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## 2005 IOWA CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . .** Nine-time defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Central College is the favorite among IIAC coaches to win the 2005 Conference volleyball title. The Dutch received five of seven first-place votes and totaled 53 points, finishing ahead of Wartburg College (47 points, one first-place vote) and Simpson College (44 points, one first-place vote). The complete 2005 IIAC volleyball Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2004 Record
1	Central (5)	53	28-9, 8-0 IIAC
2	Wartburg (1)	47	18-19, 5-3 IIAC
3	Simpson (1)	44	16-19, 4-4 IIAC
4	Dubuque	37	13-22, 3-5 IIAC
5	Buena Vista	32	14-16, 4-4 IIAC
6	Cornell	29	23-13, 5-3 IIAC
7	Loras	25	8-25, 3-5 IIAC
8	Luther	24	13-21, 2-6 IIAC
9	Coe	17	13-22, 2-6 IIAC

**Preseason National Polls:** Central College is ranked 13th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) preseason national poll.

The 2005 volleyball season begins on Friday, September 2, with seven schools in action that day. All nine schools take the court on Saturday, September 3. Conference-play begins on Tuesday, September 6, and concludes with a six-team Conference Tournament on November 4-5, at the highest seed. Under a new Conference policy adopted in May, the IIAC volleyball tournament has changed from a nine-team single-elimination tournament at a predetermined site to a six-team single-elimination tournament at the highest seed.

Complete Iowa Conference volleyball information, including schedules, results, statistics and past season information can be found on the volleyball home page of the Iowa Conference web site at <http://www.iowaconference.com/women/volleyball/index.htm>.

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## Buena Vista University Beavers (14-16 overall, 4-4 IIAC – t-4th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/4**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6**

**About the Team:** Buena Vista has improved its winning percentage each of the last five seasons. To continue that stretch, the Beavers must adjust to first-year head coach **Lindsey Kruse**, overcome the graduation of three starters and the loss of two-time All-Conference setter **Laura Reuter**, who will miss the season due to injury.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Lindsey Kruse** says, "I am really excited about the upcoming season and my first chance to lead Buena Vista. We lose four key contributors from last year's team, so we definitely have some holes to fill. The opportunity is there for some of our younger players to step up. Our goal will be to improve every day."

Key Returnees	
Brooke Bousum, Sr., OH	30 MP/107 GP – .105 hitting pct., 1.0 kills/gm., 0.32 aces/gm., 2.91 digs/gm., 0.12 blocks/gm.
Ashley Wilde, Jr., OH	27 MP/95 GP – .179 hitting pct., 2.84 kills/gm., 0.20 aces/gm., 2.65 digs/gm., 0.32 blocks/gm.
Kim Holmes, Jr., L	28 MP/106 GP – 4.15 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 9th in digs/gm.

Tough Losses	
Alison Olberding, L	29 MP/110 GP – .148 hitting pct., 2.45 kills/gm., 0.25 aces/gm., 0.73 digs/gm., 0.73 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 10th in blocks/gm.
Jennifer Schnoes, MH	29 MP/109 GP – .104 hitting pct., 1.51 kills/gm., 0.56 digs/gm., 0.66 blocks/gm.
Jess Griggs, MH	2004 Second Team All-Conference 29 MP/108 GP – .167 hitting pct., 2.99 kills/gm., 0.28 aces/gm., 3.99 digs/gm., 0.43 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 8th in kills/gm., 10th in digs/gm.
Laura Reuter, S	Two-time All-Conference 30 MP/113 GP – .315 hitting pct., 0.51 kills/gm., 10.10 assists/gm., 2.18 digs/gm., 0.23 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in assists/gm.

## Central College Dutch (28-9 overall, 8-0 IIAC – 1st)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 5/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/4**

**About the Team:** As Central looks for its 10th straight Conference title, it must replace Conference MVP **Jamie Stark** and All-Conference setter **Jodi Taute**. Despite those losses, the Dutch return a veteran squad led by a trio of senior hitters (**Katie Pederson**, **Alex Costigan**, **Kristin Hancock**) and a pair of All-Conference performers (Pederson, **Tessa Prati**).

