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## 2004-05 IOWA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . .** Defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Buena Vista University received six of nine first-place votes and accumulated 70 points to claim the top spot in the 2004-05 IIAC Women's Basketball Coaches' Poll. Luther College and Simpson College are tied for second in the preseason poll with 61 points. Luther received two first-place votes and Simpson received one. The complete 2004-05 IIAC Women's Basketball Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st-place votes)	Points	2003-04 Record
1	Buena Vista (6)	70	27-3, 15-1 IIAC
2-t	Luther (2)	61	14-11, 9-7 IIAC
2-t	Simpson (1)	61	19-8, 12-4 IIAC
4-t	Wartburg	49	19-9, 11-5 IIAC
4-t	Loras	49	15-12, 7-9 IIAC
6	Central	33	11-15, 6-10 IIAC
7	Dubuque	28	14-12, 7-9 IIAC
8	Coe	27	4-22, 3-13 IIAC
9	Cornell	18	4-21, 2-14 IIAC

Conference favorite Buena Vista is ranked in two preseason national polls. The Beavers are ranked 18th in the *USA Today*/ESPN/Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) poll and 21st in the D3hoops.com poll. They finished last season ranked 15th by the WBCA and 19th by D3hoops.com

The 2004-05 women's basketball season begins on November 19, with four teams in action that day. Eight schools are scheduled for competition on November 20 and all nine schools will make their season debut by November 22. Conference play begins on Tuesday, November 30, and concludes with the eight-team Conference Tournament on February 22 and 25-26.

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## Buena Vista University Beavers (27-3 overall, 15-1 IIAC – 1st)

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 10/5

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Janet Berry** says, “We lost a great senior class but feel that we can compete for another title. It is going to be a dog fight in the IIAC. I feel there will be several teams in the hunt but we are going to work really hard to have another Championship season.”

**About the Team:** Coming off its first Conference title since 1997, setting a school record with 27 victories, Buena Vista must replace two-time Conference MVP and two-time All-American **Amy Meggers** and All-Conference guard **Kelli Taylor**, who accounted for 39.8 percent of the team's offense. Berry expects a more balanced offense this year led by returning All-Conference performers **Katie Maguire** and **Kristina Kapler**.

Key Returnees	
<b>Katie Maguire, Jr., G</b>	Two-time All-Conference; D3hoops.com All-West Region Second Team 30 GP – 13.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 166 assists, 64 steals, 46.6 percent FG, 41.0 percent 3-pt FG, 80.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in scoring, 1st in assists/game, 1st in steals/game, 1st in 3-pt FG Pct., 4th in FT Pct., 11th in FG Pct.
<b>Kristina Kapler, Sr., C</b>	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 30 GP – 13.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 21 assists, 30 steals, 24 blocks, 54.0 percent FG, 72.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 11th in scoring, 3rd in FG Pct., 9th in rebounding, 10th in blocks/game, 11th in FT Pct.
<b>Megan Holtorf, Sr., G</b>	30 GP – 4.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 48 assists, 30 steals, 47.0 percent FG, 43.3 percent 3-pt FG, 65.4 percent FT
<b>Kelli Staley, Jr., G</b>	30 GP – 5.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 46 assists, 49 steals, 31.3 percent FG, 22.0 percent 3-pt FG, 64.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 15th in steals/game
<b>Jess Griggs, Sr., F</b>	27 GP – 4.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 17 assists, 45.2 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT
<b>Penni Heitmann, So., C</b>	14 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 44.0 percent FG, 43.5 percent FT
<b>Crystal Kruger, Jr., G</b>	17 GP – 1.9 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 44.0 percent FG, 53.3 percent 3-pt FG, 42.9 percent FT
<b>Holly McDonough, Jr., F</b>	23 GP – 1.6 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 10 assists, 12 steals, 25.5 percent FG, 61.5 percent FT
<b>Tracy Hartwig, So., G</b>	22 GP – 1.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 14 assists, 40.0 percent FG, 73.3 percent FT
<b>Crystal Richardson, Sr., G</b>	18 GP – 0.3 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 17.6 percent FG

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Melissa Putney, Fr., C</b>	
<b>Jeni Schweitzberger, Fr., C</b>	

