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2004 IOWA CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Tournament Champion Wartburg College received five of eight first-place votes and accumulated 61 points to claim the top spot in the 2004 IIAC Men's Soccer Coaches' Poll. Loras College, the defending regular season Conference Champion, received three first-place votes and finished second in the preseason poll with 58 points, ahead of Central College (48 points) and Luther College (43 points). The complete 2004 IIAC Men's Soccer Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2003 Record
1	Wartburg (5)	61	14-4-2, 6-2-0 IIAC
2	Loras (3)	58	17-4-0, 7-1-0 IIAC
3	Central	48	12-7-0, 5-3-0 IIAC
4	Luther	43	10-10-1, 4-4-0 IIAC
5	Simpson	39	12-7-2, 4-3-1 IIAC
6	Buena Vista	38	10-7-2, 5-2-1 IIAC
7	Dubuque	27	7-10-1, 1-7-0 IIAC
8-T	Coe	19	4-12-1, 2-6-0 IIAC
8-T	Cornell	19	3-16-1, 1-7-0 IIAC

The 2004 men's soccer season begins on September 1, with seven games scheduled that day. All nine IIAC teams will see their first action of the year by Saturday, September 4. Conference-play begins with the Cornell/Buena Vista match on September 18, and concludes with the six-team Conference Tournament on November 2 and 5-6. The first round matches will be played at the higher seed. The semifinals and finals are at Buena Vista University.

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Buena Vista University Beavers (10-7-2 overall, 5-2-1 IIAC – 3rd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/2

About the Team: Buena Vista is coming off its first winning season since 2000 and returns the backbone of its team – goaltender **Daniel Padilla**, who played every minute of every game for the Beavers last season surrendering just 16 goals in 19 matches. Buena Vista also returns much of its offense and yet remains young with just one senior (**Chris Bayer**), two juniors and seven sophomores among their key returnees.

Quote from the Coach: Third-year coach **Matt Klosterman** says, “We’ll be very young again this year. There will be very few upperclassmen on the team and the majority of playing time should be split between freshmen and sophomores. The defense should again be the strength of the team, anchored by Daniel Padilla and Chris Bayer. However, the attack should be strengthened by six freshmen attackers who earned All-State honors in high school.”

Key Returnees	
Daniel Padilla, Jr., GK	2003 First Team All-Conference 10-7-2, 0.83 GAA, .869 save pct., Led IIAC in GAA, save pct. and shutouts (9)
Chris Bayer, Sr., D	2003 Second Team All-Conference 1 goal-4 assists-6 points (t-5th on team)
Dustin Bonnett, So., F	2003 Second Team All-Conference 10 goals (t-9th in IIAC)-3 assists-23 points (led team) in 19 matches; 3 GWG (t-4th in IIAC)
Brandon Keefover, So., MF	6 goals (2nd on team)-4 assists-16 points (2nd on team) in 17 matches
Dave Williams, So., D	1 assist in 19 matches
Eric Saxton, So., D	18 matches
Scott Janish, Jr., MF/F	2 goals-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-10 points (4th on team)
Taylor Jones., So., D	18 matches
Nick Hoyer, So., F	3 goals-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-12 points (3rd on team)
Jesse Smith, So., MF	1 assist in 18 matches

Newcomers To Watch	
Brian Alvarez, Fr., F	
Travis Irvin, Fr., MF/F	
Jake Vallette, Fr., MF	
Joe Ragan, Fr., MF/F	
Matt Dutt, Fr., F/D	
Mark Maguire, Fr., GK	
Alfonso Sanchez, Fr., MF	
Geoff Wrenn, Fr., D	
Tim Schieber, Fr., MF/D	

Tough Losses	
Nick Fox, D	Three-time All-Conference
Jimmy DiSalle, F	3 goals-6 points in 19 matches

Central College Dutch (12-7 overall, 5-3 IIAC – 4th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/4

About the Team: Despite losing its top scorer, Central returns three All-Conference performers and a goaltending tandem that allowed just 1.11 goals per game last season, third best in the IIAC.