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Kent Clayberg** says, "We're feeling great about the group that will represent Central Volleyball this fall. We have a very athletic squad, but more importantly, they are a very committed group of individuals who understand and believe in what Central Volleyball is all about. Central will have a nice blend of experience and youth. We lost some great players to graduation, but we have great players ready to step in and represent us well. Our attack will be very balanced, and I believe we'll be a very strong defensive club. We'll definitely be a team that gets stronger as the season progresses. We look forward to a very competitive Iowa Conference season, and anticipate intense battles every week. With the high level of coaching talent in the league, no match is going to be easy."

Key Returnees	
Katie Pederson, Sr., MH	2004 All-Central Region; 2004 First Team All-Conference 37 MP/119 GP - .361 hitting pct., 2.93 kills/gm., 0.42 digs/gm., 1.06 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in hitting pct., 2nd in blocks/gm., 9th in kills/gm.
Alex Costigan, Sr., OH	36 MP/109 GP - .183 hitting pct., 2.53 kills/gm., 0.28 aces/gm., 4.67 digs/gm., 0.45 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 8th in digs/gm.
Kristin Hancock, Sr., OH	36 MP/104 GP - .168 hitting pct., 3.15 kills/gm., 0.36 aces/gm., 3.47 digs/gm., 0.38 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 6th in kills/gm., 10th in aces/gm.
Tessa Prati, Jr., RS	2004 Second Team All-Conference 36 MP/120 GP - .232 hitting pct., 2.33 kills/gm., 2.12 digs/gm., 0.73 blocks/gm.
Alicia Whisner, Jr., L/OH	32 MP/85 GP - .184 hitting pct., 0.86 kills/gm., 0.42 aces/gm., 5.20 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 4th in aces/gm., 5th in digs/gm.
Terri Berger, So., S	24 MP/47 GP - .234 hitting pct., 0.91 kills/gm., 6.28 assists/gm., 0.36 aces/gm., 1.57 digs/gm.
Katie Johnson, So., MH	18 MP/28 GP - .305 hitting pct., 1.50 kills/gm., 0.86 digs/gm., 0.36 blocks/gm.
Katherine Pugh, Jr., L	15 MP/19 GP – 2.58 digs/gm.

Newcomers To Watch	
Whitney Taylor, So., S	Jennifer Menary, So., OH
Jennifer Laughlin, So., S	Megan Hansen, So., MH
Allison Ripperger, So., OH	Garra Williams, So., MH/RS
Traci Dyer, So., OH	Kelli Olson, So., RS

Tough Losses	
Jamie Stark, MH	2004 All-Central Region; 2004 IIAC MVP, two-time All-Conference 37 MP/127 GP - .331 hitting pct., 2.89 kills/gm., 0.46 aces/gm., 1.20 digs/gm., 0.71 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 2nd in hitting pct., 2nd in aces/gm., 10th in kills/gm.
Jodi Taute, S	2004 First Team All-Conference 37 MP/108 GP - .172 hitting pct., 0.78 kills/gm., 9.53 assists/gm., 2.32 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 3rd in assists/gm.

**Coe College Kohawks**  
**(13-22 overall, 2-6 IIAC – t-8th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 5/2**

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

**About the Team:** Despite its record, Coe ranked in the middle of the Conference in most statistical categories in 2004. With five returning starters, the Kohawks hope the experience will help their play reflect their record. The team ranked second in opponents' hitting percentage (.159), fourth in digs (17.89/game), fifth in service aces (1.70/game), sixth in assists (10.95/game), sixth in kills (12.22/game) and sixth in blocks (1.98/game).

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Heather Schmidt** says, "The 2005 season for Coe Volleyball is going to be an exciting one. We will have experience, talent, dedication, and hopefully this will all pay off in the end over our competition."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Kristen Stock, Jr., OH	35 MP/117 GP - .162 hitting pct., 2.16 kills/gm., 0.21 aces/gm., 3.16 digs/gm.
Kristi Upah, So., S	35 MP/118 GP – 6.16 assists/gm., 1.92 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 9th in assists/gm.
Heather Noll, Sr., RS	35 MP/116 GP - .157 hitting pct., 2.16 kills/gm., 0.50 digs/gm., 0.67 blocks/gm.
Shanon Nelson, So., OH	31 MP/104 GP - .157 hitting pct., 1.90 kills/gm., 0.27 aces/gm., 0.99 digs/gm., 0.67 blocks/gm.
Rachel Schmidt, Jr., MH	30 MP/85 GP - .106 hitting pct., 1.81 kills/gm., 0.31 aces/gm., 1.75 digs/gm., 0.36 blocks/gm.
Tracey Freiberg, Jr., S	25 MP/48 GP - .222 hitting pct., 3.67 assists/gm., 0.27 aces/gm., 1.75 digs/gm.
Emily Ita, So., MH	14 MP/37 GP - .199 hitting pct., 1.92 kills/gm., 0.73 blocks/gm.
Courtney Pilch, Jr., DS	Limited to 6 matches due to injury 6 MP/8 GP – 2.75 digs/gm.