Tough Losses	
<b>Amy Meggers, F</b>	Two-time Conference Most Valuable Player; Two-time All-American 30 GP – 20.4 ppg, 10.7 rpg, 75 assists, 54 steals, 25 blocks, 45.6 percent FG, 30.5 percent 3-pt FG, 71.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 1st in scoring, 2nd in rebounding, 8th in blocks/game, 9th in steals/game, 12th in FG Pct., 12th in FT Pct., 15th in assists/game
<b>Kelli Taylor, G</b>	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 28 GP – 11.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 74 assists, 25 steals, 41.1 percent FG, 40.2 percent 3-pt FG, 61.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 14th in scoring, 2nd in 3-pt FG Pct., 12th in assists/game
<b>Jennifer Dewald, G</b>	27 GP – 1.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 23 assists, 23 steals, 35.4 percent FG, 37.5 percent FT
<b>Lindsay Stoolman, C</b>	25 GP – 1.2 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 39.4 percent FG, 44.4 percent FT
<b>Gelene Bousum, F</b>	25 GP – 1.0 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 12 assists, 27.3 percent FG, 72.2 percent FT

## Central College Dutch (11-15 overall, 6-10 IIAC – 7th)

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 12/2

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Mick Angel** says, "In order for us to be an improved ball club, we're going to have to step it up offensively. We're looking for players, both experienced and new, who will attack the basket and score. That being said, we'll continue to emphasize our defense and make it a vital part of our play."

**About the Team:** Central led the Conference in scoring defense last season (60.2 points allowed per game) and Angel feels with the 12 returning letterwinners and strong recruiting class, the Dutch can continue its progress of improvement on the offensive side. Central has a presence in the middle with 6-3 center **Cara Hegner** but will need to replace two point guards to run the offense.

Key Returnees	
<b>Rachel Lenox</b> , Sr., G	26 GP – 6.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 63 assists, 46 steals, 30.5 percent FG, 32.1 percent 3-pt FG, 69.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in steals/game
<b>Cara Hegner</b> , Sr., C	25 GP – 8.1 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 22 assists, 40 blocks, 33 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 56.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 3rd in blocks/game, 5th in rebounding, 13th in FG Pct.
<b>Aimee Schmidt</b> , So., F	25 GP – 3.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 32 assists, 32 steals, 31.5 percent FG, 24.6 percent 3-pt FG, 84.2 percent FT
<b>Ashley Nekola</b> , Jr., F	26 GP – 7.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 6 assists, 15 steals, 44.6 percent FG, 81.0 percent FT
<b>Katy Paxton</b> , So., G	24 GP – 5.9 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 18 assists, 14 steals, 37.3 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 62.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in 3-pt FG Pct.
<b>Leah Henschen</b> , Sr., G	Missed 2003-04 season due to injury 2002-03 stats: 26 GP – 3.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 59 assists, 20 steals, 41.1 percent FG, 25.6 percent 3-pt FG, 50.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Stephanie Hillman</b> , So., G	
<b>Maria Weiler</b> , Fr., C	

Tough Losses	
<b>Jen Randeris</b> , F	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 26 GP – 14.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 26 assists, 32 steals, 20 blocks, 53.7 percent FG, 76.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 6th in scoring, 6th in FG Pct., 6th in FT Pct., 7th in rebounding, 11th in blocks/game
<b>Amanda Hamm</b> , F	26 GP – 6.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 77 assists, 33 steals, 33.7 percent FG, 22.2 percent 3-pt FG, 67.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in assists/game
<b>Dawn Nissen</b> , G	24 GP – 4.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 51 assists, 42 steals, 30.4 percent FG, 52.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 11th in steals/game

## Coe College Kohawks (4-22 overall, 3-13 IIAC – 8th)

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/1

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 7/3

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Melissa Bruner** says, “With a large group of returning letterwinners, I anticipate our team to be an improved and inspired group of young women. We will look to our veterans for leadership as well as production on the court which will hopefully lead to a strong finish in the always competitive Iowa Conference.”

**About the Team:** With four starters, seven letterwinners and 10 players from last year's team to go along with 12 newcomers, Coe has the most experienced and largest team in Bruner's three seasons. Senior **Holly Zimmerman** is a three-year starter and will again lead the Kohawks from the point. She ranks among the school's leaders in career assists (fourth) and steals (14th).

