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## IOWA CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . .** The 2007 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) men's golf Championship begins this weekend, April 20-21, with the first 36-holes of the 72-hole Championship. This weekend's rounds will be played at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, Iowa. The final 36-holes will be played April 27-28, at The Meadows Golf Club in Asbury, Iowa. Friday rounds begin at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday rounds begin at 9:00 a.m. Loras College is the host of the 2007 men's golf Championship.

On the first day of the Championship, Wartburg College, as the defending Conference Champion is seeded #1, and its players will play with golfers from the second and third seeded teams (Central and Buena Vista). Teams are seeded based on the averages from its four best 18-hole team scores during the spring. Players from the fourth, fifth and sixth seeded teams (Luther, Simpson, Loras) play together as do players from the seventh, eighth and ninth seeded teams (Coe, Cornell, Dubuque).

Pairings for rounds two and three will be based on the team score position following the previous round. Team's seven-eight-nine tee off first on both Friday's of the Tournament. Teams' one-two-three tee off first in round two. The final round pairings will be determined by individual scores after round three with the leaders teeing off last.

Each school may enter five players for each round with the four best performances each day used to determine the team score. Substitutions are not permitted from Friday to Saturday, however one player who competed the first weekend may be substituted for the second weekend.

**AQ On the Line:** The NCAA has expanded the field size for the men's golf National Championship and this year will award automatic bids to qualifying Conferences. The Iowa Conference men's golf Champion will be the Conference's automatic qualifier to the 2007 NCAA men's golf Championship scheduled for May 15-18, 2007, at Hawthorns Golf and Country Club in Fishers, Ind. and Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel, Ind.

**About the 2007 Season:** Central enters the 2007 Championship having finished first or second in each of the four Tournaments it has played this spring and with four of the Conference's top five individual golfers based on stroke average. The Dutch, who have a 296.8 team stroke average in six rounds, won the 22-team Loras Duhawk Spring Invitational and finished second in the Dutch Desert Shootout, the Central Dutch Classic and the Buena Vista Invitational.

Buena Vista, with a 304.2 stroke average in six rounds, has three top-three team finishes in four events this year including runner-up finishes at the Gilbert/Chandler Community College Triangular and the 13-team Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational. The Beavers finished third at Loras and sixth in their own Tournament.

Other top team finishes during the season include Simpson's title at its own Tournament and Luther's runner-up finish at Loras. Wartburg has the third-best overall team stroke average at 307.3 (3 rounds) followed by Simpson (308.2 in 6 rounds) and Luther (311.0 in 5 rounds).

Individually, Central's **Brett Meyer** (73.3 stroke average), **Andy Petersen** (73.4), **Jeff Millet** (74.2) and **Reid Turner** (75.0) are among the Conference's top-five stroke averages among players with at least three rounds played. Luther's **Ben Hanson** is fourth with a 74.7 stroke average while Buena Vista's **Wally Byrne** (75.2) Wartburg's **Andrew Miller** (75.3), Luther's **Paul Soener** (75.7) and Simpson's **Cody Scharf** (75.8) follow close

behind. Meyer and Petersen are the only IIAC golfers with two rounds of par or better. There were a total of 15 rounds of par or better, including two sub-70 rounds – a 68 by Petersen at Loras and a 69 by Millet at Buena Vista.

Meyer and Scharf have both finished in the top-20 of all four events they have played. Meyer has two top-five finishes including Medalist honors at the Dutch Desert Shootout and a fifth-place finish at Buena Vista. Scharf's top finish was a runner-up finish at Loras. Hanson finished in the top-20 of both Tournaments he has played, including a second-place showing at the 110-golfer Loras Invite.

Complete team and individual season statistics follow this release.

**2006 Championship Recap:** Wartburg won its second Iowa Conference men's golf Championship in three years with a 72-hole team score of 1180. A close Tournament throughout as the largest team lead after any of the first three rounds was two strokes, turned into a 15 stroke victory for the Knights over runner-up Central. Luther finished third with a 1206 followed by Buena Vista (1237) and Loras (1256).

Individually, Medalist **Ryan Kinseth** led a quartet of Wartburg golfers that finished in the top-four, finishing with a 5-over-par 293 to win by two strokes over teammate **Blake Halvorsen**. Miller, **Kevin Ault** and Luther's **Ed Witkowski** all finished at 296. Following a playoff, Miller finished third, Ault fourth and Witkowski fifth, giving Wartburg the top-four individuals, believed to be the first time that feat has been accomplished in Conference history.

