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2006 IOWA CONFERENCE SOFTBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Wartburg College, with nine starters and 14 letterwinners returning from last season's 31-8 team, is the pick of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) softball coaches to win the 2006 Conference title.

The Knights received six of nine first-place votes and accumulated 69 points to claim the top spot in the 2006 IIAC softball Coaches' Poll. Defending Conference Champion, Coe College, received two first-place votes and is second in the preseason poll with 64 points. Central College received the other first-place vote, totaled 58 points and is third followed closely by Simpson College (55 points).

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2005 Record
1	Wartburg (6)	69	31-8, 13-3 IIAC
2	Coe (2)	64	37-6, 15-1 IIAC
3	Central (1)	58	28-12, 12-4 IIAC
4	Simpson	55	27-11, 9-7 IIAC
5	Luther	39	22-17, 5-11 IIAC
6	Buena Vista	38	16-20, 5-11 IIAC
7	Loras	33	22-16, 9-7 IIAC
8	Dubuque	22	8-26, 2-14 IIAC
9	Cornell	18	10-26, 2-14 IIAC

Top Returning Players: One former National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-American, 11 former NFCA All-Midwest Region players and 21 former All-Conference performers return to their team's line-up this year. Coe senior outfielder **Ashley Wagner**, a two-time All-Conference and All-Region selection as well as a Third Team All-American last year, leads a group of three Kohawk All-Region players back from last year. Senior third baseman **Jana Bradley** and senior first baseman **Chris Engel** both received their second All-Conference honor and were First and Second Team All-Region selections, respectively.

A quartet of Wartburg players – senior pitcher **Jackie Sorenson**, senior catcher **Renae Vomacka**, junior second baseman **Stephanie Howe** and sophomore outfielder **Ashley Steines** – return as All-Region and All-Conference performers. Howe, Vomacka and Sorensen are two-time All-Region selections, and Vomacka is a two-time All-Conference selection. Sophomore first baseman **Ashley Rogers** and sophomore designated player **Mandy Kakac** give the Knights six returning All-Conference players.

Central junior designated player **Tina Shimak** and Simpson junior second baseman **Allison Erichsen** were named to the All-Region Third Team last year and Simpson senior pitcher **Bradi Smith** was named to the All-Region Second Team in 2004. Smith is a two-time All-Conference selection and Shimak was named First Team All-Conference in 2004. Two-time All-Conference outfielder **Erin Michael** of Luther was a 2004 All-Region selection.

Other returning All-Conference performers include: Buena Vista sophomore short stop **Amanda Armstrong**, sophomore utility player **Brandi Sykora** and junior third baseman **Lesley Salton** (2004); Central sophomore catcher **Kelly Harris**, sophomore short stop **Dawn Nissen** and junior left fielder **Laura Anderson** (2004); Loras senior outfielder **Amanda Reiss**, a three-time selection; Luther senior third baseman **Katie Hopp**, a two-time selection; and Simpson sophomore utility player **Calie Hohneke**.

Conference Tournament Introduced: The 2006 season will conclude with the first annual IIAC Softball Tournament to be held in Fort Dodge, Iowa on May 4-6. Buena Vista serves as the host of this year's Tournament at Rogers Sports Complex. The top-six teams in the final regular season standings qualify for the double-elimination Tournament. Additional information will be posted on the Conference web site throughout the season.

New Coaches: Cornell College and the University of Dubuque have new head coaches this spring. **Kevin Kahler** takes over at Cornell for Lori Moss and **Elisha Perkins** takes over at Dubuque for Todd Huffman. Kahler spent three years as head softball coach at Remsen-St. Mary's (Iowa) High School. Perkins served as Dubuque's assistant coach the past two years.

Complete Iowa Conference softball information, including schedules, results, statistics and historical information can be found on the softball home page of the Iowa Conference web site at www.iowaconference.com/women/softball/index.htm.

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Buena Vista University Beavers (16-20 overall, 5-11 IIAC – t-6th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 9/1

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/0

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Marge Willadsen** says, "The conference race may take on a new look this year as teams vie for berths in the Iowa Conference Tournament. This will certainly add suspense and motivation for all teams to continue battling right down to the final out. I think it will be a very close race as usual."