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Ashley Starks, MH	29 MP/88 GP - .158 hitting pct., 2.22 kills/gm., 1.44 digs/gm., 0.32 blocks/gm.
Cassidy Brandt, S	31 MP/87 GP – 4.41 assists/gm., 0.26 aces/gm., 1.92 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 10th in assists/gm.
Amber Karkosh, So., L	33 MP/108 GP – 0.43 aces/gm., 5.72 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 2nd in digs/gm., 3rd in aces/gm.
Leatha James, OH	14 MP/36 GP - .106 hitting pct., 2.44 kills/gm., 0.53 digs/gm., 0.50 blocks/gm.
Jasmine Jones-Green, OH	19 MP/50 GP - .169 hitting pct., 1.70 kills/gm., 0.56 digs/gm., 0.92 blocks/gm.

## Cornell College Rams (23-13 overall, 5-3 IIAC – t-2nd)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/3**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/9**

**About the Team:** Cornell is coming off back-to-back winning seasons, a feat it hasn't reached since 1989-90 and its first above .500 Conference record since joining the Iowa Conference (in 1997). To continue their climb, the Rams must overcome the loss of All-Conference performers **Kori Sims** and **Melanie Manz**, and record setting libero **Dana Serafini**. The team should receive a boost from the return of setter **Jenny Chamberlain**, who missed the 2004 season while studying in France.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Jeff Meeker** says, "We are very excited about the 2005 season. We are looking to build upon our success from 2004 and hope to have another quality campaign this fall. We have several key players returning to anchor our team and will look for some new faces to contribute. I expect the conference to be very balanced which will make for many great match-ups throughout the season."

Key Returnees	
Michelle Ditch, Jr., MH/RS	19 MP/62 GP - .211 hitting pct., 1.94 kills/gm., 0.66 digs/gm., 0.63 blocks/gm.
Hope Coffin, So., S	31 MP/104 GP - .080 hitting pct., 0.37 kills/gm., 9.93 assists/gm., 0.46 aces/gm., 2.12 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in aces/gm., 2nd in assists/gm.
Jessica Preiss, So., MH	29 MP/96 GP - .138 hitting pct., 1.69 kills/gm., 0.69 blocks/gm.
Jill Hopper, Jr., OH	31 MP/110 GP - .142 hitting pct., 2.36 kills/gm., 1.38 digs/gm., 0.44 blocks/gm.
Kylie Bauman, So., OH	13 MP/26 GP - .078 hitting pct., 1.23 kills/gm., 0.23 aces/gm., 2.23 digs/gm., 0.35 blocks/gm.
Julia Clark, Sr., L/DS	13 MP/41 GP - 0.22 aces/gm., 3.07 digs/gm.
Amber Hein, So., L/DS	34 MP/119 GP - 0.21 aces/gm., 1.75 digs/gm.
Jenny Chamberlain, Sr., S	Missed 2004 season while studying in France 2003 stats – 33 MP/115 GP - .189 hitting pct., 0.42 kills/gm., 8.36 assists/gm., 0.68 aces/gm., 2.11 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in aces/gm., 5th in assists/gm.

Newcomers To Watch	
Heather Bhimull, Fr., OH	Jessica Eggert, Fr., RS
Tiffany Cowan, Fr., MH	Megan Michalski, Fr., DS
Amy DeWitz, Fr., OH/DS	Heather Roberts, Fr., OH

Tough Losses	
Kori Sims, MH	Two-time All-Conference 33 MP/127 GP - .303 hitting pct., 3.80 kills/gm., 0.22 aces/gm., 1.29 digs/gm., 0.93 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in kills/gm., 3rd in hitting pct., 7th in blocks/gm.
Melanie Manz, OH	2004 Second Team All-Conference 36 MP/136 GP - .246 hitting pct., 3.29 kills/gm., 0.75 digs/gm., 0.29 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 3rd in kills/gm., 8th in hitting pct.
Dana Serafini, L	36 MP/136 GP - .116 hitting pct., 0.31 aces/gm., 5.43 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 3rd in digs/gm.
Lynn Schneider, RS	29 MP/78 GP - .113 hitting pct., 1.10 kills/gm., 0.40 digs/gm., 0.58 blocks/gm.
Christina Suh, DS	24 MP/75 GP - 0.36 aces/gm., 1.95 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 7th in aces/gm.
Jamie Wallace, RS	32 MP/85 GP - .106 hitting pct., 1.39 kills/gm., 0.20 aces/gm., 1.94 digs/gm., 0.27 blocks/gm.