Quote from the Coach: Seventh-year coach **Garry Laidlaw**, says “The players were disappointed in (last season’s) 12-7 record when we met after the season. That was a good sign. It shows me the guys have their sights set higher than just having a winning season. They want to win the Conference Championship they were denied two years ago. And they’ve worked hard all summer to make that happen.”

Key Returnees	
Nick Mohwinkle, Jr., F	7 goals (3rd on team)-1 assist-15 points (4th on team) in 17 matches; 3 GWG (t-4th in IIAC)
Kyle Halfpop, Sr., MF	Two-time First Team All-Conference 8 goals (2nd on team) - 6 assists (t-10th in IIAC) – 22 points (2nd on team) in 18 matches; 3 GWG (t-4th in IIAC)
Tim Dobberfuhr, Jr., MF	2003 Second Team All-Conference 3 goals-4 assists-10 points (5th on team) in 18 matches
Eric McDonald, Jr., MF	2 goals-4 points in 11 matches. Missed final 8 matches due to injury
Jordan Kologe, Sr., MF	1 goal-2 points in 6 matches
Conrad Vernon, Jr., D	Two-time All-Conference 1 goal-2 points in 16 matches
Brandon Thomsen, Sr., D	15 matches
Andy Quigg, Sr., GK	9-5-0, 1.43 GAA, .824 save pct., 3 shutouts; 2nd in IIAC in save pct., 5th in IIAC in GAA
Jarin Schmidt, Sr., GK	3-2-0, 0.66 GAA, .905 save pct., 2 shutouts in 7 matches
Nathan Weir, Sr., MF	1 goal-2 points in 16 matches
Jim Babcock, Sr., F	1 assist in 13 matches

Newcomers To Watch	
Michael Reilly, Fr., F	Scored 30 goals as a senior at Gilbert H.S. in 2003
Michael Taylor, Fr., F	
Matt Terlouw, Fr., F	
Chris Geirut, Fr., MF	
Tyman Wiley, Fr., MF	
Blake Scott, Fr., MF	
Cody Stoermer, Fr., MF	
Eric Bentzinger, So., D	Missed entire 2003 season with injury sustained in preseason
Cailean Bailey, Fr., D	
Jesse Martinez, Fr., D	
Alex Keller, Fr., D	
Trent Payne, Fr., GK	

Tough Losses	
Mike Augustin, F	2003 Second Team All-Conference 12 goals (t-7th in IIAC) - 3 assists - 27 points (t-8th in IIAC) in 17 matches
Adam Little, MF	4 goals - 8 assists (t-5th in IIAC) - 16 points (3rd on team) in 18 matches
Shane Wilson, MF	1 goal-5 assists (3rd on team)-7 points in 16 matches

Coe College Kohawks (4-12-1 overall, 2-6 IIAC – 7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/4

About the Team: Coe struggled through a 4-12-1 season in 2003 but with 74 percent of its offense back and a sophomore goaltender that played in all 17 matches as a freshman, the Kohawks expect to improve upon that record under new head coach **Donovan Kron** who served as an assistant for Conference-Champion Loras the past three seasons.

Quote from the Coach: First-year coach **Donovan Kron** says, “Coe will be as fit, focused and organized as possible for their September 1, derby against Mount Mercy.”