Key Returnees	
Brooke Bousum, Sr., 1B/C	35 GP - .311 avg., 1 HR, 9 RBI, 11 2B, 11 runs, .466 slug %, .333 OB % IIAC Rank – 4th in 2B, 17th in slug %
Amanda Armstrong, So., SS	2005 Second Team All-Conference 36 GP - .330 avg., 1 HR, 12 RBI, 7 2B, 28 runs, .435 slug %, .373 OB %, 6 SB IIAC Rank – 7th in runs, t-11th in 2B, 18th in avg., 18th in hits (38), t-18 in SB
Brandi Sykora, So., 3B/1B/P	2005 Second Team All-Conference 34 GP - .240 avg., 1 HR, 8 RBI, 5 2B, 13 runs, .323 slug %, .305 OB % Pitching - 21 GP, 18 starts, 17 CG, 10-10, 1 save, 2.12 ERA, 125.1 IP, 60 K, 18 BB, 1 SO, .277 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 7th in IP, 8th in wins, 10th in K, 11th in ERA, 14th in opp. avg.
Monica Tucker, So., 3B	23 GP - .098 avg., 4 runs
Lesley Salton, Jr., 3B	Did not compete last year, 2004 Second Team All-Conference 2004 stats - 31 GP - .294 avg., 1 HR, 10 RBI, 4 2B, 15 runs, .376 slug %, .355 OB%, 4 SB
Molly Luchtel, Jr., OF/DP	31 GP - .287 avg., 4 RBI, 20 runs, .299 slug %, .295 OB %, 5 SB
Amy Kamies, Jr., OF	26 GP - .206 avg., 1 HR, 12 RBI, 3 2B, 6 runs, .324 slug %, .250 OB %
Trisha Porter, Sr., OF	28 GP - .167 avg., 1 HR, 5 RBI, 4 2B, 3 runs, .283 slug %, .275 OB %
Adrienne Scott, So., OF	23 GP - .257 avg., 1 HR, 5 RBI, 5 runs, .400 slug %, .257 OB %
Ashley Partlow, Sr., C/DP	34 GP - .288 avg., 4 HR, 28 RBI, 5 2B, 11 runs, .452 slug %, .321 OB % IIAC Rank – 8th in RBI, t-10th in HR, 19th in slug %
Sarah Dirkx, Sr., P	19 GP, 18 starts, 12 CG, 6-10, 3.79 ERA, 105.1 IP, 83 K, 54 BB, 1 SO, .295 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 7th in K, 10th in IP, t-14th in wins

Newcomers To Watch	
Liz Dornfeld, Fr.	
Tracy Benge, Fr.	
Kelsey Ripperger, Fr.	

Tough Losses	
Katie Onken, 2B	35 GP - .271 avg., 11 RBI, 3 2B, 2 3B, 15 runs, .344 slug %, .352 OB %, 4 SB IIAC Rank – t-7th in 3B

Central College Dutch (28-12 overall, 12-4 IIAC – 3rd)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 6/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 1/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/5

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **George Wares** says, "We are confident about our chances this spring. Pitching is good, but very inexperienced. Conference looks solid again. Nice to know that we have the extra pool C bids this year."

Key Returnees	
Abby Frye, Sr., 1B/3B	40 GP - .182 avg., 15 RBI, 6 runs, .182 slug %, .287 OB %, 3 SB
Kristin Wares, Sr., 2B	40 GP - .195 avg., 12 RBI, 4 2B, 22 runs, .228 slug %, .293 OB %, 2 SB IIAC Rank – t-20th in runs
Dawn Nissen, So., SS	2005 First Team All-Conference 40 GP - .427 avg., 18 RBI, 3 2B, 20 runs, .470 slug %, .451 OB %, 22 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in SB, 2nd in avg., 3rd in hits (50), 6th in OB %, 16th in slug %
Laura Anderson, Jr., LF	2004 First Team All-Conference 40 GP - .298 avg., 18 BI, 8 2B, 24 runs, .386 slug %, .396 OB %, 11 SB IIAC Rank – 10th in 2B, t-11th in SB, t-13th in runs, 14th in OB %
Kelly Harris, So., C	2005 First Team All-Conference 40 GP - .328 avg., 2 HR, 27 RBI, 2 2B, 3 3B, 31 runs, .445 slug %, .391 OB %, 18 SB IIAC Rank – 2nd in SB, t-4th in runs, 5th in 3B, 9th in RBI, t-14th in HR, 15th in OB %, 17th in hits (39), 19th in avg., 20th in slug %
Tina Shimak, Jr., DP/C/3B	Limited to DP duties the last two years due to injuries; 2004 First Team All-Conference, two-time All-Region 40 GP - .301 avg., 5 HR, 34 RBI, 5 2B, 9 runs, .480 slug %, .353 OB % IIAC Rank – 5th in RBI, t-5th in HR, 14th in slug %, 19th in hits (37)
Katie Boyington, Sr., C/3B	12 GP – 1 RBI
Kristen Friedrichs, Jr., 3B	26 GP – 11 runs, 3 SB
Sarah Jens, So., OF	26 GP - .200 avg., 1 RBI, 8 runs, .200 slug %, .500 OB %
Trista Leaming, Sr. PR/OF	24 GP – 13 runs, 7 SB IIAC Rank – t-13th in SB
Amy Zellmer, So., P	14 GP, 3 starts, 1 CG, 5-0, 1.45 ERA, 38.2 IP, 29 K, 34 BB, .237 opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Kelsey Rethmeier, Fr., P	
Megan Swingen, Fr., P	
Ryann Engholm, Fr., 1B/OF	
Molly Turnroth, Fr., 2B	
Emily Grant, Fr., INF	
Alysha Overturf, Fr., OF	
Chelsea Freese, So., Uti	

