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2005 IOWA CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Three-time defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Wartburg College is the favorite among IIAC coaches to win the 2005 Conference football title. The Knights received six of nine first-place votes and totaled 70 points, finishing ahead of Luther College (62 points, two first-place votes) and 2005 co-Champion Coe College (60 points, one first-place vote). The complete 2005 IIAC football Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2004 Record
1	Wartburg (6)	70	8-3, 6-2 IIAC
2	Luther (2)	62	6-4, 5-3 IIAC
3	Coe (1)	60	7-3, 6-2 IIAC
4	Simpson	51	5-5, 4-4 IIAC
5	Central	47	6-4, 5-3 IIAC
6	Buena Vista	34	6-4, 5-3 IIAC
7	Loras	31	4-6, 3-5 IIAC
8	Dubuque	24	2-8, 1-7 IIAC
9	Cornell	17	2-8, 1-7 IIAC

Preseason All-Americans: Three Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) football players were named to preseason All-American teams. Simpson senior defensive lineman **Jason Ripke** was a first team selection by *Street and Smith*, *Lindy's* and d3football.com. Buena Vista junior punter **Chris Kemmerer** was a second team selection by *Lindy's* and d3football.com. Coe senior offensive lineman **Sean Kennedy** was a second team selection by *Lindy's*.

Preseason National Polls: Wartburg is ranked in Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*, d3football.com and *Lindy's* preseason polls. The Knights are ranked 16th by *Lindy's*, 24th by d3football.com and 27th by Don Hansen.

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Buena Vista University Beavers
(6-4 overall, 5-3 IIAC – t-3rd)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 6/2/1

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 5/9/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 26/25

About the Team: Buena Vista won five of its first six games last season before struggling over its final four. The Beavers return All-Conference performers at two skill positions (running back and wide receiver), but for the second straight year will have an inexperienced quarterback. They will also have an inexperienced defense with just two returning starters.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Steve Osterberger** says, "Our football team will be led by 17 seniors and five outstanding captains. We will have a good mix of experience and youth that should make for an exciting year."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Chad Pearson, Sr., RB	2004 First Team All-Conference 950 yards on 188 carries (5.1 avg.), 7 TD; averaged 18.1 yards on 15 kick returns IIAC Rank – 2nd in rushing, 3rd in all-purpose yards (123.6/gm), t-8th in TD
Dustin Crook, Sr., FB	135 yards on 35 carries (3.9 avg.), 1 TD
Jesse Schmidt, Sr., WR	Two-time All-Conference 626 yards on 37 receptions (16.9 avg.), 12 TD; averaged 23.3 yards on 7 kick returns IIAC Rank – 3rd in TD, 5th in receiving yards/gm, 9th in receptions/gm
Todd Christensen, So., TE	13 yards on 2 receptions (6.5 avg.)
Mitch Giese, Jr., OG	
Mark Hobart, So., OG	
Brent Koedam, Sr., C	
Chris Kemmerer, Jr., P	2004 First Team All-Conference Averaged 41.1 yards on 64 punts, 5 TB, 16 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 1st in punting average National Rank – 4th in punting average

Key Returnees – Defense	
Rick Ohlinger, Sr., DT	Two-time All-Conference 39 tackles (18 solo), 5.5 TFL, 1 sack
Chad Hinrichs, Sr., CB	28 tackles (17 solo), 1 TFL, 4 INT IIAC Rank – 10th in INT

Tough Losses	
Craig Novacek, QB	103-for-214, 1445 yards, 14 TD, 21 INT, 106.8 pass efficiency IIAC Rank – 5th in passing yards/gm, 6th in pass efficiency
Justin Wiig, WR	274 yards on 21 receptions (13.0 avg.) in 5 games
Michael Sullivan, WR	280 yards on 20 receptions (14.0 avg.)
John Beck, OT	Two-time All-Conference
Matt Percival, OT	
Tom Mathisen, DE	11 tackles (7 solo), 1 TFL
Tyler Beving, DT	25 tackles (9 solo), 6.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks
Matt Mullen, DE	2004 Second Team All-Conference 58 tackles (23 solo), 18 TFL, 6 sacks IIAC Rank – 3rd in TFL, 6th in sacks
Dustin Jetmund, LB	70 tackles (37 solo), 11.5 TFL, 5 sacks IIAC Rank – t-9th in sacks
Bryan Schwartz, LB	48 tackles (15 solo), 6 TFL, 1 sack
Michael Irvin, LB	Two-time All-American; Two-time All-Conference 141 tackles (71 solo), 14.5 TFL, 2 INT, 1 sack IIAC Rank – 1st in tackles, t-5th in TFL National Rank – 5th in tackles, 10th in solo tackles
Michael Lang, CB	31 tackles (19 solo)
Scott Jamison, FS	40 tackles (24 solo), 2 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 INT
Brandon Goodchild, SS	46 tackles (23 solo), 3.5 TFL
Ryan Hutton, K	4-of-6 on FG, 22-of-27 on PAT IIAC Rank – 5th in scoring (kickers)

