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2005-06 IOWA CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Wartburg College, with three starters and 14 letterwinners returning, is the pick of the IIAC men's basketball coaches to repeat as Conference Champion in 2005-06.

The Knights garnered eight first-place votes for 72 points to finish ahead of Coe College (57 points), Loras College (one first-place vote, 53 points) and 2005 Tournament Champion Buena Vista University (53 points) in the IIAC men's basketball Coaches' Poll. Coe, which has three starters and nine letterwinners returning, received five second-place votes and a third-place vote. Loras has three starters and five letterwinners from its third-place team last year, received a first-place vote, two second-place and two third-place votes. Buena Vista, which has won four of the last six Conference Championships, lost all five starters and its top-six scorers from last year's NCAA qualifying team, received a second-place vote and three third-place votes.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2004-05 Record
1	Wartburg (8)	72	23-5, 15-1 IIAC
2	Coe	57	14-13, 9-7 IIAC
3-t	Loras (1)	53	18-8, 12-4 IIAC
3-t	Buena Vista	53	26-4, 14-2 IIAC
5	Simpson	48	8-18, 4-12 IIAC
6	Dubuque	36	11-14, 6-10 IIAC
7	Luther	33	8-19, 5-11 IIAC
8	Central	28	7-19, 4-12 IIAC
9	Cornell	16	6-19, 3-13 IIAC

Returning All-Conference Performers: Eight former All-Conference performers return to their teams' line-ups this year led by two-time First Team All-Conference selection **Jason Steege**, a senior guard from Wartburg and 2004-05 IIAC Most Valuable Player **Nate Schmidt**, a senior forward/center from Wartburg. Both players were Second Team All-Region selections last season, Schmidt by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and d3hoops.com, and Steege by the NABC.

Loras and Luther also return two All-Conference performers. Senior guard **Greg King** was a Second Team All-Conference selection for Loras last year and senior guard **Bobby Stineman** was a First Teamer in 2002-03. Luther senior guard **Andy Rump** earned Second Team honors last year and senior forward **Jake Lappe** was a Second Team selection in 2003-04 but did not play last year.

Dubuque junior forward **Nick Thomas** was a First Team All-Conference and Third Team d3hoops.com All-Region selection last year. Simpson junior guard **Jason Parkinson** was a Second Team All-Conference selection in 2004-05.

National Polls: Wartburg is ranked in two national preseason polls. The Knights are ranked 14th by d3hoops.com and 16th by the DIII News. Buena Vista is listed among others receiving votes by d3hoops.com.

New Coach: **Patrick Juckem** takes over as head coach at Coe replacing **Brent Brase**, who stepped down to become the women's coach at Cornell. Juckem spent six years at Lawrence College, including the last three as associate head coach.

2005-06 Season: The 2005-06 men's basketball season begins on Friday, November 19. The first Conference game is Tuesday, November 29. IAC action hits full swing on Wednesday, January 4 and concludes with a six-team Conference Tournament in late February. Under a new Conference policy adopted in May 2005, the IAC basketball tournaments have changed from an eight-team format to a six-team format with the top two seeds receiving a bye in the first round. The Conference semifinals have also been switched from Friday night to Thursday night. The higher seeded team will host each game.

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

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Buena Vista University Beavers (26-4 overall, 14-2 IIAC – 2nd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 0/5

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/6

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Brian Van Haaften** says, "We have a real solid group of athletes and talent. But what I like most is our leadership, and our personality. We expect to have a solid year, and challenge for the league title. We also understand that the race will be very difficult as many teams are very good. We are really looking forward to a fun and exciting year in the IIAC."

Key Returnees	
Matt Wittry, Sr., G	30 GP – 3.0 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 106 assists, 24 steals, 43.1 percent FG, 27.8 percent 3-pt FG, 60.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in assist/turnover ratio (2.00), 3rd in assists/gm (3.53)
Mark Joekel, Jr., F	30 GP – 3.0 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 14 assists, 9 steals, 46.4 percent FG, 21.9 percent 3-pt FG, 60.0 percent FT
Jesse Schmidt, Sr., F	25 GP – 3.0 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 9 assists, 9 steals, 48.3 percent FG, 41.7 percent 3-pt FG, 48.0 percent FT
Nolan Grimm, Sr., G	22 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 5 assists, 5 steals, 46.7 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG, 76.5 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Matt Cleveland, Fr., F	Brian Fogleman, Fr., F/C
Teddy Hawley, Fr., G	Casey Morgan, Fr., F/C
Travis Person, So., F	Andre Wagner, Fr., G