Tough Losses	
Anne Legg, 1B	Three-time All-Conference, three-time All-Region 40 GP - .392 avg., 4 HR, 22 RBI, 12 2B, 20 runs, .492 slug %, .483 OB % IIAC Rank – t-1st in 2B, 2nd in OB %, t-4th in hits (47), 7th in avg., 7th in slug %, t-10th in HR, t-12th in RBI
Holly Edwards, RF	40 GP - .265 avg., 1 HR, 13 RBI, 4 2B, 18 runs, .357 slug %, .339 OB %, 11 SB IIAC Rank – t-11th in SB
Bri Kuyper, CF	40 GP - .211 avg., 6 RBI, 24 runs, .211 slug %, .328 OB %, 7 SB IIAC Rank – t-13th in runs, t-13th in SB
Corrie Schmidt, P	2004 IIAC MVP, Two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region 27 GP, 25 starts, 12 CG, 15-8, 1 save, 1.74 ERA, 140.2 IP, 97 K, 34 BB, 5 SO, .247 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 3rd in wins, 3rd in IP, 4th in K, 8th in ERA, 9th in opp. avg.
Emily Vaughan, P	24 GP, 12 starts, 4 CG, 8-4, 2 saves, 1.61 ERA, 87.0 IP, 48 K, 12 BB, 1 SO, .255 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-4th in saves, 6th in ERA, 10th in opp. avg., t-11th in wins, 14th in K, 15th in IP

Coe College Kohawks (37-6 overall, 15-1 IIAC – 1st)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 6/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 0/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Bob Timmons** says, "I feel real good about our defense and offense. Pitching will be key for us with the loss of (Amy) Ernst and (Sarah) Marting. We will have three new pitchers and will go as far as they take us. It will be an interesting year. I think the Conference is as strong as ever, especially with the Tournament at the end of the season."

Key Returnees	
Chris Engel, Sr., 1B	Two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region 43 GP - .333 avg., 9 HR, 35 RBI, 7 2B, 24 runs, .626 slug %, .404 OB % IIAC Rank – 2nd in HR, 3rd in RBI, 4th in slug %, t-11th in 2B, 13th in OB %, t-13th in runs, t-15th in hits (41), 17th in avg.
Rachel Brinkman, Jr., SS	43 GP - .281 avg., 1 HR, 11 RBI, 4 2B, 26 runs, .360 slug %, .349 OB %, 7 SB IIAC Rank – 9th in runs, t-13th in SB
Jana Bradley, Sr., 3B	Two-time All-Conference, 2005 All-Region 43 GP - .372 avg., 5 HR, 23 RBI, 11 2B, 27 runs, .595 slug %, .419 OB %, 3 SB IIAC Rank – t-4th in 2B, t-5th in HR, 6th in slug %, 8th in runs, 10th in avg., 11th in RBI, 11th in OB %, t-12th in hits (43)
Ashley Wagner, Sr., LF	Two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region, 2005 All-American 43 GP - .410 avg., 10 HR, 36 RBI, 6 2B, 50 runs, .669 slug %, .478 OB %, 17 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in runs, 1st in hits (57), 1st in HR, 2nd in slug %, 3rd in RBI, 3rd in SB, 3rd in OB %, 4th in avg., t-19th in 2B National Rank – 21st in HR/gm (0.23), 21st in runs/gm (1.16)
April Kalmes, So., CF	43 GP - .281 avg., 2 HR, 13 RBI, 4 2B, 5 3B, 25 runs, .490 slug %, .384 OB %, 7 SB IIAC Rank – t-1st in 3B, t-10th in runs, 13th in slug %, t-13th in SB, t-14th in HR, 20th in OB %
Leslie Schnack, Jr., C	43 GP - .270 avg., 3 HR, 22 RBI, 7 2B, 8 runs, .430 slug %, .342 OB % IIAC Rank – t-11th in 2B, t-12th in RBI, t-12th in HR