Central College Dutch
(6-4 overall, 5-3 IIAC – t-3rd)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 3/4/3

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 8/7/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 28/24

About the Team: Central will be young at several positions with just three offensive and four defensive starters returning, and one offensive starter (TE **Nick Mulder**) could move to the defensive side of the ball depending on the development of others. The Dutch hope to have better luck in close games than they did a year ago when their three Conference losses came by a combined 13 points.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Jeff McMartin** says, "We will be young in a few key areas, but our guys have worked very hard and we are excited about the upcoming season."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Brad Ryals, So., WR	2004 Second Team All-Conference 566 yards on 31 receptions (18.3 avg.), 4 TD IIAC Rank – 4th in receiving yards/gm, 10th in receptions/gm
Nick Mulder, So., TE	70 yards on 7 receptions (10.0 avg.) in 6 games
Ryan Johnson, Jr., OT	2004 Second Team All-Conference
Brandon O'Neill, So., K	5-of-10 on FG, 24-of-27 on PAT
Brett Doud, So., PR/KR	Averaged 24.0 yards on 12 kick returns and 9.6 yards on 26 punt returns IIAC Rank – 3rd in punt return average
Nick Mulder, So., LS	

Key Returnees – Defense	
Dallas Wessels, Jr., DE	40 tackles (21 solo), 12 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries IIAC Rank – t-1st in fumble recoveries
Taylor Vanden Wynboom, So., DE	45 tackles (26 solo), 14.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks IIAC Rank – t-5th in TFL
Colby Meyers, So., LB	36 tackles (13 solo), 2.5 TFL, 1 sack
Brett Doud, So., DB	44 tackles (28 solo), 5.5 TFL, 3 INT
Ben Bollard, So., FS	32 tackles (19 solo), 1.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT

Tough Losses	
Mark Isaacson, QB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 173-for-324, 2057 yards, 15 TD, 10 INT, 115.83 pass efficiency IIAC Rank – 2nd in passing yards, 2nd in total offense, 3rd in pass efficiency
Tyler Baethke, RB	453 yards on 157 carries (2.9 avg.), 5 TD; 204 yards on 24 catches (8.5 avg.), 1 TD
Durk Pearston, RB	248 yards on 64 carries (3.9 avg.), 1 TD; 97 yards on 15 catches (6.5 avg.), 1 TD
Derrick Livingston, WR	293 yards on 27 catches (10.9 avg.), 2 TD
Ike Hammerly, LG	
Curtis Van Zee, C	
Derek Haugen, RG	
Steve Odendahl, RT	
Mark Sanger, LB	2004 All-American; Three-time All-Conference 115 tackles (64 solo), 12 TFL, 3.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 3rd in tackles
Kevin Bonstetter, LB	77 tackles (36 solo), 7.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Nick Cross, SS	2004 Second Team All-Conference 84 tackles (40 solo), 4 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 3 INT IIAC Rank – 13th in tackles
Jeff T. Jones, CB	55 tackles (31 solo), 2.0 TFL, 1 sack, 4 INT
Matt Matthes, LB	62 tackles (24 solo), 3.5 TFL, 2 sacks
Rodney Sundine, NG	2004 Second Team All-Conference 36 tackles (14 solo), 7 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Keith Wosaba, P	2004 Second Team All-Conference Averaged 37.7 yards on 69 punts, 6 TB, 24 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 4th in punting average

Coe College Kohawks
(7-3 overall, 6-2 IIAC – t-1st)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 8/9/1

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 3/2/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 30/13

About the Team: Last season Coe ranked second in the IIAC in total offense behind the #2 passing offense and #4 rushing offense. The Kohawks graduated quarterback **Joe Brannen**, the IIAC MVP, but return two running backs that ranked among the top-10 in the Conference in rushing yards (**Neil Suckow**, **Ashton Northern**). The defense also returns a veteran group of nine starters including six seniors. Coe has shared two of the last three Conference Championships.