Key Returnees	
<b>Holly Zimmerman</b> , Sr., G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 23 GP – 7.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 93 assists, 37 steals, 34.5 percent FG, 33.8 percent 3-pt FG, 78.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 3rd in assists/game
<b>Morgan Bailey</b> , Jr., F	23 GP – 7.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 15 assists, 40 steals, 31 blocks, 37.7 percent FG, 62.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in blocks/game, 12th in rebounding, 12th in steals/game
<b>Melissa Hanneman</b> , So., G/F	26 GP – 7.3 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 26 assists, 21 blocks, 20 steals, 41.3 percent FG, 28.6 percent 3-pt FG, 60.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in blocks/game, 17th in rebounding
<b>Cassidy Brandt</b> , So., G/F	26 GP – 5.8 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 19 assists, 10 steals, 37.3 percent FG, 72.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in FT Pct., 18th in rebounding
<b>Jaime Krall</b> , So., G	26 GP – 4.2 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 30 assists, 37 steals, 37.5 percent FG, 22.2 percent 3-pt FG, 54.3 percent FT
<b>LaToshia Burrell</b> , Sr., G	Missed second half of season due to injury 12 GP – 5.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 5 assists, 41.7 percent FG, 37.5 percent 3-pt FG, 71.4 percent FT
<b>Sarah Hemming</b> , So., G	24 GP – 3.8 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 11 assists, 35.6 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Maggie Vickers</b> , Fr.	
<b>Shannon Nelson</b> , Fr.	
<b>Veronica Dykstra</b> , Fr.	
<b>Valerie Steele</b> , Fr.	

Tough Losses	
<b>Natalie Hibler</b> , G	26 GP – 5.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 22 assists, 18 steals, 29.6 percent FG, 72.0 percent FT
<b>Kathleen Hudson</b> , F	26 GP – 4.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 11 assists, 17 steals, 14 blocks, 36.7 percent FG, 70.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – t-15th in blocks/game

## Cornell College Rams (4-21 overall, 2-14 IIAC – 9th)

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 2/3

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 5/8

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Nicole Kotrba** says, “We are looking forward to the season as we have senior leadership, key sophomore and junior returners, and new players ready and eager to make an immediate impact.”

**About the Team:** Cornell’s 10-player roster includes three seniors that will be looked to provide experience and leadership, and three key newcomers to add depth as the Rams look to improve on last season’s 4-21 record

Key Returnees	
<b>Katie Morris, Jr., C</b>	25 GP – 12.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 19 assists, 24 steals, 42.6 percent FG, 27.3 percent 3-pt FG, 60.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 13th in scoring, 13th in rebounding
<b>Danielle Tancredi, Sr., G</b>	25 GP – 7.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 64 assists, 31 steals, 38.7 percent FG, 40.6 percent 3-pt FG, 66.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 14th in assists/game
<b>Melanie Manz, Sr., C</b>	25 GP – 4.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 9 assists, 10 blocks, 40.0 percent FG, 54.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 20th in rebounding
<b>Diana Finkle, So., G</b>	25 GP – 1.8 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 41 assists, 14 steals, 17.6 percent FG, 23.1 percent FT
<b>Rae-Anne Peckman, Sr., G</b>	14 GP – 0.3 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 20.0 percent FG, 33.3 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Jenna Bouton, Fr., C</b>	
<b>Kelly Hughes, Fr., G</b>	
<b>Anna Skaggs, So., F</b>	

Tough Losses	
<b>Erika Pepmeyer, F</b>	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP – 13.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 89 assists, 26 steals, 24 blocks, 43.8 percent FG, 29.3 percent 3-pt FG, 70.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in scoring, t-5th in assists/game, 7th in blocks/game, 10th in rebounding, 15th in FT Pct.
<b>Jessica Cross, F</b>	24 GP – 3.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 6 assists, 10 steals, 36.1 percent FG, 64.3 percent FT
<b>Beth Linderbaum, G</b>	25 GP – 4.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 45 assists, 52 steals, 31.7 percent FG, 26.8 percent 3-pt FG, 34.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 3rd in steals/game
<b>Kristi Utter, G</b>	23 GP – 5.1 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 18 assists, 30.9 percent FG, 34.8 percent 3-pt FG, 86.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 6th in 3-pt FG Pct.
<b>Sarah Wille, F</b>	25 GP – 2.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 10 assists, 36.9 percent FG, 36.4 percent FT
<b>Stef Geppert, So.</b>	8 GP – 1.6 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 44.4 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG, 1.000 percent FT

## University of Dubuque Spartans (14-12 overall, 7-9 IIAC – t-5th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/4**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Todd Huffman** says, "Coming off a season having lost three starters is always hard. However, we do have some young perimeter talent combined with some inside stability. We are still learning how to play together, but will play extremely hard every night."

**About the Team:** Dubuque returns a veteran at point guard in senior **Jessica Cox**, but she is the lone returning starter. Five others, including four sophomores, bring varying amounts of experience to the Spartans line-up joining nine freshmen on the team roster.