Newcomers To Watch	
Danielle Leavens, Fr., OF	
Amy Hanse, Fr., INF/OF	
Ashley Leonard, Fr., INF	
Eleanor Schultz, Fr., P	
Shallyn Duffy, So., P	
Tara Meyer, Fr., P	

Tough Losses	
Amy Ernst, P	2005 IIAC MVP, three-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region, 2005 All-American 34 GP, 25 starts, 21 CG, 24-4, 4 saves, 0.69 ERA, 171.1 IP, 266 K, 19 BB, 14 SO, .139 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 1st in wins, 1st in ERA, 1st in IP, 1st in K, 1st in saves, 1st in opp. avg. National Rank – 6th in K/7 IP (10.8), 6th in saves, 8th in wins, 13th in ERA
Sarah Marting, P/DP	Two-time All-Conference, 2004 All-Region 20 GP, 18 starts, 9 CG, 13-2, 1.69 ERA, 99.1 IP, 56 K, 41 BB, 2 SO, .216 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 5th in opp. avg., t-5th in wins, 7th in ERA, 11th in K, 13th in IP 34 GP - .337 avg., 5 HR, 21 RBI, 2 2B, 5 runs, .516 slug %, .337 OB % IIAC Rank – t-5th in HR, 10th in slug %, 13th in avg., 17th in RBI
LaToshia Burrell, 2B	Two-time All-Conference, 2005 All-Region 43 GP - .358 avg., 14 RBI, 1 2B, 2 3B, 36 runs, .398 slug %, .406 OB %, 10 SB IIAC Rank – 3rd in runs, t-10th in hits (44), t-10th in SB, 12th in avg., 12th in OB %
Beth Rohlena, RF	Two-time All-Conference, 2005 All-American, 2005 All-Region 43 GP - .412 avg., 5 HR, 42 RBI, 9 2B, 25 runs, .623 slug %, .465 OB %, 3 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in RBI, 3rd in avg., 4th in OB %, t-4th in hits (47), 5th in slug %, t-5th in HR, t-6th in 2B, t-10th in runs

Cornell College Rams
(10-26 overall, 2-14 IIAC – t-8th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/4

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Kevin Kahler** says, "We have great leadership from our upperclassmen that should help the newcomers adjust to college softball. Our philosophy is built on the idea of achieving one's potential. We are looking to play smart softball during the year."

Key Returnees	
Lisa Anderson, So., 1B	25 GP - .176 avg., 4 RBI, 2 runs, .176 slug %, .204 OB %
Brittany Raymond, So., 2B	36 GP - .202 avg., 8 RBI, 4 2B, 12 runs, .247 slug %, .211 OB %, 5 SB
Jill Hopper, Jr., LF	24 GP - .266 avg., 5 RBI, 3 2B, 11 runs, .313 slug %, .309 OB %
Erin Weir, Sr., C	24 GP - .196 avg., 5 RBI, 4 runs, .196 slug %, .260 OB %
Becky Roberg, Sr., DP/P	34 GP - .293 avg., 1 HR, 13 RBI, 6 2B, 7 runs, .384 slug %, .336 OB % Pitching – 19 GP, 18 starts, 14 CG, 5-12, 4.64 ERA, 107.0 IP, 41 K, 33 BB, .315 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 9th in IP
Stef Geppert, Jr., Uti.	26 GP - .167 avg., 4 runs, .167 slug %, .342 OB %
Jessica Preiss, So., C/OF	16 GP - .143 avg., .143 slug %, .200 OB %
Amy Carlson, Jr., P	17 GP, 13 starts, 6 CG, 3-9, 4.32 ERA, 82.2 IP, 34 K, 25 BB, .298 opp. avg.
Maggie O'Rourke, Jr., P	14 GP, 5 starts, 2 CG, 2-5, 4.63 ERA, 45.1 IP, 22 K, 15 BB, .347 opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Candice Moncayo, Fr., C	
Janene McCune, Jr., OF	