Central also placed four golfers in the top-10 led by sixth-place finisher **Derek Deminsky** (298). **Cole Reiman** finished seventh (299), **Alvaro DeCosio** lost a playoff and finished ninth (302), followed by Petersen (10th, 304). Luther's Hanson rounded out the top-10, finishing eighth following a playoff with DeCosio.

**Top Returning Individuals:** Twenty-six golfers with previous IIAC Championship experience return to their team's line-up this year including three – Hanson, Miller and Cornell's **Jeff Winter** – who will be making their third appearance at the Conference Championship. Hanson has finished in the top-11 each of the last three years including eighth-place finishes in 2004 and 2006, and an 11th-place finish in 2005. In addition to his third-place finish a year ago, Miller has a fourth-place finish (in 2004) and a 12th-place finish (in 2005) to his credit. Winter finished 20th last year improving on his 26th-place finish in 2004 and a 27th-place finish in 2005.

Eleven of last year's top-20 finishers return this year led a trio of Luther golfers and a pair of Wartburg and Central golfers. Luther's Hanson, **Tom Lantzy** (t-12th, 307) and **Paul Soener** (t-16th, 309), Central's Petersen and Meyer (t-18th, 311) and Wartburg's Halvorsen and Miller all return to their team after top-20 finishes last year. Meyer finished ninth in 2005. Other 2006 top-20 finishers returning this year include Buena Vista's **Josh Reed** (11th, 305), Coe's **Chris Buhr** (t-12th, 307), Simpson's **David Combs** (t-12th, 307) and Winter (20th, 312).

**Probable lineups:** Probable line-ups for the Conference Championship are listed below. Bolded players have previously competed in the Iowa Conference Championship.

Buena Vista	<b>Wally Byrne</b> , Tim Murphy, Brady Nurse, <b>Josh Reed</b> , <b>Kent Schroeder</b>
Central	<b>Brett Meyer</b> , Jeff Millet, <b>Andrew Petersen</b> , Isaac Rodenberg, Joel Winters
Coe	<b>Chris Buhr</b> , <b>Brad Comm</b> , Rob Copeland, <b>Michael Jump</b> , <b>Jayson Schmelzer</b> , <b>Nolan Schmelzer</b>
Cornell	<b>Daniel Engstrom</b> , Nate Olafsen, <b>Max Parsons</b> , Kyle Roberts, Paul Tompkins, <b>Jeff Winter</b>
Dubuque	Tony Flores, <b>Andrew McDonnell</b> , Michael Ploessl, <b>Cory Rubner</b> , <b>DJ Topping</b> , Calvin Vernon
Loras	Andy Bischoff, Mark Dolphin, <b>John Kelly</b> , Cory Schuster, Steve Stark
Luther	Adam Darula, <b>Ben Hanson</b> , <b>Tom Lantzy</b> , <b>Adam Plotts</b> , <b>Paul Soener</b>
Simpson	<b>Eric Adams</b> , Jordan Angell, Brett DeNeve, <b>David Combs</b> , <b>Cody Scharf</b>
Wartburg	Scott Burns, Chris Bushbaum, Ian Flores, <b>Blake Halvorsen</b> , <b>Andrew Miller</b>

Previous IIAC men's golf Championship results can be found at:

<http://www.iowaconference.com/men/golf/tournaments.htm>.

## Conference Leaders

### Individual Scoring Averages

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Brett Meyer-CEN	6	440	73.3
Andy Petersen-CEN	5	367	73.4
Jeff Millet-CEN	5	371	74.2
Ben Hanson-LUT	3	224	74.7
Reid Turner-CEN	3	225	75.0
Wally Byrne-BVU	6	451	75.2
Andrew Miller-WAR	3	226	75.3
Paul Soener-LUT	3	227	75.7
Cody Scharf-SIM	6	455	75.8
Austin Ewell-CEN	5	380	76.0
Josh Reed-BVU	6	457	76.2
Blake Halvorsen-WAR	3	229	76.3
David Combs-SIM	6	459	76.5
Andrew Townsend-CEN	6	459	76.5
Justin Knock-CEN	5	383	76.6
Zach Massey-CEN	6	460	76.7
Justin Smool-CEN	6	460	76.7
Tom Lantzy-LUT	3	231	77.0
Lance Halvorsen-SIM	7	541	77.3
Brady Nurse-BVU	6	464	77.3