Key Returnees	
<b>Jessica Cox</b> , Sr., G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 14.0 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 59 assists, 27 steals, 43.8 percent FG, 39.9 percent 3-pt FG, 84.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in scoring, 1st in FT Pct., 3rd in 3-pt FG Pct.
<b>Taylor Foltz</b> , Sr., F	26 GP – 8.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 29 assists, 18 steals, 16 blocks, 41.2 percent FG, 77.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 5th in FT Pct., 11th in rebounding, 13th in blocks/game
<b>Jenica Kester</b> , So., F	14 GP – 1.6 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 53.8 percent FG, 83.3 percent 3-pt FG, 66.7 percent FT
<b>Katie Feterl</b> , So., C	7 GP – 1.1 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 80.0 percent FG
<b>Katherine Kempisty</b> , So., F	5 GP – 1.2 ppg, 0.2 rpg, 50.0 percent FG
<b>Dominique Anthony</b> , So., F	5 GP – 0.4 rpg

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Courtney Musser</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Danielle Erner</b> , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
<b>Dana Kester</b> , G	Three-time All-Conference 26 GP – 18.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 134 assists, 45 steals, 45.2 percent FG, 32.8 percent 3-pt FG, 80.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 3rd in scoring, 2nd in assists/game, 3rd in FT Pct., 11th in 3-pt FG Pct., 13th in steals/game, 15th in FG Pct.
<b>Nichol Haase</b> , F	26 GP – 9.4 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 38 assists, 30 steals, 33.1 percent FG, 24.4 percent 3-pt FG, 82.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 18th in scoring, 12th in 3-pt FG Pct., 19th in rebounding
<b>Nicole Kayon</b> , F	26 GP – 8.4 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 18 assists, 20 steals, 14 blocks, 45.3 percent FG, 67.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 6th in rebounding, 14th in FG Pct., t-15th in blocks/game
<b>Kelly Thompson</b> , F	25 GP – 3.0 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 7 assists, 14 steals, 35.4 percent FG, 70.8 percent FT
<b>Michelle Odefey</b> , G	25 GP – 3.0 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 11 assists, 48.3 percent FG, 57.7 percent FT
<b>Layla Hicks</b> , G	21 GP – 2.4 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 14 assists, 26.0 percent FG, 24.1 percent 3-pt FG, 41.7 percent FT

## Loras College Duhawks (15-12 overall, 7-9 IIAC – t-5th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/3**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Larry Lawler** says, “We lost three key senior from last year’s team and will be a very young team this year. However, I think we will compete well and be in every game. I think the IIAC will have a lot of parity this season and several teams have the opportunity to do really well.”

**About the Team:** Loras must replace two-time All-American **Alicia Davis** who graduated as the NCAA all-division career field goal percentage leader. The Duhawks will have a lot of youth this season, including four returning sophomore guards, and as many as 12 players could see significant time on the court this season. Loras should be aided by the return of forward **Cortney Kettman** who played a key roll in the team’s 2002-03 Conference Championship season but missed last season due to injury.

Key Returnees	
<b>Brianne Schneden</b> , So., G	27 GP – 9.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 77 assists, 33 steals, 37.9 percent FG, 33.0 percent 3-pt FG, 74.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 17th in scoring, 7th in FT Pct., 10th in 3-pt FG Pct., 11th in assists/game
<b>Marissa Pollman</b> , Jr., C	27 GP – 1.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 14 assists, 13 blocks, 34.3 percent FG, 50.0 percent FT
<b>Jackie Sears</b> , So., G	27 GP – 7.5 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 84 assists, 30 steals, 32.5 percent FG, 38.3 percent 3-pt FG, 70.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in assists/game, 14th in FT Pct.
<b>Cortney Kettman</b> , Sr., F	Missed 2003-04 season due to injury 2002-03 stats: 11.8 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 80 assists, 64 steals, 45.9 percent FG, 42.9 percent 3-pt FG, 56.4 percent FT
<b>Blair Bennett</b> , So., G	Limited to 13 games in 2003-04 due to injury 13 GP – 10.9 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 41 assists, 19 steals, 34.5 percent FG, 40.5 percent 3-pt FG, 76.6 percent FT
<b>Anita Saeger</b> , So., G	25 GP – 1.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 11 assists, 11 steals, 32.8 percent FG, 90.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Jillian Emery</b> , Fr., C	
<b>Alicia Miller</b> , Fr., C	
<b>Natalie Pucci</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Sarah Wilson</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Tina Ewald</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Jessica Quinn</b> , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
<b>Alicia Davis</b> , C	Three-time First Team All-Conference; Two-time All-American 27 GP – 19.6 ppg, 10.9 rpg, 13 assists, 106 blocks, 28 steals, 68.0 percent FG, 70.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in scoring, 1st in rebounding, 1st in FG Pct., 1st in blocks/game, 13th in FT Pct.
<b>Erin Boxleiter</b> , G	27 GP – 10.4 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 79 assists, 19 steals, 39.0 percent FG, 38.1 percent 3-pt FG, 83.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 16th in scoring, 4th in 3-pt FG Pct., 10th in assists/game