Tough Losses	
Brandon Kies, F	30 GP – 8.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 39 assists, 18 steals, 10 blocks, 53.0 percent FG, 37.0 percent FT, 68.3 percent FT
Eric Wiebers, G	Three-time All-Conference, 2002-03 IIAC MVP, three-time All-Region 30 GP – 15.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 107 assists, 46 steals, 44.0 percent FG, 40.2 percent 3-pt FG, 80.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in assist/gm (3.57), t-2nd in steals/gm (1.53), 3rd in scoring, 3rd in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.67), 3rd in assist/turnover ratio (1.34), 8th in 3-pt FG pct., t-9th in FT pct. National rank – 39th in 3-pt FG pct.
Michael Cameron, F	2004-05 First Team All-Conference 30 GP – 13.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 69 assists, 46 steals, 19 blocks, 50.0 percent FG, 42.0 percent 3-pt FG, 87.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in FT pct., t-2nd in steals/gm (1.53), 5th in 3-pt FG pct., 10th in scoring, 13th in FG pct., 13th in blocks/gm (0.63), 15th in assists/gm (2.30), 15th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.40) National rank – 18th in FT pct.
Randy Bissen, F	2004-05 First Team All-Conference 30 GP – 13.4 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 40 assists, 41 steals, 30 blocks, 57.3 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 54.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in rebounding, 6th in FG pct., 6th in blocks/gm (1.00), 7th in steals/gm (1.37), 11th in scoring
Jordan Campbell, F	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 30 GP – 11.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 40 assists, 40 blocks, 22 steals, 50.2 percent FG, 38.0 percent 3-pt FG, 74.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in blocks/gm (1.33), 12th in rebounding, 12th in FG pct., 20th in scoring
Reece Viet, F	26 GP – 3.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 18 assists, 10 steals, 37.8 percent FG, 30.4 percent 3-pt FG, 73.6 percent FT

Central College Dutch (7-19 overall, 4-12 IIAC – t-7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Mike Boschee** says, "We are looking forward to another exciting year of Iowa basketball. The conference looks to be as tough as ever, so being one of the top teams will be very challenging. I like the group of guys we have in the program. They all seem to have made strides in the off-season and hopefully it will pay dividends down the road."

Key Returnees	
Clint Driftmier, Sr., C	24 GP – 12.4 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 22 assists, 20 blocks, 15 steals, 59.5 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 71.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in FG pct., 3rd in rebounding, 11th in blocks/gm (0.83), 13th in scoring
Simeon Lang, So., F	26 GP – 8.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 64 assists, 14 steals, 42.7 percent FG, 29.7 percent 3-pt FG, 71.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 10th in assists/gm (2.46)
Brett DeHoogh, So., G	26 GP – 5.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 103 assists, 22 steals, 27.2 percent FG, 16.7 percent 3-pt FG, 65.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in assists/gm (3.96), 4th in assist/turnover ratio (1.30)
Keith Pedersen, So., F	25 GP – 8.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 24 assists, 23 blocks, 17 steals, 59.1 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 51.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in FG pct., 7th in blocks/gm (0.92)
Chris Nelson, Sr., G	23 GP – 8.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 52 assists, 14 steals, 39.3 percent FG, 32.3 percent 3-pt FG, 55.6 percent FT
Jeff Corkrean, Jr., G	19 GP – 1.2 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 8 assists, 6 steals, 38.1 percent FG, 38.9 percent 3-pt FG
Zak Clark, So., G	24 GP – 4.2 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 43 assists, 20 steals, 37.2 percent FG, 39.0 3-pt FG, 79.4 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Ben Barnett, Fr., G	
Nino Hertogs, Jr., F	
Taylor Lind, Fr., G	
David Poetting, Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Scott Huisman, F	Two-time All-Conference 23 GP – 14.2 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 30 blocks, 18 assists, 23 steals, 54.5 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 83.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in blocks/gm (1.30), 6th in rebounding, 6th in FT pct., 7th in scoring, 8th in FG pct.
Doug Hooker, G	26 GP – 2.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 57 assists, 14 steals, 34.4 percent FG, 37.0 percent 3-pt FG, 63.6 percent FT

Coe College Kohawks
(14-13 overall, 9-7 IIAC – 4th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Patrick Juckem** says, "We have a hungry basketball team who should continue to improve as they grow more comfortable with our system of play. We look forward to competing night in and night out against the high quality teams that make up the IIAC."

