally); averaged 41.3 yards on 51 punts (led IIAC, 7th nationally)
Pete Kirwan, RB	166 carries for 696 yards (6th in IIAC), 8 TD; 23 receptions for 144 yards
Mike Tiedeman, WR	2003 Second Team All-Conference 66 receptions for 1040 yards (2nd in IIAC in both categories), 10 TD (94.5 receiving yards/game – 29th nationally); averaged 8.2 yards on 12 punt returns (2nd in IIAC), averaged 17.7 yards on 12 kick returns (10th in IIAC)
Doug Dodds, LT	Two-time All-Conference
Jeff Gingerich, C	
Mark Klaus, DT	44 tackles (18 solo), 10.5 TFL (10th in IIAC), 4.5 sacks
Jesse Dubishar, LB	2003 Second Team All-Conference; 73 tackles (29 solo), 15 TFL (7th in IIAC), 5 sacks (9th in IIAC), 1 INT, 5 pass break-ups
Ben Jauer, LB	2003 Second Team All-Conference; 92 tackles (41 solo), 4 TFL
Matt Haberl, FS	64 tackles (30 solo), 2 INT, 11 pass break-ups
Randal Schultz, SS	2003 Second Team All-Conference; 68 tackles (21 solo), 1.5 TFL, 3 INT, 6 pass break-ups

Wartburg College Knights
(11-1 overall, 8-0 IIAC – 1st)

Starters Returning (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 7/5/2

Starters Lost (Offense/Defense/Specialty): 4/6/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 34/19

About the Team: Having the Conference's top offense and defense helped Wartburg to its first 11-win season in school history. Eight starters return on the offensive side of the ball but the Knights must replace three All-Americans on defense.

Quote from the Coach: Eighth-year coach **Rick Willis** says, "We return many talented and experienced players on our offense but have several key people to replace on defense. Expectations have grown with the recent success of the program and they're high again this year. We have another strong group of seniors to look to for leadership in what will be a challenging schedule. We are excited about the start of the season and potential of our team."

Key Returnees - Offense/Special Teams	
Reed Hoskins, Jr., QB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 182-of-290, 2,685 yards (2nd in IIAC), 24 TD, 14 INT, 158.19 pass efficiency (led IIAC, 11th nationally); 218.2 yards total offense/game (5th in IIAC)
Chris Winter, Sr., WR	2003 All-Conference 59 receptions for 976 yards, 11 TD; 6th in IIAC in receptions/game (4.92) and receiving yards/game (81.3)
Andy Parker, Sr., RB	144 carries for 643 yards (8th in IIAC), 11 TD
Ben Thomsen, Jr., FB	30 carries for 112 yards, 1 TD; 14 receptions for 160 yards
Adam Pirkel, Sr., TE	4 receptions for 79 yards in 8 games
Dan Hammes, So., RB	24 carries for 132 yards, 2 TD in 9 games
Andy Heitman, Sr., OL	Two-time All-Conference
Tom Power, Jr., OL	
Jason Ingle, Jr., OL	
Chris Watson, Sr., OL	
Mark Giesmann, Sr., P	2003 Second Team All-Conference 49 punts for an average of 40.4 yards (2nd in IIAC, 8th nationally)
Jordan Maus, Sr., K	3-of-8 on field goals, 53-of-60 PAT (62 points – 2nd among IIAC kickers)

Key Returnees – Defense	
Brian McIntire, Sr., S	Two-time All-Conference 88 tackles (47 solo), 9.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 3 INT, 6 pass break-ups
Jake Burns, Sr., S	71 tackles (31 solo), 1.5 TFL, 4 INT
Alex Pollock, Jr., LB	52 tackles (22 solo), 5 TFL
Chris Robertson, Sr., LB	36 tackles (15 solo), 3 TFL, 1 sack in 9 games
Noah Junge, Jr., DE	28 tackles (16 solo), 10 TFL, 6 sacks (t-7th in IIAC), 2 fumble recoveries
Ben Miller, Sr., DL	15 tackles (7 solo)
Mike Bouska, Sr., LB	26 tackles (10 solo)
Kyle Costigan, Jr., DL	12 tackles (5 solo), 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks in 7 games
Seth Williams, So., DL	4 tackles (1 solo) in 4 games
Brad Culbertson, Sr., DL	9 tackles (2 solo), 2 TFL in 5 games
Gavin Steege, Jr., LB	3 tackles (2 solo) in 3 games
Zach Eggleston, So., LB	4 tackles (2 solo) in 2 games

Tough Losses	
Brad Hodapp, RB	Two-time All-Conference 249 carries for 1241 yards (2nd in IIAC), 13 TD; 19 receptions for 153 yards; averaged 10.4 yards on 5 punt returns; 133.5 all purpose yards/game (5th in IIAC)
Cody Kelley, WR/CB/Ret.	2003 All-American; three-time All-Conference 60 receptions for 929 yards, 11 TD; 26 tackles (16 solo), 6 INT; averaged 8.9 yards on 22 punt returns (led IIAC), averaged 21.5 yards on 6 kick returns
Jeff Voreis, OL	2003 All-American; three-time All-Conference
Vince King, DL	2003 All-American; three-time All-Conference 77 tackles (32 solo), 23 TFL (led IIAC), 12.5 sacks (t-1st in IIAC)
J.J. Zearley, DL	20 tackles (12 solo), 7.5 TFL, 3 sacks, 1 INT in 7 games
Eugene Thomas, CB	21 tackles (14 solo), 5 INT, 12 pass break-ups
Matt Stoffel, LB	2003 All-American; 2003 First Team All-Conference 67 tackles (43 solo), 18.5 TFL (3rd in IIAC), 12.5 sacks (t-1st in IIAC), 1 INT