Key Returnees	
Michael Drinkall, Sr., MF	3 goals-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-12 points (led team) in 17 matches
Scott Ligouri, Jr., F	4 goals (2nd on team)-2 assists-10 points (3rd on team) in 17 matches
Marty Ruthaivilavan, Sr., MF	2 goals (t-4th on team)-2 assists-6 points (t-4th on team) in 17 matches
Ryan Luckenbaugh, Sr., D	2 goals (t-4th on team)-2 assists-6 points (t-4th on team) in 15 matches
Andrew George, So., F	2 goals (t-4th on team)-4 points in 16 matches
Jason Mueller, Sr., MF	1 assist in 17 matches
B.J. Sarchett, Sr., D	15 matches
Peter Sand, Jr., D	15 matches
Bryan Knapp, So., GK	4-12-1, 2.98 GAA, .700 save pct., 2 shutouts. Averaged 6.59 saves per game (2nd in IIAC)

Newcomers To Watch	
Matthew Sonntag, Fr.,	
Daniel McCabe, Fr.	

Tough Losses	
Kyle Fargen, MF	5 goals (led team)-1 assist-11 points (2nd on team) in 17 matches
Trent Glaus, D	17 matches

Cornell College Rams
(3-16-1 overall, 1-7 IIAC – t-8th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 7/5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/9

About the Team: Cornell has experience returning in goal, on defense and at midfield but graduated two players that accounted for 50 percent of the scoring offense in 2003.

Key Returnees	
Gabe Gildner, So., MF	2 goals-4 points in 20 matches
Danny Love, Sr., D	1 assist in 20 matches
Nii Yemofio, So., F	2 goals-4 points in 19 matches
Joe Okell, Jr., D	1 assist in 19 matches
Erik Eastman, Jr., MF	1 goal-2 points in 19 matches
Charlie Ellerbroek, So., MF	1 goal-2 points in 16 matches
Marc Myers, Sr., GK	2-13-0, 2.75 GAA, .776 save pct. in 15 matches. Led IIAC in saves (135) and saves per game (9.00), 5th in IIAC in save pct. and 8th in GAA

Newcomers To Watch	
Nate Benzschawel, Fr., MF	
Adam Culberson, Fr., F	
Cameron Gallegos, Fr., MF	
Mike Nischke, Fr., D	
Ravahn Samati, Fr., MF	
Jeremy Schaalman, Fr., D	
Joe Squires, Fr., D	
Matt Stewart, Fr., MF	

Tough Losses	
Dave Simpson, F	5 goals (led team)-1 assist-11 points (led team) in 20 matches
Spencer Thielmann, D	3 goals (2nd on team)-3 assists (led team)-9 points (2nd on team) in 20 matches
Matt Loptien, D	1 goal-2 points in 18 matches
Jose Araya Molina, MF	20 matches
Aaron Epstein, MF	1 assist in 11 matches

University of Dubuque Spartans (7-10-1 overall, 1-7 IIAC – t-8th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 23/3

About the Team: The first senior class in the four-year history of the program is deep with experience and is ready to make an impact on the Conference standings but must rely on a solid group of newcomers to help overcome the loss of its top-two scorers (**Toby Herrera** and **Kiel Mosley**) who accounted for 62 percent of the team's goals and 53 percent of the team's points.

Quote from the Coach: Fourth-year coach **Jason Berna** says, "In the team's fourth year in the Conference, I believe this will be the best team ever for the Spartans. A mixture of returnees, our first senior class, and new freshmen will make this team very competitive with any team we play. This year there is high hopes of making the Conference Tournament for the first time and setting a high standard of play."

Key Returnees	
Justin Sauser, Sr., F	3 goals (4th on team)-1 assist-7 points (5th on team) in 13 matches
Rashard Fleming, Jr., F	4 goals (3rd on team)-2 assists-10 points (4th on team) in 13 matches
Jon Janulis, Sr., MF	1 assist in 18 matches
Joey Kelly, Jr., MF	22nd nationally in assists/game (0.64) 2 goals-9 assists (t-1st in IIAC)-13 points (3rd on team) in 14 matches
Matt Dolson, Sr., MF	1 goal-1 assist-3 points in 18 matches
Eddy Falzaldin, Jr., MF	14 matches
Andrew Mueller, Jr., MF	1 assist in 18 matches
Matt Thompson, Sr., D	1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 15 matches
Billy Porter, Sr., D	1 goal-2 points in 8 matches
Adam Backous, Sr., D	12 matches
Dave Sreenan, Sr., D	12 matches
Clay Johnson, So., D	1 assist in 9 matches
Ryan Fritz, Sr., GK	Four-year starter 6-6-1, 2.84 GAA, .712 save pct. in 15 matches. 9th in IIAC in GAA and save pct.