## Luther College Norse (14-11 overall, 9-7 IIAC – 4th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Jane Hildebrand** says, "I am excited about the depth we should have this season. We have several young players that will need to step up and contribute, and I believe they will. I am also excited about having one of our tallest and most athletic teams ever at Luther."

**About the Team:** Luther is deep number-wise and experience-wise. Eight of the team's nine returning letterwinners appeared in 20 or more games, the lone exception being **Rachel Jensen** who missed the second half of the 2003-04 season studying in Mexico. Eight letterwinners averaged 15 minutes per game. Senior **Sarah Laposky** is the team leader at both ends of the floor having led a balanced scoring attack (10.8 points/game), finishing second in steals (42) and third in defensive rebounds (69). Her 93 career three-point field goals are second-most in school history.

Key Returnees	
<b>Sarah Laposky</b> , Sr., G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP – 10.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 45 assists, 42 steals, 39.6 percent FG, 34.4 percent 3-pt FG, 67.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 15th in scoring, 7th in 3-pt FG Pct., 14th in steals/game
<b>Anne Bautch</b> , Sr., G	25 GP – 6.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 89 assists, 51 steals, 36.4 percent FG, 21.9 percent 3-pt FG, 80.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in steals/game, t-5th in assists/game
<b>Kylie Bestul</b> , Jr., F	25 GP – 8.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 18 assists, 22 steals, 47.0 percent FG, 80.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in FG Pct., 14th in rebounding
<b>Rachel Jensen</b> , Jr., F	Missed second half of season studying abroad 16 GP – 5.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 17 assists, 14 steals, 51.6 percent FG, 70.8 percent FT
<b>Kirsten Russell</b> , Sr., G	24 GP – 2.8 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 33 assists, 18 steals, 32.5 percent FG, 25.0 percent 3-pt FG, 59.1 percent FT
<b>Christina Gaard</b> , So., G	24 GP – 7.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 49 assists, 28 steals, 39.9 percent FG, 38.8 percent 3-pt FG, 75.8 percent FT
<b>Erica Svien</b> , So., F	20 GP – 8.1 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 8 assists, 12 blocks, 12 steals, 48.6 percent FG, 58.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in FG Pct., 14th in blocks/game, 16th in rebounding
<b>Dani Heins</b> , So., F	25 GP – 6.0 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 16 assists, 11 steals, 50.0 percent FG, 71.0 percent FT
<b>Michelle Allen</b> , So., G	22 GP – 0.7 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 8 assists, 15 steals, 20.7 percent FG, 60.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Danielle Dunnwald</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Jill Eicher</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Stephanie Grace</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Kim LaRue</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Jennifer Sidd</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Ashley Tekippe</b> , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
<b>Jenny Laursen</b> , F	20 GP – 9.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 36 assists, 38 steals, 36.7 percent FG, 35.2 percent 3-pt FG, 83.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 20th in scoring, 2nd in FT Pct., 4th in 3-pt FG Pct., 6th in steals/game



## Simpson College Storm (19-8 overall, 12-4 IIAC – 2nd)

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/2

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 8/2

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Brian Niemuth** says, "I think we have some experience returning and more depth than we have had for awhile so we are excited to find out how good we can be."

**About the Team:** Simpson is coming off a second-place regular season finish, but failed to make the finals of the Conference Tournament for the first time since the Tournament was instituted in 2000. The Storm employed a three guard offense last season and will likely continue that again this year with five players returning from that rotation last season.