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Neil Suckow, So., RB/Ret.	2004 All-Conference Return Specialist & Running Back 862 yards on 209 carries (4.1 avg.), 17 TD; 430 yards on 22 catches, 5 TD, averaged 10.8 yards on 25 punt returns with 1 TD IIAC Rank – 1st in scoring, 2nd in all-purpose yards (160.8/game), 2nd in punt return average, 4th in rushing National Rank – 4th in scoring
Ashton Northern, Jr., FB	433 yards on 81 carries (5.3 avg.), 3 TD; 274 yards on 29 catches (9.4 avg.) IIAC Rank – 9th in rushing
Matt Starmer, Sr., WR	251 yards on 19 catches (13.2 avg.)
K.C. Pochobradsky, Jr., WR	123 yards on 12 catches (10.2 avg.), 1 TD in 7 games
Sean Kennedy, Sr., OL	2004 First Team All-Conference
T.J. Flip, Sr., OL	
Rob Lance, Jr., OL	
Marcus Dunn, Jr., OL	
Michael Herzberger, Jr., K	7-of-14 on FG, 31-of-36 on PAT IIAC Rank – t-1st in FGM, 2nd in scoring by kickers, 8th in overall scoring

Key Returnees – Defense	
James Harris, Sr., DL	24 tackles (10 solo), 4.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks
Travis Harrison, Sr., DL	42 tackles (19 solo), 8 TFL, 4.5 sacks
Jordan Pinckney, So., DL	26 tackles (6 solo), 4 TFL
Brant Pfantz, Sr., LB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 97 tackles (41 solo), 7.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 INT IIAC Rank – 8th in tackles
Ross Weymiller, Sr., LB	78 tackles (34 solo), 9.5 TFL, 5.5 sacks, 1 INT IIAC Rank – 8th in sacks
Tyler Staker, Sr., CB/KR	2004 Second Team All-Conference 49 tackles (27 solo), 1.5 TFL, 4 INT; averaged 21.1 yards on 16 kick returns IIAC Rank – t-3rd in INT
Nick Hirth, Jr., CB	40 tackles (25 solo), 1 TFL, 2 INT
John Greiner, Sr., SS	58 tackles (32 solo), 4 INT IIAC Rank – t-3rd in INT
Clint Mersch, Jr., FS	18 tackles (11 solo), 1 INT

Tough Losses	
Joe Brannen, QB	2004 IIAC MVP, two-time All-Conference 157-for-315, 2110 yards, 15 TD, 4 INT, 119.28 pass efficiency, 2278 yards total offense IIAC Rank – 1st in passing yards, 1st in total offense, 2nd in pass efficiency
Drew Dennis, OL	Two-time All-Conference
Cody Angle, TE/P	2004 Second Team All-Conference 398 yards on 23 catches (17.3 avg.), 3 TD; averaged 40.3 yards on 39 punts, 5 TB, 8 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 2nd in punting average National Rank – 8th in punting average
Lucas Schaefer, DL	17 tackles (4 solo), 1 TFL, 1 sack
Blake Borrett, LB	Two-time All-Conference 113 tackles (55 solo), 6.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 4th in tackles

Cornell College Rams
(2-8 overall, 1-7 IIAC – t-8th)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 7/6/1

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 6/5/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 35/16