Newcomers To Watch	
Jon Diaz, F	
Ben Jun, F	
Chris Hansen, MF/GK	
Zach Wirth, D	

Tough Losses	
Toby Herrera, F	14 goals (t-4th in IIAC)-5 assists-33 points (4th in IIAC) in 18 matches
Kiel Mosley, F	10 goals (t-9th in IIAC)-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-26 points (10th in IIAC) in 13 matches

Loras College Duhawks (17-4 overall, 7-1 IIAC – 1st)

Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 15/6

About the Team: Loras won its first Conference title in 2003 but fell in the Championship match of the Conference Tournament to Wartburg. The Duhawks must replace two of their top scorers (Conference MVP **Brad Johnson** and **Jed Beyer**) from the team that finished seventh nationally in scoring (3.77 goals per game) and one of their top defenders (three-time All-Conference performer **RaShad Dacus**).

Quote from the Coach: Seventh-year coach **Dan Rothert** says, “We are excited to have won our first regular season Conference Championship in 2003, but having lost in the Tournament finals, our team feels as if there is some unfinished business. Although we graduated nine seniors from last year’s team, we return eight starters and a host of players who played significant roles. It will take some shuffling from where guys played last year, but this team may be the most closely knit team I have ever had at Loras.”

Key Returnees	
Nick Sullivan, Sr., F	Moves from MF to F this season 9 assists (t-1st in IIAC); 8 goals, 25 points in 19 matches
Andy Zimmer, Jr., F	Moves from MF to F this season; Two-time All-Conference 3 goals-7 assists-13 points in 21 matches
Nick Roe, Jr., F	4 goals-5 assists-13 points in 21 matches
Sean Moran, Sr., MF	2003 First Team All-Conference 5 goals-7 assists-17 points in 21 matches
Matt Ochoa, Jr., MF	2003 First Team All-Conference 3 goals-6 assists-12 points in 21 matches
Erik Insko, Jr., MF	Moves from D to MF this season 2 goals-1 assist-5 points in 18 matches
Ryan Cepela, So., MF	1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 11 matches
Troy Stein, Jr., MF	9 goals (2nd on team)-3 assists-21 points (3rd on team) in 21 matches
Nick DeMoss, Sr., MF	6 assists in 21 matches
Dan Johnson, Sr., D	1 goal-4 assists-6 points in 20 matches
Nick Bartley, Jr., D	2 goals-2 assists-6 points in 20 matches
Nick Anello, So., D	six games played
Nick Murray, So., G	15-4-0, 0.88 GAA, .784 save pct. in 20 matches. 2nd in IIAC in GAA, t-4th in IIAC with four shutouts; 4th in IIAC in save pct.
Kevin Smerko, So., G	1-0-0, 1.42 GAA, .692 save pct. in 6 matches

Newcomers To Watch	
Mark Eyer, MF	
Ben Kerrigan, MF	
Ryan Overby, MF	
Adam Pastiak, D	
Mike Richter, F	

Tough Losses	
Brad Johnson, F	2003 IIAC Most Valuable Player, four-time All-Conference, t-4th in IIAC with 33 points (14g-5a).
RaShad Dacus, D	Three-time All-Conference
Jeff Stevenson, MF	4 goals-4 assists-12 points
Jed Beyer, F	t-3rd on team with 8 goals; 4th on team with 20 points
Troy Neideen, F	5 goals-1 assists-11 points

Luther College Norse (10-10-1 overall, 4-4 IIAC – 6th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 9/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 16/8

About the Team: Luther has won six of the eight Conference men's soccer titles but is coming off the worst season in school history. Since 1996 Luther is 62-7-1 against Conference opponents with four of the seven defeats coming in 2003. Two-time NSCAA All-West Region forward **Eric Henderson** is 10th on the team's all-time scoring list and returns for his senior year looking to improve on his 76 career points.