### Team Scoring Averages

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Central College	6	1781	296.8
Buena Vista Univ.	6	1825	304.2
Wartburg College	3	922	307.3
Simpson College	6	1849	308.2
Luther College	5	1555	311.0
Loras College	7	2249	321.3
Coe College	6	1931	321.8
Cornell College	3	1015	338.3
Dubuque, Univ. of	3	1066	355.3

## Team-by-Team Results

### Buena Vista University

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Gilbert/Chandler CC Tri	Mar. 22	1	2	3	0	+29	317
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	3	22	110	+15	299
Nebraska Wesleyan Invite	Apr. 5-6	2	2	13	67	+34	610
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	6	24	128	+23	599

### Central College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Dutch Desert Shootout	Mar. 14	1	2	6	34	+15	303
Central Dutch Classic	Mar. 23-24	2	2	11	66	+31	599
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	1	22	110	+13	297
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	2	24	128	+6	582

### Coe College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Millikin Spring Opener	Mar. 16-17	2	9	14	78	+96	672
Simpson Invitational	Mar. 29	1	4	9	46	+38	326
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	15	22	110	+32	316
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	13	24	128	+41	617

### Cornell College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	19	22	110	+48	332
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	24	24	128	+107	683

### University of Dubuque

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Simpson Invitational	Mar. 29	1	7	9	46	+60	348
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	21	22	110	+54	338
Scot-Fire Invitational	Apr. 6-7	1	0	17	84	+92	380

### Loras College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Millikin Spring Opener	Mar. 16-17	2	10	14	78	+102	678
Central Dutch Classic	Mar. 23-24	2	8	11	66	+68	636
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	13	22	110	+31	315
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	14	24	128	+44	620

### Luther College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	2	22	110	+13	297
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	19	24	128	+54	630
Bobby Krig Invitational	Apr. 16-17	2	9	16	84	+60	628

### Simpson College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Gorlok Spring Invitational	Mar. 25-26	2	4	9	54	+66	634
Simpson Invitational	Mar. 29	1	1	9	46	+19	307
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	6	22	110	+18	302
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	9	24	128	+30	606

### Wartburg College

<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Rounds</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Score</b>
Duhawk Spring Invitational	Apr. 1-2	1	7	22	110	+25	309
Buena Vista Invitational	Apr. 13-14	2	12	24	128	+37	613

## Team-by-Team Individual Stroke Averages

### Buena Vista University

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Wally Byrne	6	451	73	-	4	1	2	2	+3	75.2
Josh Reed	6	457	71	1	4	-	1	2	+4	76.2
Brady Nurse	6	464	72	1	4	-	1	2	+5	77.3
Tim Murphy	6	467	74	-	4	-	1	1	+6	77.8
Kent Schroeder	6	468	74	-	4	-	-	-	+6	78.0
Steve Campbell	4	329	78	-	3	-	-	-	+10	82.3
Ryan Schimp	2	170	83	-	1	-	-	-	+13	85.0
Nate Crannell	2	175	83	-	1	-	-	-	+16	87.5
Nick Fara	2	175	84	-	1	-	-	-	+16	87.5
Keith Kistenmacher	2	176	86	-	1	-	-	-	+16	88.0
John Mack	2	177	88	-	1	-	-	-	+17	88.5
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1825</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>304.2</b>

### Central College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Brett Meyer	6	440	71	2	4	2	3	4	+2	73.3
Andy Petersen	5	367	68	2	3	2	2	2	+2	73.4
Jeff Millet	5	371	69	1	3	1	2	2	+3	74.2
Reid Turner	3	225	71	1	2	1	1	2	+4	75.0
Austin Ewell	5	380	74	-	3	1	1	2	+4	76.0
Andrew Townsend	6	459	74	-	4	1	2	2	+5	76.5
Justin Knock	5	383	76	-	3	-	1	2	+5	76.6
Zach Massey	6	460	70	1	4	1	2	2	+5	76.7
Justin Smool	6	460	71	1	4	-	-	4	+5	76.7
A.J. Meyer	6	467	74	-	4	-	1	2	+6	77.8
Isaac Rodenberg	5	390	72	1	3	-	1	1	+6	78.0
Josh Noonan	5	394	75	-	4	1	1	2	+7	78.8
Joel Winters	6	473	72	1	4	-	-	2	+7	78.8
Alec Klise	2	161	77	-	1	-	-	-	+10	80.5
Matt Stock	2	163	78	-	1	-	-	-	+11	81.5
Josh Baker	2	169	83	-	1	-	-	-	+14	84.5
Trent Rolffs	2	171	84	-	1	-	-	-	+15	85.5
Jake Reardanz	2	172	84	-	1	-	-	-	+15	86.0
Nate Cardin	2	182	90	-	1	-	-	-	+20	91.0
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1781</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>296.8</b>