**University of Dubuque Spartans**  
**(13-22 overall, 3-5 IIAC – t-6th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/1**

**About the Team:** Dubuque must overcome the loss of **Michelle Barkley**, who led the Conference in digs/game and must adjust to first-year coach **Cole Tallman**. Middle blockers **Taylor Foltz** and **Jodi Thomas** both ranked among the Conference's top-10 hitters last season and will be looked upon to bring the Spartans back to the top half of the Conference standings, a place they have been seven of the last nine years.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Cole Tallman** says, "One of the many benefits of having some success in coaching is the opportunity to become part of an outstanding university and one of the nation's best athletic conferences. UD Volleyball will strive to become a part of the institution's overall commitment to excellence and service to others. The University of Dubuque campus community deserves an outstanding volleyball program that compliments the Athletic Department's mission for outstanding achievements in and outside the classroom. Overall, the goal of UD Volleyball continues to be the desire to impact volleyball at the conference, regional and national levels."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Taylor Foltz, Sr., MB	2004 Second Team All-Conference 34 MP/126 GP - .274 hitting pct., 3.19 kills/gm., 1.34 digs/gm., 0.64 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 5th in hitting pct., 5th in kills/gm.
Jodi Thomas, Sr., MB	28 MP/101 GP - .261 hitting pct., 2.73 kills/gm., 0.74 digs/gm., 1.01 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 4th in blocks/gm., 6th in hitting pct.
Jodi Klepinger, Jr., OH	35 MP/123 GP - .154 hitting pct., 2.18 kills/gm., 0.22 aces/gm., 1.99 digs/gm., 0.39 blocks/gm.
Abbie Hillard, Jr., S	33 MP/120 GP - .250 hitting pct., 3.28 assists/gm., 0.22 aces/gm., 2.64 digs/gm.
WnLyn Brunson, Sr., DS/L	14 MP/33 GP - .100 hitting pct., 1.39 digs/gm.

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Michelle Barkley, DS/L	2004 Second Team All-Conference 34 MP/122 GP – 6.11 digs/gm., 0.29 aces/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in digs/gm.

## Loras College Duhawks (8-25 overall, 3-5 IIAC – t-6th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 2/4**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/6**

**About the Team:** With just one senior (**Ashley Zimmerman**), two returning starters and seven newcomers, Loras will rely heavily on a pair of sophomore setters, **Erica Richman** and **Liz Paunicka**, to return the team to the .500 mark where it had been for seven straight years before falling below that mark last season.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Brian Meeter** says, "This year will again see competitive balance in the IIAC. The core group of coaches and their staffs are making great strides to bridge the gap between top and bottom of the conference. Once again, the usual suspects will be at or near the top, but look for great things from the rest of the conference."

Key Returnees	
Erica Richman, So., S	32 MP/115 GP - .114 hitting pct., 8.94 assists/gm., 0.38 aces/gm., 2.88 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 4th in assists/gm., 6th in aces/gm.
Liz Paunicka, So., S	18 MP/46 GP – 4.17 assists/gm., 1.37 digs/gm.
Kate Sievers, Jr., OH/MH	33 MP/115 GP - .138 hitting pct., 2.71 kills/gm., 0.25 aces/gm., 3.50 digs/gm., 0.30 blocks/gm.
Ashley Zimmerman, Sr., OH	16 MP/40 GP - .072 hitting pct., 1.75 kills/gm., 0.20 aces/gm., 1.90 digs/gm., 0.43 blocks/gm.
Jaime Mayer, So., OH	12 MP/25 GP - .069 hitting pct., 0.30 aces/gm., 1.84 digs/gm.
Jenna Kollasch, So., RS/MH	17 MP/52 GP – .036 hitting pct., 1.56 kills/gm., 0.33 digs/gm., 0.38 blocks/gm.
Catherine Carmody, Jr., L/DS	9 MP/14 GP – 0.64 digs/gm.
Sabrina Holian, So., L/DS	16 MP/35 GP – 2.43 digs/gm.