Tough Losses	
Hope Coffin, 3B	33 GP - .230 avg., 7 RBI, 9 runs, .230 slug %, .284 OB %, 3 SB
Amy Pitlik, SS	36 GP - .196 avg., 12 RBI, 5 runs, .206 slug %, .248 OB %
Alex Myers, CF	Two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region 36 GP - .391 avg., 1 HR, 16 RBI, 6 2B, 24 runs, .504 slug %, .426 OB %, 6 SB IIAC Rank – t-7th in 3B, 8th in avg., 9th in hits (45), 9th in OB %, 11th in slug %, t-13th in runs, t-18th in SB, t-19th in 2B
Laura Fuller, RF	32 GP - .218 avg., 6 RBI, 9 runs, .248 slug %, .223 OB %

University of Dubuque Spartans (8-26 overall, 2-14 IIAC – t-8th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 6/2

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Elisha Perkins** says, "The Spartans are in a rebuilding phase this year. We have some strong talent that will help us get our program to be extremely competitive in the next few years."

Key Returnees	
Jenna Kinnikin	34 GP - .183 avg., 9 RBI, 6 2B, 13 runs, .240 slug %, .232 OB % IIAC Rank – t-19th in 2B
Brooke Russell	34 GP - .173 avg., 16 RBI, 7 2B, 5 runs, .240 slug %, .204 OB % IIAC Rank – t-11th in 2B
Kathryn Kozlowski	34 GP - .222 avg., 4 RBI, 10 runs, .231 slug %, .270 OB %, 2 SB
Amanda Schultz	34 GP - .261 avg., 2 RBI, 2 2B, 12 runs, .284 slug %, .356 OB %, 5 SB
Ashley Harrow, P	26 GP, 19 starts, 12 CG, 5-12, 3.18 ERA, 130.0 IP, 62 K, 30 BB, 2 SO, .260 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 6th in IP, 9th in K, 12th in opp. avg.
Samantha Dundee, P	6 GP, 1-1, 1.34 ERA, 15.2 IP, 9 K, 5 BB, .254 opp. avg. 34 GP - .135 avg., 1 RBI, 5 runs, .149 slug %, .229 OB %

Tough Losses	
Erin Nerison	34 GP - .130 avg., 8 RBI, 2 2B, 10 runs, .156 slug %, .230 OB %
Danialle Stewart	32 GP - .263 avg., 1 HR, 12 RBI, 5 2B, 12 runs, .343 slug %, .284 OB %
Jayne Thissen	27 GP - .189 avg., 5 RBI, 3 2B, 3 runs, .230 slug %, .241 OB %

Loras College Duhawks
(22-16 overall, 9-7 IIAC – t-4th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 1/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Sarah Anderson** says, "We are looking to continue to improve with a large group of returning players. We will need a couple of people to step up and fill holes left from last year's graduation especially on the mound."

Key Returnees	
Stacy Bahl, So., 1B	36 GP - .289 avg., 1 HR, 11 RBI, 2 2B, 5 runs, .340 slug %, .361 OB %
Cari Heffernen, Sr., 2B	38 GP - .313 avg., 11 RBI, 3 2B, 14 runs, .343 slug %, .370 OB %, 6 SB IIAC Rank – t-18th in SB, 20th in avg.
Liz Book, Jr., 3B	28 GP - .210 avg., 6 RBI, 2 2B, 7 runs, .242 slug %, .234 OB %
Jamie Wendt, So., INF.	19 GP - .167 avg., 2 runs, .167 slug %, .250 OB %
Bri Erger, Sr., INF.	20 GP - .154 avg., 4 runs, .154 slug %, .154 OB %, 2 SB
Amanda Reiss, Sr., OF	Three-time All-Conference 24 GP - .388 avg., 2 HR, 10 RBI, 6 2B, 22 runs, .538 slug %, .437 OB %, 10 SB IIAC Rank – t-10th in SB, t-14th in HR, t-19th in 2B, t-20th in runs
Nicki Kohl, Jr., OF	35 GP - .237 avg., 3 HR, 16 RBI, 3 2B, 13 runs, .421 slug %, .275 OB % IIAC Rank – t-12th in HR
Megan Bosso, Jr., OF	38 GP - .383 avg., 9 RBI, 4 2B, 19 runs, .417 slug %, .422 OB %, 6 SB IIAC Rank – t-6th in hits (46), 9th in avg., 10th in OB %, t-18th in SB
Audrey Reiter, So., OF	30 GP - .286 avg., 6 runs, .286 slug %, .359 OB %
Sara Medieros, So., OF	32 GP - .268 avg., 1 RBI, 1 2B, 14 runs, .293 slug %, .302 OB %
Sara Neverman, Sr., P	25 GP, 22 starts, 17 CG, 13-9, 2.19 ERA, 140.1 IP, 44 K, 35 BB, 3 SO, .259 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 4th in IP, t-5th in wins, 11th in opp. avg., 12th in ERA, 15th in K