About the Team: With the graduation of QB **Adam Hadenfeldt** and RB **Ricky Legree**, Cornell lost 77.7 percent of its total offense (187.4 yards/game of their 241.1 yard average). **Nate Newmeister** is the team's top offensive returner but he is moving from running back to quarterback. Defensively, the Rams return two linebackers (**Adam Eichhorn** and **Chris Gustafson**) who ranked among the Conference's top-10 tacklers.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Ray Reasland** says, "Cornell returns a strong core of defensive players this year with more confidence in the system being used by defensive coordinator Adam Bentz. We will continue to emphasize our special teams play under the guidance of Len Felton. Senior captain Seth Bartlett returns as the Rams punter and kicker to lead the charge. The Ram offense will return to its explosive ways again by utilizing its athleticism, spreading the field and implementing a unique option concept."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Nate Newmeister, Jr., QB	Moves from RB 232 yards on 56 carries (4.1 avg.); 90 yards on 7 catches (12.9 avg.), 1 TD
Lucas Stanton, Sr., RB	179 yards on 47 carries (3.8 avg.); 49 yards on 4 catches (12.2 avg.)
Dustin Waite, Sr., WR	237 yards on 22 catches (10.8 avg.), 1 TD
Zach Frazer, Sr., OT	
Evan Luthye, Jr., OT	
Jim Pfannerstill, So., C	
Alex Wellman, So., G	
Anthony Kobler, So., QB	3-for-8, 8 yards, 1 INT
Josh Youngblood, So., WR	53 yards on 6 catches (8.8 avg.) in 4 games
Seth Bartlett, Sr., P/K	Averaged 35.8 yards on 65 punts, 1 TB, 6 inside-20; 0-of-1 on FG, 15-of-18 on PAT

Key Returnees – Defense	
Blue Aldridge, Sr., FS	75 tackles (43 solo), 3 INT, 3 fumble recoveries IIAC Rank – t-1st in fumble recoveries
Seth Bartlett, Sr., SS	43 tackles (28 solo), 3 INT
Derrick Clark, Sr., CB	29 tackles (12 solo), 1 INT
Adam Eichhorn, Sr., LB	104 tackles (37 solo), 4 TFL, 1 sack IIAC Rank – 6th in tackles
Chris Gustafson, So., LB	99 tackles (42 solo), 8 TFL, 1 sack IIAC Rank – 7th in tackles
Zach Zousel, Sr., DE	47 tackles (15 solo), 8 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 1 INT

Tough Losses	
Adam Hadenfeldt, QB	99-for-213, 1022 yards, 10 TD, 13 INT, 90.07 pass efficiency; 336 yards on 154 carries (2.2 avg.), 4 TD IIAC Rank – 6th in total offense (135.8/game)
Kyle Koeppen, TE	81 yards on 10 catches (8.1 avg.), 4 TD
Ricky Legree, FB	516 yards on 121 carries (4.3 avg.), 4 TD; 75 yards on 11 catches (6.8 avg.), 2 TD IIAC Rank – 8th in rushing
Tyler Lown, WR/KR	110 yards on 10 catches (11.0 avg.); averaged 18.0 yards on 27 kick returns IIAC Rank – 4th in kick return average
Erik Pederson, WR/PR	345 yards on 30 catches (11.5 avg.), 2 TD; averaged 6.8 yards on 8 punt returns
Mike Griswold, OG	
Brian Benight, NG	61 tackles (15 solo), 2 TFL
Mike Messer, DT	30 tackles (7 solo), 7 TFL, 3 sacks
Casey Raptis, LB	57 tackles (16 solo), 4.5 TFL
Rich Willemstein, DE	42 tackles (24 solo), 11.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Dominic Wilson, LB	65 tackles (28 solo), 4 TFL, 1 sack

University of Dubuque Spartans
(2-8 overall, 1-7 IIAC – t-8th)