Newcomers To Watch	
Jessica Hinrichs, So., RS	Catharine Connolly, So., OH
Amanda Lynch, So., RS	Jenna Fuhrman, So., MH
Kimberly Chalekian, Fr., S	Maggie Huguelet, Fr., RS/MH
Betsy Neverman, Fr., OH	

Tough Losses	
Sara Langel, MH	32 MP/119 GP - .189 hitting pct., 2.08 kills/gm., 0.32 aces/gm., 1.13 digs/gm., 0.94 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 6th in blocks
Abby Dunsworth, MH	33 MP/124 GP - .140 hitting pct., 1.92 kills/gm., 0.44 digs/gm., 0.60 blocks/gm.
Allison Naddy, OH	31 MP/112 GP - .137 hitting pct., 3.21 kills/gm., 0.30 aces/gm., 3.30 digs/gm., 0.38 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 4th in kills/gm.
Jamie Bahr, RS	30 MP/113 GP - .043 hitting pct., 1.27 kills/gm., 0.21 aces/gm., 0.82 digs/gm.
Linda Huemann, L/DS	29 MP/93 GP – 2.20 digs/gm.

**Luther College Norse**  
**(13-21 overall, 2-6 IIAC – t-8th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4**

**About the Team:** Luther has experience coming back with nine letterwinners but the Norse are young as four of the nine are sophomores that saw considerable playing time last year. The team should also receive a boost from the return of **Karen Roehrick**, who missed last season due to academic requirements for her nursing degree. As a sophomore in 2003, she ranked among the Conference leaders in hitting percentage.

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Megan Santjer, Sr., MH	34 MP/113 GP - .234 hitting pct., 2.55 kills/gm., 0.32 aces/gm., 2.48 digs/gm., 0.65 blocks/gm.
Katie Hopp, Sr., MH	34 MP/119 GP - .211 hitting pct., 2.34 kills/gm., 0.29 aces/gm., 2.77 digs/gm., 0.66 blocks/gm.
Abby Lahr, So., OH	34 MP/111 GP - .239 hitting pct., 1.99 kills/gm., 1.08 digs/gm., 0.28 blocks/gm.
Cate Dahlberg, So., S	34 MP/119 GP - .108 hitting pct., 0.11 kills/gm., 6.61 assists/gm., 0.23 aces/gm., 1.68 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 7th in assists
Autumn Fahning, Sr., H	22 MP/32 GP - .129 hitting pct., 0.78 kills/gm., 0.66 digs/gm.
Karen Roehrick, Sr., H	Missed last season due to academic requirements towards her nursing degree 2003 Stats – 26 MP/90 GP - .236 hitting pct., 2.30 kills/gm., 0.70 digs/gm.
LeAnn Woods, Jr., S	25 MP/63 GP – 1.27 digs/gm.
Anne Fergesen, So., H	27 MP/72 GP - .191 hitting pct., 0.83 kills/gm., 0.33 digs/gm., 0.21 blocks/gm.
Leah Sikora, So., H	34 MP/113 GP - .155 hitting pct., 1.68 kills/gm., 0.73 digs/gm., 0.38 blocks/gm.

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Amanda Stratton, OH	31 MP/104 GP - .252 hitting pct., 2.86 kills/gm., 0.82 digs/gm., 0.32 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 7th in hitting pct.
Molly Ness, L	2004 Second Team All-Conference 34 MP/118 GP – 0.36 aces/gm., 4.80 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 7th in digs/gm., 9th in aces/gm.

## Simpson College Storm (16-19 overall, 4-4 IIAC – t-4th)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/2**

**About the Team:** As Simpson looks to move back above .500, where it has been every year since 2000, the Storm must replace three-time All-Conference performer and 2003 Conference MVP **Shannon Stewart**, with a line-up that features just two seniors (**Ashley McGraw** and **Sarah Pearson**). The Storm will be led by juniors **Kelsey Hagerty**, a 2004 All-Conference selection, and **Marcie McQuinn**, who became the seventh Simpson setter to record 1000 assists in a season.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Lana Smith** says, "We have a committed core of returning players who gained valuable experience last season as underclassmen. We hope that experience will pay off as we continue to improve with each match and battle for the Iowa Conference title. Our challenge will be to be ready to play each night as our strong competitive schedule will test our experience and make us better."