Newcomers To Watch	
Carlye Rogers, Fr., C	
Sara Cueno, Fr., UtI.	
Kim Chalekian, Fr., INF.	
Beth Mescher, Fr., P	

Tough Losses	
Jessica Nahorski, 1B	2005 Second Team All-Conference 38 GP - .293 avg., 1 HR, 22 RBI, 5 2B, 7 runs, .379 slug %, .320 OB % IIAC Rank – t-12th in RBI
Leslie George, P	21 GP, 16 starts, 13 CG, 9-7, 1 save, 2.98 ERA, 117.1 IP, 93 K, 10 BB, 2 SO, .272 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 6th in K, 8th in IP, t-9th in wins, 13th in opp. avg., 15th in ERA

Luther College Norse
(22-17 overall, 5-11 IIAC – t-6th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/3

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/6

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Renae Hartl** says, "We are working hard everyday to prepare for a very exciting season leading up to the Conference Tournament."

Key Returnees	
Lindsay Aeilts, So., 1B	39 GP - .298 avg., 22 RBI, 4 2B, 6 runs, .331 slug %, .331 OB % IIAC Rank – t-12th in RBI, t-20th in hits (36)
Ashley Wirtz, Jr., SS	39 GP - .178 avg., 12 RBI, 4 2B, 12 runs, .222 slug %, .245 OB %
Katie Hopp, Sr., 3B	Two-time All-Conference 39 GP - .338 avg., 6 HR, 40 RBI, 12 2B, 16 runs, .569 slug %, .353 OB % IIAC Rank – t-1st in 2B, 2nd in RBI, t-3rd in HR, 8th in slug %, t-10th in hits (44), 14th in avg.
Erin Michael, Jr., LF	Two-time All-Conference, 2004 All-Region 39 GP - .356 avg., 2 HR, 19 RBI, 9 2B, 2 3B, 24 runs, .517 slug %, .441 OB %, 2 SB IIAC Rank – t-6th in 2B, 7th in OB %, t-7th in 3B, 9th in slug %, 13th in avg., t-13th in runs, t-14th in hits (42), t-14th in HR, t-19th in RBI
Tami Magner, So., C	33 GP - .247 avg., 6 HR, 16 RBI, 4 2B, 18 runs, .558 slug %, .284 OB % IIAC Rank – t-3rd in HR
Becki Buls, Jr., P	28 GP, 19 starts, 13 CG, 14-6, 1 save, 1.79 ERA, 133.0 IP, 95 K, 21 BB, 4 SO, .236 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 4th in wins, 5th in IP, 5th in K, 8th in opp. avg., 9th in ERA
Michelle Osterhaus, Sr., P	22 GP, 17 starts, 7 CG, 6-8, 1 save, 2.67 ERA, 105.0 IP, 63 K, 25 BB, 2 SO, .283 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 8th in K, 11th in IP, 14th in ERA, t-14th in wins, 15th in opp. avg.

Newcomers To Watch	
Danielle Armbruster, Fr., C/1B	
Laura Fulton, Fr., OF	
Melissa Henthorn, Fr., INF.	
Kim Hess, Fr., INF.	
Lisa Huinker, Jr., INF.	
Megan Jack, Fr., OF	
Sarah Kilen, Fr., P	
Ellie Meyer, Fr., P	
Liza Olson, Fr., C	
Arin Pershing, Jr., P/OF	
Erika Randall, Fr., INF.	
Megan Reutlinger, Fr., INF.	
BreAnn VanDeer, Fr., P	

Tough Losses	
Katie Chambers, 2B	2003 Second Team All-Conference 39 GP - .246 avg., 2 HR, 16 RBI, 7 2B, 31 runs, .346 slug %, .295 OB %, 3 SB IIAC Rank – t-4th in runs, t-11th in 2B, t-14th in HR,
Jen Anderson, RF	32 GP - .250 avg., 8 RBI, 3 2B, 11 runs, .308 slug %, .286 OB %, 3 SB
Teri Olson, CF	34 GP - .270 avg., 12 RBI, 6 2B, 20 runs, .337 slug %, .375 OB %, 2 SB IIAC Rank – t-19th in 2B
Katelyn Kampfe, P	11 GP, 3 starts, 2-3, 5.64 ERA, 22.1 IP, 6 K, 7 BB, .350 opp. avg.