Starters Returning: 15

Starters Lost: 7

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 45/7

About the Team: Dubuque returns 45 letterwinners and 15 starters including starters at the offensive skill positions. The Spartans were hit by the injury bug during the 2004 preseason, but were able to overcome those setbacks including those to their top-two quarterbacks and post a 2-8 record that included a victory over IIAC co-Champion Coe. They hope the depth developed because of those injuries will help them in 2005.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Vince Brautigam** says, "Now that our first full class has reached senior status and taken steps each year to improve, we are looking forward to turning the corner from being competitive to having a winning football team."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Jemar Jackson, Jr., QB	Missed 2004 season 2003 stats – 81-for-212, 1181 yards, 7 TD, 15 INT, 81.75 pass efficiency; 259 yads on 126 carries (2.1 avg.), 6 TD
Maurice Avant, Sr., RB	321 yards on 78 carries (4.1 avg.), 2 TD; 77 yards on 13 catches (5.9 avg.)
Josh Staley, Sr., TE/WR	266 yards on 20 catches (13.3 avg.), 1 TD
Dauntae Peterson, Sr., WR	577 yards on 42 catches (13.7 avg.), 4 TD; 50 yards on 19 carries (2.6 avg.), 1 TD IIAC Rank – t-5th in receptions/gm, 8th in receiving yards/gm
D.J. Moore, Jr., Ret.	Averaged 26.3 yards on 21 kick returns; averaged 10.2 yards on 15 punt returns IIAC Rank – t-1st in kick return avg.

Key Returnees – Defense	
Chris Alitz, Sr., DL	22 tackles (12 solo), 3 TFL, 3 sacks
Prince Bussie, Sr., FS	117 tackles (69 solo), 1 TFL IIAC Rank – 2nd in tackles
Thoni Oriental, Sr., CB	2004 First Team All-Conference 48 tackles (31 solo), 5 INT IIAC Rank – t-1st in INT
Rodney Baker II, Sr., DB	65 tackles (38 solo), 8 TFL, 1.5 sacks

Loras College Duhawks
(4-6 overall, 3-5 IIAC – 7th)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 3/6/2

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 8/5/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 21/18

About the Team: **Chris Klieman**, the defensive coordinator the past three seasons, takes over as head coach for **Bob Bierie** who retired after 26 years. Klieman will have to replace two All-Conference running backs which has left an inexperienced backfield whose leading returning rusher had 25 yards last season. The Duhawks hope quarterback **Ron Jankovich** can stay healthy and lead the offense that has only three returning starters but has 15 letterwinners. Defensively, Loras returns six starters from the unit that kept Loras in games as five of its six losses last season were by a total of 15 points.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Chris Klieman** says, "Most of the off-season has been spent implementing our new system. This year we are replacing a coach in Bob Bierie who has been a part of Loras football for the greater portion of his entire life, and the man who helped spearhead the return of the sport to this campus. That is no easy task. There is a lot of excitement surrounding the program with the stadium renovation and all the new faces. We do have a lot of capable athletes, and we are just going have to find the best one for the spot."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Ron Jankovich, Jr., QB	Was injured in 2004 season opener and missed remainder of season 12-for-24, 160 yards, 3 TD, 147.25 pass efficiency in 1 game
Dan Newberry, Jr., RB	25 yards on 4 carries (6.2 avg.) in 6 games
Matt Burds, Sr., WR	570 yards on 39 catches (14.6 avg.), 7 TD; averaged 11.8 yards on 8 punt returns IIAC Rank – 8th in receptions/gm, 9th in receiving yards/gm, t-8th in TD
Mike Girsch, Jr., WR	31 yards on 3 catches (10.3 avg.) in 4 games
Tyler Albers, So., WR/KR	Averaged 21.1 yards on 9 kick returns
Leo Brady, Jr., TE	35 yards on 3 catches (11.7 avg.) in 8 games
Pat Ade, Sr., OG	Could move to Center this year
Patrick Sullivan, Sr., OG	
Joe Greenley, Jr., K	2004 Second Team All-Conference 5-of-8 on FG, 27-of-30 on PAT IIAC Rank – 4th in scoring (kickers)
Tyler Bruening, So., P	Averaged 31.9 yards on 28 punts, 1 TB, 3 inside-20

Key Returnees – Defense	
Ross Dillavou, Sr., DE	Two-time All-Conference 65 tackles (29 solo), 18.5 TFL, 8.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 2nd in TFL, 3rd in sacks
Dan Belknap, Sr., DT	38 tackles (12 solo), 5.5 TFL, 2 sacks
Aaron Chappell, Sr., DT	20 tackles (7 solo), 4 TFL in 6 games
Charles Gaaney, Jr., DT	10 tackles (5 solo), 1 TFL in 8 games
Chris Buesing, Sr., LB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 82 tackles (26 solo), 12.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 10th in TFL, 15th in tackles
Tyson Farley, Jr., S	14 tackles (7 solo), 1 TFL, 1 INT
Adam Laffey, Jr., CB	34 tackles (22 solo), 1 INT
Victor Jones, Sr., CB	24 tackles (14 solo), 1 INT
Zac Scherrman, Jr., CB	15 tackles (11 solo), 2 TFL in 7 games