Key Returnees	
Tiffany Everding, Jr., OH	34 MP/126 GP - .186 hitting pct., 2.25 kills/gm., 0.24 aces/gm., 2.94 digs/gm.
Kelsey Hagerty, Jr., MH	2004 Second Team All-Conference 35 MP/129 GP - .176 hitting pct., 2.59 kills/gm., 0.29 aces/gm., 1.75 digs/gm., 0.71 blocks/gm.
Jessica Martin, Jr., OH	33 MP/118 GP - .197 hitting pct., 2.87 kills/gm., 0.28 aces/gm., 2.79 digs/gm., 0.83 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 9th in blocks/gm.
Marcie McQuinn, Jr., S	35 MP/129 GP – 7.83 assists/gm., 1.33 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 5th in assists/gm.
Erika Amfahr, So., OH	27 MP/84 GP - .132 hitting pct., 1.69 kills/gm., 0.35 aces/gm., 0.93 digs/gm., 0.38 blocks/gm.
Shelly Hagerty, So., S	17 MP/49 GP – 4.47 assists/gm., 0.71 digs/gm.
Stacey Johnson, Jr., S	22 MP/59 GP – 5.41 assists/gm., 0.32 aces/gm., 0.73 digs/gm.
Ashley McGraw, Sr., L	35 MP/125 GP - 0.27 aces/gm., 3.76 digs/gm.
Sarah Pearson, Sr., OH/MH	34 MP/119 GP - .213 hitting pct., 2.05 kills/gm., 0.51 digs/gm., 0.71 blocks/gm.

Newcomers To Watch	
Janay Michel, Jr., MH/OH	

Tough Losses	
Shannon Stewart, OH	2003 IIAC MVP, three-time All-Conference 30 MP/98 GP - .210 hitting pct., 3.13 kills/gm., 0.41 aces/gm., 2.31 digs/gm., 0.48 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 5th in aces/gm., 7th in kills/gm.
Jamie Cusick, MH	33 MP/101 GP - .106 hitting pct., 1.89 kills/gm., 1.42 digs/gm., 0.48 blocks/gm.

## Wartburg College Knights (18-19 overall, 5-3 IIAC – t-2nd)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2**

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

**About the Team:** Coming off its first losing season since 1999, Wartburg will rely heavily on senior **Shelby Schneider**, junior **Sheen Treanor** and 2004 AVCA Central Region Freshman of the Year **Ashley Rogers** to lead the team back among the top teams in the region and to the NCAA Tournament, where it had been the previous three years.

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Jennifer Walker** says, "Wartburg will be considered a young team in 2005 since approximately two-thirds of the team will be first- and second-year student-athletes. But even though our upperclassmen will be small in numbers, from these individuals we will have great leadership and guidance for our younger players. Our returners are also looking to redeem themselves after the 2004 season. Last year we didn't compete at the level we wanted to and a lot of that was due to mental toughness. This year's team is focused on success and is ready to do what it is going to take to get Wartburg back to competing at a national level."

Key Returnees	
Shelby Schneider, Sr., RS	32 MP/107 GP - .113 hitting pct., 1.60 kills/gm., 0.85 digs/gm., 0.97 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 5th in blocks/gm.
Sheena Treanor, Jr., OH	Two-time All-Conference 36 MP/128 GP - .245 hitting pct., 1.98 kills/gm., 0.50 digs/gm., 1.09 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 1st in blocks/gm., 10th in hitting pct.
Ashley Rogers, So., OH	2004 Central Region Freshman of the Year; 2004 First Team All-Conference 37 MP/134 GP - .282 hitting pct., 3.46 kills/gm., 0.20 aces/gm., 2.98 digs/gm., 0.84 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 2nd in kills/gm., 4th in hitting pct., 8th in blocks/gm.
Ashley Steines, So., L	37 MP/134 GP - .036 aces/gm., 5.07 digs/gm. IIAC Rank – 6th in digs/gm., 8th in aces/gm.

Tough Losses	
Renae Grafft, OH	2004 First Team All-Conference 37 MP/132 GP - .246 hitting pct., 2.87 kills/gm., 3.81 digs/gm., 1.03 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 3rd in blocks/gm., 9th in hitting pct.
Sarah Olsen, S	36 MP/124 GP - .141 hitting pct., 0.80 kills/gm., 6.23 assists/gm., 2.31 digs/gm., 0.35 blocks/gm. IIAC Rank – 8th in assists/gm.