Simpson College Storm (27-11 overall, 9-7 IIAC – t-4th)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 5/4

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Henry Christowski** says, "This should be a very exciting year in the IIAC with the initiation of the Softball Conference Tournament and the expansion of the number of Regional Qualifiers. The competition level last year was fierce and with the number of returning starters in the conference, 2006 should be no exception."

Key Returnees	
Jacey Stephens, Jr., 1B	33 GP - .286 avg., 6 RBI, 2 2B, 13 runs, .310 slug %, .337 OPB %, 3 SB
Allison Erichsen, Jr., 2B	2005 All-Region 38 GP - .336 avg., 2 HR, 19 RBI, 9 2B, 23 runs, .475 slug %, .388 OB %, 12 SB IIAC Rank – 6th in SB, t-6th in 2B, t-14th in HR, 15th in slug %, t-15th in hits (41), 16th in avg., 18th in OB %, t-18th in runs, t-19th in RBI
Heather Beeler, Sr., SS	38 GP - .365 avg., 7 RBI, 25 runs, .373 slug %, .385 OB %, 13 SB IIAC Rank – 5th in SB, t-6th in hits (46), t-10th in runs, 11th in avg., 19th in OB %
Jill Mitchell, Jr., C	38 GP - .300 avg., 1 HR, 19 RBI, 7 2B, 17 runs, .409 slug %, .389 OB %, 3 SB IIAC Rank – t-11th in 2B, 17th in OB %, t-19th in RBI
Halie Stalzer, Jr., OF	25 GP - .275 avg., 6 RBI, 10 runs, .290 slug %, .342 OB %, 3 SB
Shyann Warrick, So., OF	23 GP - .217 avg., 5 RBI, 3 runs, .217 slug %, .250 OB %
Calie Hohnke, So., DP/P	2005 First Team All-Conference 21 GP - .308 avg., 9 RBI, 2 2B, 4 runs, .346 slug %, .339 OB % Pitching – 17 GP, 14 starts, 8 CG, 11-4, 1.05 ERA, 93.2 IP, 55 K, 15 BB, 4 SO, .146 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 2nd in ERA, 3rd in opp. avg., 7th in wins, 12th in K, 14th in IP
Marissa Campbell, Jr., P	17 GP, 6 starts, 4 CG, 7-2, 3 saves, 1.30 ERA, 48.1 IP, 51 K, 6 BB, 2 SO, .146 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 2nd in opp. avg., t-2nd in saves, 4th in ERA, 13th in wins, 13th in K National Rank – t-13th in saves
Bradi Smith, Sr., P	Two-time All-Conference, 2004 All-Region 21 GP, 18 starts, 6 CG, 9-4, 2 saves, 1.50 ERA, 102.1 IP, 104 K, 35 BB, 3 SO, .234 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 3rd in K, t-4th in saves, 5th in ERA, 7th in opp. avg., t-9th in wins, 12th in IP

Newcomers To Watch	
Blake Bruner, Fr., C	
Carlie Owens, Fr., P	

Tough Losses	
Jeana Baker, 3B	34 GP - .194 avg., 7 RBI, 2 2B, 5 runs, .224 slug %, .214 OB %
Kate Brandt, LF/P	36 GP - .304 avg., 22 RBI, 7 2B, 14 runs, .384 slug %, .350 OB % IIAC Rank – t-11th in 2B, t-12th in RBI Pitching – 6 GP, 0-1, 2 saves, 0.91 ERA, 7.2 IP, 4 K, 1 BB, .185 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-4th in saves
Rebecca Siler, CF	Two-time All-Conference, 2003 All-Region 33 GP - .303 avg., 13 RBI, 2 2B, 3 3B, 16 runs, .393 slug %, .350 OB %, 7 SB IIAC Rank – t-5th in 3B, t-13th in SB
Karla Hogrefe, RF	35 GP - .253 avg., 5 RBI, 3 2B, 12 runs, .286 slug %, .274 OB %

Wartburg College Knights (31-8 overall, 13-3 IIAC – 2nd)

Starting Position Players Returning/Lost: 7/1

Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/3

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Kara Kehe** says, "Our athletes are excited about the opportunities ahead of them in the 2006 season. With several key newcomers added to the core group of returning players, we could have an extremely balanced team both offensively and defensively as we get deeper into our schedule."