Quote from the Coach: Coach **Doug Mello**, in his 14th-season, says, "After a hard luck 2003 season [8 one-goal losses], we've reloaded with a talented incoming class, who, along with a rejuvenated returning squad is anxious to make another successful run at the Conference Championship."

Key Returnees	
Eric Henderson, Sr., F	Two-time NSCAA All-West Region; Two-time All-Conference; 10th on Luther's career-scoring list (76 points) 13 goals (6th in IIAC)-8 assists (t-5th in IIAC)-34 points(3rd in IIAC) in 21 matches
Jordan Hartman, Sr., F	7 goals (t-3rd on team)-9 assists (t-1st in IIAC)-23 points (2nd on team) in 21 matches
Steve Kain, So., F	7 goals (t-3rd on team)-3 assists-17 points (t-3rd on team) in 20 matches
Tim Elgin, Sr., MF	3 goals-5 assists-11 points in 21 matches
Quinn Fitzsimmons, So., MF	1 goal-3 assists-5 points in 21 matches
Andrew Best, Jr., D	2003 Second Team All-Conference 3 assists in 21 matches
Jeremiah Reinkoester, Sr., D	2002 Second Team All-Conference 3 goals-3 assists-9 points in 21 matches, top scorer among Luther defensemen
Russell Showeiler, Sr., MF	1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 19 matches
Joel Wrolstad, Jr., D	4 goals-1 assist-9 points in 21 matches
Peter Christensen, So., D	3 assists in 12 matches
Garrett McAllister, So., F	1 goal in 12 matches

Tough Losses	
Bryan Korth, MF	6 assists in 21 matches
Tim Stork, MF	2003 First Team All-Conference 3 goals-4 assists-10 points in 19 matches
Ed Mauch, D	1 goal-4 assists-6 points in 21 matches
Scott Pearson, G	7-5-1, 1.27 GAA, .746 save pct., t-3rd in IIAC with 4 shutouts, 4th in IIAC in GAA, 7th in IIAC in save pct.
William Nartey, F	8 goals (2nd on team)-1 assist-17 points (t-2nd on team) in 12 matches

Simpson College Storm (12-7-2 overall, 4-3-1 IIAC – 5th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/7

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/7

About the Team: With only eight returning letterwinners, the 2004 Simpson team could be one of the youngest the Storm has fielded since becoming a varsity program in 1995. Simpson will look to 11 players moving up from junior varsity and 13 newcomers to the program to work with the experience returning on offense and defense. The Storm lack an experience goaltender on a team that finished sixth in the IIAC in goals allowed (35 goals in 21 matches).

Quote from the Coach: Tenth-year coach **Aziz Haffar** says, “Every year presents new goals and challenges. That said, our number one goal is, as always to win the Conference. Each year brings new players, a new schedule and a new path to the Championship. We need to stay focused and balanced, and continue to improve. We must be playing our best soccer at the end of the season. How quickly we can come together as a team will be key to our success.”

Key Returnees	
Charlie Peterson, Jr., MF	3 goals-4 assists-10 points (5th on team) in 21 matches
Mosa Shayan, So., MF	4 goals-1 assist-9 points in 21 matches. Three of four goals were game winners (t-4th in IIAC)
Nate Ruhland, So., MF	4 goals-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-14 points (4th on team) in 21 matches. Three of four goals were game winners (t-4th in IIAC)
Kenny Chapman, Sr., D	2001 All-Conference Moved from forward to defense prior to the 2003 season and anchored the defense that allowed 1.63 goals/match
Ryan Berry, Sr., MF	3 goals-3 assists-9 points in 19 matches. Also appeared in one game in net and will again serve as the back-up this season.
Adam Kusek, So., MF	1 goal in 7 matches
Mark Pleiss, So., MF	2 goals in 20 matches
Angel Salcido, Jr., F	12 goals (t-7th in IIAC)-6 assists (t-10th in IIAC)-30 points (7th in IIAC) in 21 matches.