Tough Losses	
Matt Hinz, QB	124-for-214, 1591 yards, 13 TD, 11 INT, 130.16 pass efficiency, 4 rushing TD IIAC Rank – 1st in pass efficiency, 3rd in passing yards, 3rd in total offense (186.7/gm)
Jeremy Brown, RB	Two-time All-Conference 813 yards on 157 carries (5.2 avg.), 2 TD; 51 yards on 6 catches (8.5 avg.) IIAC Rank – 5th in rushing, 10th in all-purpose yards (86.4/gm.)
Dee Hill, RB	2003 Second Team All-Conference 465 yards on 110 carries (4.2 avg.), 3 TD IIAC Rank – 10th in rushing
Nick Brown, WR	Two-Time All-Conference 592 yards on 42 catches (14.1 avg.), 7 TD IIAC Rank – 5th in receptions/gm, 7th in receiving yards/gm, t-8th in TD
Adam Welbes, TE	2004 Second Team All-Conference 124 yards on 9 catches (13.8 avg.) in 8 games
Jim Milner, OL	Two-time All-Conference
Clint Miller, LB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 66 tackles (34 solo), 15 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 INT IIAC Rank – 4th in TFL
Travis Sullivan, LB	83 tackles (27 solo), 7.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 INT IIAC Rank – 14th in tackles

Luther College Norse
(6-4 overall, 5-3 IIAC – t-3rd)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 8/7/2

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 3/4/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 37/17

About the Team: Luther's 2004 season turned around when **Tyler Sherden** moved from defensive back to running back late in the fourth game. The Norse went 5-1 in their last six games, and Sherden rushed for a Conference-high 1057 yards (105.7 avg. for 10 games, 176.2 avg. for the 6 games he played on offense). Sherden leads a group of eight returning starters on the offensive side. Defensively, two multi-time All-Conference performers graduated, but Luther returns seven starters.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Paul Hefty** says, "We're looking to improve."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Nate Rolland, Sr., QB	101-for-209, 1399 yards, 13 TD, 11 INT, 114.55 pass efficiency; 89 yards on 34 carries (2.6 avg.), 1 TD IIAC Rank – 4th in pass efficiency, 5th in total offense (148.8/gm), 6th in passing yards
Tyler Sherden, Jr., HB/KR	2004 First Team All-Conference 1057 yards on 222 carries (4.8 avg.), 14 TD; 80 yards on 8 catches (10.0 avg.); averaged 25.5 yards on 26 kick returns, 1 TD IIAC Rank – 1st in rushing, 1st in all-purpose yards (180.1/gm), 2nd in kick return avg., 2nd in scoring National Rank – 6th in all-purpose yards
Kyle Pearson, Jr., WR	2004 First Team All-Conference 967 yards on 68 catches (14.2 avg.), 9 TD; averaged 20.9 yards on 9 kick returns IIAC Rank – 2nd in receptions/gm, 2nd in receiving yards/gm, 4th in all-purpose yards (115.5/gm), 7th in scoring
Brett Scheetz, Jr., WR/PR	2004 Second Team All-Conference (Ret. Spec.) 532 yards on 42 catches (12.7 avg.), 2 TD; averaged 11.3 yards on 32 punt returns IIAC Rank – 1st in punt return avg., t-5th in receptions/gm, 8th in all-purpose yards (90.7/gm), 10th in receiving yards/gm
Matt Mello, Jr., LT	
Aaron Keyser, Jr., LG	
Jon Stavast, Jr., RG	2004 First Team All-Conference
Casey Bouska, Jr., C	
Kyle Wickwire, Sr., K	2004 First Team All-Conference 7-of-14 on FG, 35-of-35 on PAT IIAC Rank – 1st in scoring by kickers, t-1st in FGM, 6th in overall scoring
Tony Vanden Heuvel, Sr., P	Averaged 36.3 yards on 51 punts, 2 TD, 14 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 6th in punting average