Key Returnees	
Ashley Rogers, So., 1B	2005 Second Team All-Conference 39 GP - .393 avg., 5 HR, 30 RBI, 9 2B, 5 3B, 19 runs, .684 slug %, .455 OB % IIAC Rank – 1st in slug %, t-1st in 3B, 5th in OB %, t-5th in HR, 6th in avg., t-6th in hits (46), t-6th in RBI, t-9th in 2B
Stephanie Howe, Jr., 2B	2005 First Team All-Conference, two-time All-Region 37 GP - .444 avg., 2 HR, 30 RBI, 12 2B, 4 3B, 41 runs, .651 slug %, .497 OB %, 11 SB IIAC Rank – 1st in avg., 1st in OB %, t-1st in 2B, 2nd in runs, 2nd in hits (56), t-2nd in 3B, 3rd in slug %, t-6th in RBI, t-7th in SB, t-14th in HR
Cari Kinzenbaw, Sr., SS	39 GP - .310 avg., 2 HR, 24 RBI, 7 2B, 4 3B, 23 runs, .491 slug %, .389 OB %, 10 SB IIAC Rank – t-2nd in 3B, 10th in RBI, t-10th in SB, t-11th in 2B, 12th in slug %, t-14th in HR, 16th in OB %, t-18th in runs, t-20th in hits (36)
Ali Hartzler, So., 3B	39 GP - .279 avg., 19 RBI, 5 2B, 12 runs, .346 slug %, .321 OB % IIAC Rank – t-19th in RBI
Deb Schindler, Sr., OF	37 GP - .309 avg., 2 HR, 16 RBI, 4 2B, 14 runs, .415 slug %, .340 OB % IIAC Rank - t-14th in HR
Ashley Steines, So., OF	2005 First Team All-Conference, 2005 All-Region 39 GP - .398 avg., 1 HR, 19 RBI, 3 2B, 30 runs, .454 slug %, .430 OB %, 14 SB IIAC Rank – 4th in SB, 5th in avg., 6th in runs, 8th in OB %, t-12th in hits (43), 18th in slug %, t-19th in RBI
Renae Vomacka, Sr., C	Two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Region 39 GP - .270 avg., 1 HR, 20 RBI, 5 2B, 13 runs, .339 slug %, .346 OB % IIAC Rank – 18th in RBI
Mandy Kakac, So., DP/OF	2005 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP - .377 avg., 7 RBI, 13 runs, .393 slug %, .387 OB %, 5 SB
Ashlie Imming, So., DP/INF	30 GP - .333 avg., 15 RBI, 3 2B, 2 3B, 4 runs, .439 slug %, .450 OB % IIAC Rank – t-7th in 3B
Jackie Sorensen, Sr., P	2005 First Team All-Conference, two-time All-Region 32 GP, 29 starts, 11 CG, 21-4, 2 saves, 1.17 ERA, 149.2 IP, 119 K, 23 BB, 4 SO, .191 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – 2nd in wins, 2nd in IP, 2nd in K, 3rd in ERA, 4th in opp. avg. National Rank – 15th in wins
Amber Vaughn, So., P	17 GP, 9 starts, 8-3, 1 save, 1.96 ERA, 57.0 IP, 22 K, 13 BB, .220 opp avg. IIAC Rank – 6th in opp. avg., 10th in ERA, t-11th in wins

Newcomers To Watch	
Angela Hartwig, Fr., P	
Amy Daniels, Fr., INF/OF	
Ashley Orris, Fr., OF	
Courtney Bain, Fr., OF	

Tough Losses	
Cindy Hannemann, 3B	39 GP - .250 avg., 1 HR, 12 RBI, 4 2B, 20 runs, .317 slug %, .319 OB %, 3 SB
Courtney Kowalke, P	18 GP, 1 start, 2-1, 3 saves, 2.65 ERA, 42.1 IP, 15 K, 7 BB, .287 opp. avg. IIAC Rank – t-2nd in saves, 13th in ERA National Rank – t-13th in saves