Key Returnees	
Brian Brungard, So., G	27 GP – 10.3 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 48 assists, 35 steals, 40.0 percent FG, 40.9 percent 3-pt FG, 80.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in 3-pt FG pct., t-9th in FT pct., 9th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.00), t-9th in steals/gm (1.30), 22nd in scoring
Cory DeShaw, Sr., G	27 GP – 6.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 61 assists, 35 steals, 44.2 percent FG, 42.3 percent 3-pt FG, 74.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in 3-pt FG pct., t-9th in steals/gm (1.30), 12th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.63)
Kyle Kuenstling, So., F	27 GP – 12.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 51 assists, 30 blocks, 24 steals, 64.5 percent FG, 40.0 percent 3-pt FG, 75.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in FG pct., 5th in rebounding, 5th in blocks/gm (1.11), 17th in scoring
Brad Axdahl, Sr., G	27 GP – 6.0 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 24 assists, 12 steals, 42.7 percent FG, 32.7 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT
Zach Dillon, Jr., F	27 GP – 3.7 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 10 assists, 8 steals, 41.3 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG, 74.4 percent FT
Chris Krueger, Jr., G	27 GP – 3.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 55 assists, 8 steals, 41.3 percent FG, 42.9 percent 3-pt FG, 78.6 percent FT
Rob Hanna, So., G	22 GP – 3.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 13 assists, 12 steals, 31.8 percent FG, 36.4 percent 3-pt FG, 82.4 percent FT
Chris Kehe, So., F	27 GP – 2.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 11 assists, 3 steals, 34.6 percent FG, 28.6 percent 3-pt FG, 78.6 percent FT

Tough Losses	
Nick Wilkins, G	Two-time All-Conference 27 GP – 11.3 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 77 assists, 25 steals, 43.1 percent FG, 45.8 percent 3-pt FG, 88.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in FT pct., 1st in 3-pt FG pct., t-7th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.04), 8th in assists/gm (2.85), 19th in scoring
Seth Hamilton, C	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 12.4 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 48 assists, 25 steals, 11 blocks, 56.0 percent FG, 57.6 percent 3-pt FG, 70.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in FG pct., 9th in rebounding, t-14th in scoring

Cornell College Rams
(6-19 overall, 3-13 IIAC – 9th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/7

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Mike DeGeorge** says, "We will be young and lacking dominant post play. Our effort, concentration and team dynamic have been outstanding through the pre-season. The key to our success will be maintaining these things until we are ready to have success. This group can really score. Once we learn to take care of the ball and consistently execute our defense, we will be very competitive."

Key Returnees	
Cameron Wendt, Sr., F	25 GP – 4.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 34 assists, 5 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 23.5 percent 3-pt FG, 48.6 percent FT
Jeff Ecker, Sr., G	25 GP – 15.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 41 assists, 32 steals, 11 blocks, 41.7 percent FG, 39.0 percent 3-pt FG, 82.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.76), 4th in scoring, 11th in steals/gm (1.28), 12th in 3-pt FG pct.
Andrew Peternel, Sr., G	Missed most of 2004-05 season due to injury 2003-04 stats: 25 GP – 2.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 41 assists, 25 steals, 32.7 percent FG, 68.8 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Forrest Becker, Fr., F	
Ray Byrns, Fr., G	
Tyler Cody, Fr., F	
Griffin LaDew, Fr., G	
Michael Tierney, Fr., G	