Newcomers To Watch	
Jordan Denman, Fr., MF/F	
Joe Finocchiarro, Fr., D	
Greg Velasquez, Jr., GK	Transferred from Iowa State where he captained the men’s club team.

Tough Losses	
Jason Wichman, GK	11-6-2, 1.62 GAA, .738 save pct. in 20 matches. Second in IIAC with 5 shutouts, 6th in IIAC in GAA, 7th in IIAC in save pct.
Brandon Volz, F	2003 First Team All-Conference; led IIAC in scoring with 38 points and 17 goals
Henry Petersen, F	Two-time All-Conference; tied for Conference lead with nine assists, also scored 8 goals
Brady Spangenberg, MF	Three-time All-Conference 1 goal-3 assists-5 points in 21 matches
Garrett Biller, D	2 goals-3 assists-7 points in 21 matches
Michael Prunty, D	19 matches
Joe Wilson, D	20 matches
Lennart Kirchenwitz, F	3 goals-2 assists-8 points in 21 matches

Wartburg College Knights (14-4-2 overall, 6-2 IIAC – 2nd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 18/4

About the Team: Wartburg is coming off a season in which it made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament after defeating top-seeded Loras in the Conference Tournament. The Knights lost three of its top-five scorers from the team that finished 16th nationally in scoring (3.3 goals/game) but of the nine returning starters, six received All-Conference honors including the school's all-time leading scorer **Verne Houston** and record-setting goaltender **Collin Lane**.

Quote from the Coach: Fifth-year coach **Jim Conlon** says, "I expect the team will be competitive in the Conference. I am excited about the overall talent level of our team and all the team's in the Conference."

Key Returnees	
Verne Houston, Sr., F	Three-time First Team All-Conference; 2003 NSCAA All-West Region Second in IIAC in goals (16) and points (37) in 19 matches; 0.84 goals/game led IIAC
Jeremy McEver, Sr., MF	Two-time All-Conference 4 assists in 20 matches, one of two returning players to appear in all of the team's matches
Collin Lane, Sr., GK	Two-time Second Team All-Conference 12-3-1, 1.07 GAA, .822 save pct., 2 shutouts; 3rd in IIAC in GAA and save pct. set school record for lowest GAA in a season.
Kirk Artist, Jr., D	Two-time Second Team All-Conference 1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 19 matches.
Scott Hill, Jr., F	2003 First Team All-Conference 15 goals (3rd in IIAC)-3 assists-33 points (t-4th in IIAC)
Zach Prieve, Jr., D	2003 First Team All-Conference 1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 18 matches. Lone goal was game winner in IIAC Tournament Championship match.
Brent Schuchman, So., D	2 goals-3 assists-7 points in 18 matches
Jake Best, So., MF	2 goals-4 assists-8 points (t-5th on team) in 20 matches; one of two returning players to appear in all of the team's matches
Seth Rowland, Sr., D	1 goal-2 assists-4 points in 17 matches
Nick Wuertz, Jr., D	1 goal-1 assist-3 points in 17 matches

Newcomers To Watch	
Ben Keenan, MF	
Luke McClyman, MF	
Casey Johnson, MF	
Tim Meyer, MF	

Tough Losses	
Micah McMorris, MF	10 goals (t-9th in IIAC)-7 assists (t-7th in IIAC)-27 points (t-8th in IIAC) in 15 matches
Harrison Kimbomolog, F	7 goals (4th on team)-1 assist-15 points (4th on team) in 15 matches
Josh Judisch, MF/F	3 goals-2 assists-8 points (t-5th on team) in 20 matches