Key Returnees	
<b>Ashley Bogaards</b> , Sr., F	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 27 GP – 12.7 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 59 assists, 44 steals, 19 blocks, 50.4 percent FG, 73.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 12th in scoring, 8th in FG Pct., 8th in FT Pct., 12th in blocks/game, 15th in rebounding
<b>Kenie Woodard</b> , Jr., G	27 GP – 2.1 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 48 assists, 29 steals, 29.3 percent FG, 30.0 percent 3-pt FG, 65.0 percent FT
<b>Kristi Prostine</b> , Sr., G	27 GP – 5.1 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 44 assists, 28 steals, 34.3 percent FG, 25.5 percent 3-pt FG, 75.8 percent FT
<b>Kara DeNoon</b> , Jr., C	27 GP – 4.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 10 assists, 53.1 percent FG, 80.4 percent FT
<b>Dana Johnson</b> , Jr., G	11 GP – 0.8 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 16 assists, 22.2 percent FG, 50.0 percent FT
<b>Heather Kay</b> , Jr., F	26 GP – 2.9 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 19 assists, 27 steals, 48.5 percent FG, 25.0 percent 3-pt FG, 56.3 percent FT
<b>Sarah Pearson</b> , Jr., C	25 GP – 6.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 17 assists, 22 steals, 52.6 percent FG, 57.9 percent FT
<b>Jessica Schultz</b> , Sr., G	27 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 97 assists, 57 steals, 31.5 percent FG, 37.9 percent 3-pt FG, 45.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in steals/game, 4th in assists/game
<b>Tessa Van Oosbree</b> , So., G	27 GP – 6.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 39 assists, 40 steals, 10 blocks, 40.2 percent FG, 22.0 percent 3-pt FG, 71.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Carlie Beals</b> , Fr., F	
<b>Ashley Hansen</b> , So., F	Transfer from Central College
<b>Tanyana West</b> , Fr., F	
<b>Katelyn Whiton</b> , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
<b>Amanda Pilcher</b> , F	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 27 GP – 16.9 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 51 assists, 32 blocks, 27 steals, 54.4 percent FG, 65.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in scoring, 5th in FG Pct., 6th in blocks/game, 8th in rebounding
<b>Meghan Kelso</b> , G	27 GP – 8.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 39 assists, 49 steals, 36.1 percent FG, 34.1 percent 3-pt FG, 78.2 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in steals/game, 8th in 3-pt FG Pct.

## Wartburg College Knights (19-9 overall, 11-5 IIAC – 3rd)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/7**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Monica Severson** says, “Our team is very young this year but it is a team that will work hard and compete every day. As with any young team there will be highs and lows with the key being not to stay in a low for an extended period of time.”

**About the Team:** Wartburg will look to replace three of its top four scorers from 2003-04, as well as the leaders in three-point shooting, rebounds, assists and steals. The Knights return a veteran inside presence in senior **Amanda Berner** and youth around perimeter with four sophomores and four freshmen among those expected to see a majority of the minutes.

Key Returnees	
<b>Amanda Berner</b> , Sr., C	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 13.9 ppg, 9.0 rpg, 9 assists, 67 blocks, 15 steals, 51.3 percent FG, 57.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in scoring, 2nd in blocks/game, 4th in rebounding, 7th in FG Pct.
<b>Natalie Tarkett</b> , So., F	20 GP – 8.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 12 assists, 47.6 percent FG, 23.8 percent 3-pt FG, 72.0 percent FT
<b>Tarah Mulder</b> , So., F	28 GP – 4.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 31 assists, 46.1 percent FG, 57.4 percent FT
<b>Dianna Mullins</b> , So., G	27 GP – 3.3 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 45 assists, 15 steals, 30.6 percent FG, 30.0 percent 3-pt FG, 65.4 percent FT
<b>Jessica Kugler</b> , So., F	23 GP – 0.9 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 13 assists, 13 steals, 25.0 percent FG, 58.3 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
<b>Casey Huber</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Malinda Groth</b> , Fr., G	
<b>Elizabeth Campbell</b> , Fr., F	
<b>Megan Hendricks</b> , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
<b>Jessica Mennen</b> , F	Three-time All-Conference 28 GP – 15.6 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 67 assists, 54 steals, 37 blocks, 54.6 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 73.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 5th in scoring, 3rd in rebounding, 4th in FG Pct., 5th in steals/game, 5th in blocks/game, 9th in FT Pct.
<b>Lisa Rasmusson</b> , G	28 GP – 7.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 82 assists, 51 steals, 37.5 percent FG, 29.6 percent 3-pt FG, 73.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in steals/game, 9th in assists/game
<b>Kelly Foley</b> , F	28 GP – 9.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 72 assists, 38 steals, 12 blocks, 55.4 percent FG, 61.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 19th in scoring, 2nd in FG Pct., 13th in assists/game