Key Returnees – Defense	
Hans Gustaf, Sr., DL	39 tackles (17 solo), 10.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Luke Wigle, Jr., DL	38 tackles (17 solo), 8 TFL, 1 sack
Jud Taylor, Jr., LB	46 tackles (15 solo), 1 TFL, 2 INT
Nick Busch, Sr., LB	52 tackles (26 solo), 4.5 TFL, 1 sack in 8 games
Phil Bear, Sr., LB	70 tackles (41 solo), 7 TFL, 2 sacks
Reese Shanahan, Sr., DB	42 tackles (33 solo), 3.5 TFL, 4 INT IIAC Rank – t-3rd in INT
Sam McDonald, Sr., DB	Two-time All-Conference 30 tackles (16 solo), 2 sacks, 3 INT IIAC Rank – t-8th in INT
Mike Tangen, So., DB	23 tackles (12 solo), 3 INT in 6 games

Tough Losses	
Scott Romens, DL	Two-time All-Conference 20 tackles (7 solo), 3.5 TFL
John Jaeger, LB	Three-time All-Conference 88 tackles (37 solo), 12.5 TFL, 2 sacks IIAC Rank – 10th in tackles

Simpson College Storm
(5-5 overall, 4-4 IIAC – 6th)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 10/9/2

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 1/2/0

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 32/9

About the Team: Simpson returns 19 of 22 starters from the 2004 team that led the IIAC in scoring defense, passing defense, and passing offense. The offense is led by two-time All-Conference wide receiver **Dusty Kain** who is on pace to break all Storm receiving records after back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Defensively, All-American end **Jason Ripke** leads a unit that returns nine starters and three All-Conference performers.

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Scott McCarty, Sr., QB	137-for-245, 1646 yards, 11 TD, 13 INT, 116.56 pass efficiency in 7 games
Carl Duffy, Jr., RB	647 yards on 157 carries (4.1 avg.), 2 TD; 125 y ards on 22 catches (5.7 avg.) IIAC Rank – 7th in rushing
Dusty Kain, Sr., WR/PR	Two-time All-Conference 1000 yards on 76 catches (13.2 avg.), 8 TD; averaged 9.5 yards on 12 punt returns IIAC Rank – 1st in receptions/gm, 1st in receiving yards/gm, 5th in all-purpose yards (114.5/gm), 9th in scoring National Rank – 7th in receptions/gm
Kyle Peterson, Jr., WR/KR	625 yards on 51 catches (12.3 avg.), 4 TD; averaged 23.0 yards on 20 kick returns IIAC Rank – 3rd in kick return avg., 4th in receptions/gm, 6th in receiving yards/gm, 6th in all-purpose yards (110.3/gm)
Trent Kain, So., WR	302 yards on 27 catches (11.2 avg.), 2 TD
Shawn Lents, Jr., TE	121 yards on 10 catches (12.1 avg.), 1 TD
Mike Anderson, So., LG	
Craig Rodgers, Sr., RG	
Josh Bervan, Jr., RT	
Andrew Lansink, Sr., C	
Sean Smith, Sr., K	7-of-14 on FG, 20-of-24 on PAT IIAC Rank – t-1st in FGM, 6th in scoring among kickers
Geoff Skinner, Jr., P	Averaged 36.8 yards on 51 punts, 5 TB, 12 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 5th in punting avg.

Key Returnees – Defense	
Jason Ripke, Sr., DE	2004 All-American; two-time All-Conference 87 tackles (39 solo), 31 TFL, 15.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 1st in TFL, 1st in sacks, 11th in tackles National Rank – 1st in TFL, 2nd in sacks
Curtis Head, Sr., NG	9 tackles (1 solo) in 4 games
BJ Bengaard, Jr., DT	2004 Second Team All-Conference 54 tackles (16 solo), 13 TFL, 7.5 sacks, 1 INT IIAC Rank – 4th in sacks, 8th in TFL
Marty Stoelk, Jr., DE	31 tackles (5 solo), 7 TFL, 2 sacks in 8 games
Eric Hentges, Jr., LB	70 tackles (24 solo), 7.5 TFL, 5 sacks, 1 INT IIAC Rank – t-9th in sacks
Chris Kern, Sr., LB	107 tackles (38 solo), 11.5 TFL, 3 sacks IIAC Rank – 5th in tackles
Nick McFall, Sr., CB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 70 tackles (48 solo), 5 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 INT IIAC Rank – t-8th in INT
James Hoffman, Sr., FS	46 tackles (25 solo), 1 TFL, 3 INT
Kirk Sneiderman, Jr., SS	29 tackles (12 solo), 2 TFL, 1 sack