Tough Losses	
Dan McClanahan, F	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 17 GP – 17.6 percent ppg, 5.8 rpg, 39 assists, 18 steals, 11 blocks, 50.5 percent FG, 25.0 percent 3-pt FG, 74.1 percent FT
Mike Halac, C	25 GP – 11.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 52 assists, 30 steals, 48.9 percent FG, 32.6 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in rebounding, t-14th in steals/gm (1.20), 15th in FG pct., 18th in scoring
Nick Christensen, G	25 GP – 10.2 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 58 assists, 8 steals, 39.1 percent FG, 38.0 percent 3-pt FG, 70.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.28), 13th in 3-pt FG pct., 14th in assist/gm (2.32), 23rd in scoring
Zack Heindel, F	25 GP – 6.0 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 54 assists, 30 steals, 10 blocks, 50.4 percent FG, 34.0 percent FT IIAC rank – t-14th in steals/gm (1.20), 19th in rebounding
Erik Pedersen, G	25 GP – 1.9 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 30 assists, 12 steals, 25.5 percent FG, 23.8 percent 3-pt FG, 54.2 percent FT
Justin Decker, G	18 GP – 1.7 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 11 assists, 9 steals, 23.1 percent FG, 23.8 percent 3-pt FG, 58.3 percent FT

University of Dubuque Spartans
(11-14 overall, 6-10 IIAC – 5th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/3

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Marty McDermott** says, "I am excited about this group. They are great kids who have bought in to what we are trying to do. We hope to continue climbing the ladder in the Iowa Conference."

Key Returnees	
Nick Thomas, Jr., F	2004-05 First Team All-Conference; d3hoops.com All-Region Third Team 25 GP – 25.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 37 assists, 70 steals, 42.1 percent FG, 35.4 percent 3-pt FG, 85.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in scoring, 1st in 3-pt FGM/gm (3.16), 1st in steals/gm (2.80), 5th in FT pct., 14th in rebounding National rank – 7th in scoring, 11th in steals/gm, 30th in 3-pt FGM/gm, 33rd in FT pct.
Tyler Daugherty, So., G	25 GP – 14.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 73 assists, 37 steals, 40.3 percent FG, 39.3 percent 3-pt FG, 76.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.36), 6th in assist/gm (2.92), 6th in steals/gm (1.48), 8th in scoring, 9th in 3-pt FG pct., 13th in rebounding, 14th in FT pct.
Luke Stotmeister, So., F	20 GP – 9.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 21 assists, 17 blocks, 16 steals, 42.4 percent FG, 22.0 percent 3-pt FG, 73.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 10th in blocks/gm (0.85)
Andrew Fisch, Sr., C	17 GP – 8.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 14 blocks, 10 assists, 10 steals, 54.0 percent FG, 61.5 percent FT
James Scott, So., G	25 GP – 5.4 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 29 assists, 20 steals, 34.4 percent FG, 26.5 percent 3-pt FG, 84.4 percent FT
Nicholas Boyd, Jr., C	24 GP – 2.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 11 assists, 8 steals, 51.9 percent FG, 50.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Jonathan Moore, Jr., C	
Garth Reid, Jr., F	
Quinton Beasley, Fr., G	
Shane Mangrich, Fr., G	

Loras College Duhawks
(18-8 overall, 12-4 IIAC – 3rd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/8

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Chad Walthall** says, "We are extremely young with possibly having two freshman and two sophomores in our starting lineup. We have lost 4 of our top 6 scorers from last year due to graduation, season ending injuries or deciding not to come out this season. We hope to improve to the point of being competitive by January for IIAC competition."

Key Returnees	
Greg King, Sr., G	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 24 GP – 10.7 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 34 assists, 15 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 43.9 percent 3-pt FG, 76.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in 3-pt FG pct., 11th in rebounding, 13th in FT pct., 14th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.50), 21st in scoring
Bobby Stineman, Sr., G	2002-03 First Team All-Conference 26 GP – 7.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 72 assists, 24 steals, 42.2 percent FG, 27.3 percent 3-pt FG, 79.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 9th in assists/gm (2.77)
Kyle White, So., F	22 GP – 8.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 11 assists, 21 steals, 58.5 percent FG, 60.0 percent 3-pt FG, 65.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in FG pct., 10th in rebounding
Gavin Sullivan, Sr., G	24 GP – 2.1 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 10 assists, 11 steals, 27.8 percent FG, 26.3 percent 3-pt FG, 68.8 percent FT
Scottie Braden, Jr., G	5 GP – 1.6 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 3 assists, 1 steal, 42.9 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG
Reggie Rowe, So., G	9 GP – 0.8 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 60.0 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG

Newcomers To Watch	
Luke Slater, So., F	
Scott Deike, Sr., C	
Chad Meyer, Fr., C	
Brian Centella, Fr., C	
Jake Oeth, Fr., G	
Ricky Kolze, Fr., G	
Chase Shamlin, Fr., G	

Tough Losses	
Jeff Ludovissy, G	Two-time All-Conference 26 GP – 18.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 56 assists, 30 steals, 48.9 percent FG, 42.9 percent 3-pt FG, 83.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in scoring, 3rd in 3-pt FG pct., 6th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.19), 7th in FT pct., 14th in FG pct.
Matt Murray, F	26 GP – 6.4 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 23 blocks, 18 assists, 16 steals, 54.8 percent FG, 74.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in rebounding, 8th in blocks/gm (0.88)
Jimmy Ernst, G	25 GP – 8.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 43 assists, 13 steals, 42.2 percent FG, 31.3 percent 3-pt FG, 72.0 percent FT

Luther College Norse (8-19 overall, 5-11 IIAC – 6th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 13/3

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Jeff Olinger** says, "I believe that Luther will be very competitive in the conference race due to our experience. I expect Wartburg and Loras to be the teams that the rest of us will chase for the title this season."

Key Returnees	
Andy Rump, Sr., G	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 12.4 ppg, 1.2 rpg, 39 assists, 30 steals, 45.6 percent FG, 39.3 percent 3-pt FG, 82.0 percent FT IIAC rank – t-7th in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.04), 10th in 3-pt FG pct., t-14th in scoring
Tony Brantner, So., F	27 GP – 10.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 16 assists, 16 blocks, 28 steals, 51.2 percent FG, 67.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 11th in FG pct., 14th in blocks/gm (0.59), 18th in rebounding, 24th in scoring
Drew Devine, Jr., F	27 GP – 6.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 27 assists, 14 blocks, 17 steals, 51.8 percent FG, 69.8 percent FT
Jake Lappe, Sr., F	Did not play in 2004-05; 2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 2003-04 stats: 26 GP – 14.4 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 21 assists, 18 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 38.1 percent 3-pt FG, 63.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in scoring; 2nd in rebounding; 14th in FG Pct.
Josh Johnson, Jr., G	24 GP – 6.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 16 assists, 36 steals, 41.4 percent FG, 34.9 percent 3-pt FG, 50.8 percent FT IIAC rank – t-4th in steals/gm (1.50)
Eric Lake, Jr., F	23 GP – 3.9 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 18 assists, 11 steals, 42.3 percent FG, 25.0 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT
Garrett Pool, Sr., G	Has not played since 2001-02 2001-02 stats: 17 GP – 6.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 61 assists, 43 steals, 32.4 percent FG, 32.0 percent 3-pt FG, 65.0 percent FT

Tough Losses	
Brandon Grimm, G	27 GP – 6.5 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 35 assists, 26 steals, 33.1 percent FG, 24.7 percent 3-pt FG, 69.2 percent FT
Erik Lowe, G	27 GP – 7.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 66 assists, 34 steals, 42.5 percent FG, 26.7 percent 3-pt FG, 73.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 11th in assists/gm (2.44), 13th in steals/gm (1.26)

Simpson College Storm (8-18 overall, 4-12 IIAC – t-7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Bruce Wilson** says, "Simpson will hope to regroup from last season. We have a good core of returnees that had valuable experience gained from last season. [Jason] Parkinson, [Jason] Soppe and [Ryan] Hittenmiller will lead the team which has only one senior, Scott Ellens. Our goal is to get our team back in the running for an IIAC Championship."