Tough Losses	
Ross Parker, OT	Two-time All-Conference
Jeremy Scott, LB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 93 tackles (33 solo), 10.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 2 INT IIAC Rank – 9th in tackles
Kyle Westphal, CB	Three-time All-Conference 55 tackles (32 solo), 3 TFL, 2 INT

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(8-3 overall, 6-2 IIAC – t-1st)

Starters Returning (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 8/7/0

Starters Lost (Offensive/Defensive/Specialty): 3/4/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 34/19

About the Team: Wartburg looks to win their fourth straight Conference title, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since Central won five straight from 1983-1987. The Knights return seven starters on a defense that has ranked among the nations best each of the last three seasons. Five experienced offensive linemen, an All-Conference running back and a third-year starter at quarterback will lead the offense.

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Rick Willis** says, "This looks to be as tough as the Iowa Conference has been during my nine years at Wartburg. Although we have several experienced returners, we also have numerous questions to answer during our training camp. We hope to have answered them by September 17th when league play begins."

Key Returnees – Offense/Special Teams	
Reed Hoskins, Sr., QB	159-for-305, 1872 yards, 14 TD, 15 INT, 109.00 pass efficiency IIAC Rank – 4th in passing yards, 4th in total offense (166.7/gm), 5th in pass efficiency
Dan Hammes, Jr., RB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 1007 yards on 203 carries (5.0 avg.), 11 TD IIAC Rank – 3rd in rushing, t-4th in scoring, 7th in all-purpose yards (93.3/gm)
Ben Thomsen, Sr., FB	91 yards on 14 catches (6.5 avg.)
Brandon Vinzant, Jr., WR	305 yards on 18 catches, 2 TD in 8 games
Jason Ingle, Sr., OT	
Tom Power, Sr., C	2004 Second Team All-Conference
Lincoln Taylor, Jr., OL	
Andrew Hummer, Jr., OL	
Mike Wubben, So., OL	

Key Returnees – Defense	
Alex Pollock, Jr., LB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 72 tackles (38 solo), 9.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 2 INT
Noah Junge, Jr., DE	2004 First Team All-Conference 45 tackles (28 solo), 13 TFL, 9.5 sacks IIAC Rank – 2nd in sacks, 9th in TFL
Seth Williams, Jr., DT	37 tackles (19 solo), 5.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks
Kyle Costigan, Sr., DE	43 tackles (27 solo), 7.5 TFL, 2 sacks
Nick Weber, So., DB	44 tackles (24 solo), 4 INT IIAC Rank – t-3rd in INT
Todd Achenbach, Sr., DB	34 tackles (24 solo), 1 TFL, 3 INT
Brad Bremer, Sr., SS	39 tackles (22 solo), 1.5 TFL, 1 sack, 2 INT

Tough Losses	
Chris Winter, WR	Two-time All-Conference 824 yards on 62 catches (13.3 avg.), 10 TD IIAC Rank – 3rd in receptions/gm, 3rd in receiving yards/gm, t-4th in scoring, 9th in all-purpose yards (88.3/gm)
Andy Heitman, OL	Three-time All-Conference
Adam Pirkel, TE	139 yards on 9 catches (15.4 avg.)
Brian McIntire, SS	2004 All-American; three-time All-Conference 75 tackles (53 solo), 6.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 3 INT
Jake Burns, FS	38 tackles (23 solo), 3.5 TFL, 3 INT in 8 games
Ben Miller, LB	60 tackles (41 solo), 6 TFL, 2 sacks, 2 INT
Mike Bouska, LB	61 tackles (41 solo), 2.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Jordan Maus, K	6-of-13 on FG, 34-of-36 PAT IIAC Rank – 3rd in scoring among kickers, 10th in overall scoring
Mark Giessman, P	Averaged 39.6 yards on 65 punts, 11 TB, 19 inside-20 IIAC Rank – 3rd in punting avg.