Key Returnees	
Jason Parkinson, Jr., G	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 24 GP – 15.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 39 assists, 24 steals, 46.0 percent FG, 39.3 percent 3-pt FG, 85.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in FT pct., 5th in scoring, 11th in 3-pt FG pct., 11th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.75) National rank – 32nd in FT pct.
Ryan Hittenmiller, Jr., F	26 GP – 13.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 35 assists, 23 blocks, 33 steals, 41.8 percent FG, 36.3 percent 3-pt FG, 75.6 percent FT IIAC rank – t-8th in blocks/gm (0.88), 12th in scoring, 12th in steals/gm (1.27), 13th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.58), 15th in FT pct., 15th in 3-pt FG pct.
Mitch Keller, So., F	26 GP – 5.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 19 assists, 19 blocks, 16 steals, 45.3 percent FG, 50.0 percent 3-pt FG, 53.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 12th in blocks/gm (0.73)
Jason Soppe, Jr., G	24 GP – 10.0 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 45 assists, 40 blocks, 10 steals, 41.9 percent FG, 57.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in rebounding, 2nd in blocks/gm (1.67), 25th in scoring National rank – 26th in rebounding
Brett Cermak, Jr., G	11 GP – 1.3 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 13 assists, 11 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 42.9 percent 3-pt FG, 16.7 percent FT
Scott Ellens, Sr., F	26 GP – 7.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 46 assists, 17 steals, 57.8 percent FG, 26.1 percent 3-pt FG, 53.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in FG pct., 15th in rebounding
T.J. Kasperbauer, Jr., G	26 GP – 2.8 ppg, 1.2 rpg, 32 assists, 23 steals, 35.0 percent FG, 30.4 percent 3-pt FG, 37.5 percent FT
Adam Thorson, So., F	26 GP – 4.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 23 assists, 7 steals, 40.2 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 76.9 percent FT
Brennen Tubaugh, So., G	16 GP – 2.9 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 31 assists, 6 steals, 33.3 percent FG, 35.7 percent 3-pt FG, 58.8 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Chris Allen, So., G	
David Ferezy, Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Mike Martin, G	26 GP – 4.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 87 assists, 31 steals, 38.6 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 70.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in assist/turnover ratio (2.90), 4th in assists/gm (3.35)
Brad Allen, G	26 GP – 3.8 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 22 assists, 7 steals, 39.8 percent FG, 36.7 percent 3-pt FG, 66.7 percent FT

Wartburg College Knights
(23-5 overall, 15-1 IIAC – 1st)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Dick Peth** says, "We are very encouraged with what we have seen in practice thus far. Our returning players have all improved, and our incoming class is further along than what we expected."

Key Returnees	
Nate Schmidt, Sr., F/C	2004-05 IIAC MVP; NABC & d3hoops.com All-Region Second Team 28 GP – 15.1 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 47 blocks, 23 assists, 18 steals, 53.9 percent FG, 34.5 percent 3-pt FG, 78.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in blocks/gm (1.68), 6th in scoring, 8th in rebounding, 10th in FG pct., 11th in FT pct.
Jason Steege, Sr., G	Two-time First Team All-Conference, 2004-05 NABC All-Region Second Team 28 GP – 13.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 81 assists, 37 steals, 41.6 percent FG, 36.8 percent 3-pt FG, 82.4 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in assists/gm (2.89), 8th in FT pct., 8th in steals/gm (1.32), 9th in scoring, 10th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.79), 14th in 3-pt FG pct.
Rance Cartmill, Sr., F	28 GP – 8.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 51 assists, 10 blocks, 22 steals, 45.7 percent FG, 34.3 percent 3-pt FG, 70.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 17th in rebounding
Nick Gullickson, Jr., F	28 GP – 4.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 53 assists, 10 blocks, 19 steals, 52.3 percent FG, 22.2 percent 3-pt FG, 73.1 percent FT
Cassidy Peterson, Sr., C	28 GP – 4.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 14 assists, 4 steals, 58.1 percent FG, 20.0 percent 3-pt FG, 47.6 percent FT
Joel Formanek, Sr., G	27 GP – 2.8 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 34 assists, 13 steals, 37.5 percent FG, 28.6 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT
James Menke, Jr., G	22 GP – 3.5 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 14 assists, 7 steals, 46.7 percent FG, 40.0 percent 3-pt FG, 77.8 percent FT
Lee Nelson, So., G/F	19 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 11 assists, 48.3 percent FG, 40.0 percent 3-pt FG, 70.0 percent FT

Tough Losses	
Jordan Atchison, G	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 28 GP – 12.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 68 assists, 42 steals, 54.3 percent FG, 40.5 percent 3-pt FG, 77.9 percent FT IIAC rank – t-4th in steals/gm (1.50), 7th in 3-pt FG pct., 9th in FG pct., 12th in assists/gm (2.43), 12th in FT pct., 16th in scoring, 16th in rebounding