### Coe College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Michael Jump	4	314	77	-	3	-	-	-	+7	78.5
Chris Buhr	6	475	76	-	4	-	-	1	+7	79.2
Jayson Schmelzer	5	402	76	-	3	-	-	-	+8	80.4
Nolan Schmelzer	6	488	75	-	4	-	-	1	+9	81.3
Brad Comm	3	263	84	-	2	-	-	-	+16	87.7
Rob Copeland	6	530	77	-	4	-	1	1	+16	88.3
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1931</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>+35</b>	<b>321.8</b>

### Cornell College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Jeff Winter	3	236	74	-	2	-	1	1	+7	78.7
Daniel Engstrom	2	165	81	-	1	-	-	-	+11	82.5
Paul Tompkins	1	84	84	-	1	-	-	-	+12	84.0
Nate Olafsen	1	86	86	-	1	-	-	-	+14	86.0
Kyle Roberts	3	266	88	-	2	-	-	-	+17	88.7
Adam Poslosky	2	183	86	-	1	-	-	-	+20	91.5
Forrest Becker	2	187	92	-	1	-	-	-	+22	93.5
Max Parsons	1	100	100	-	1	-	-	-	+28	100.0
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+52</b>	<b>338.3</b>

### University of Dubuque

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Austin Stewart	1	84	84	-	1	-	-	-	+12	84.0
Andrew McDonnell	3	265	86	-	3	-	-	-	+16	88.3
Cory Rubner	3	269	83	-	3	-	-	-	+18	89.7
D.J. Topping	2	183	86	-	2	-	-	-	+20	91.5
Mike Ploessl	3	276	79	-	3	-	-	-	+20	92.0
Calvin Vernon	3	280	89	-	3	-	-	-	+21	93.3
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1066</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+69</b>	<b>355.3</b>

### Loras College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Mark Dolphin	7	560	75	-	4	-	-	1	+8	80.0
Andy Bischoff	7	564	75	-	4	-	-	-	+9	80.6
John Kelly	7	568	76	-	4	-	-	-	+9	81.1
Cory Schuster	7	571	78	-	4	-	-	-	+10	81.6
Brock Sanders	1	82	82	-	1	-	-	-	+10	82.0
Steve Stark	7	577	75	-	4	-	-	-	+11	82.4
Jeremy Walsh	1	83	83	-	1	-	-	-	+11	83.0
Philip Sloan	1	84	84	-	1	-	-	-	+12	84.0
Rob Hermes	1	87	87	-	1	-	-	-	+15	87.0
Brad Kemp	1	89	89	-	1	-	-	-	+17	89.0
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2249</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+35</b>	<b>321.3</b>

### Luther College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Ben Hanson	3	224	71	1	2	1	1	2	+3	74.7
Paul Soener	3	227	72	-	2	1	1	1	+4	75.7
Tom Lantz	3	231	72	-	2	1	1	1	+6	77.0
David Carrier	2	157	78	-	1	-	-	-	+7	78.5
Adam Darula	4	318	75	-	2	-	-	-	+8	79.5
Adam Plotts	3	246	79	-	2	-	-	-	+11	82.0
Nick Boe	2	167	79	-	1	-	-	-	+12	83.5
Chase Forkenbrock	2	167	82	-	1	-	-	-	+12	83.5
Richie Burke	5	418	79	-	3	-	-	-	+12	83.6
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>311.0</b>

### Simpson College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Cody Scharf	6	455	71	1	4	1	2	4	+4	75.8
David Combs	6	459	73	-	4	-	2	3	+5	76.5
Lance Halvorsen	7	541	71	1	4	-	-	2	+6	77.3
Brett DeNeve	6	467	76	-	4	-	-	2	+6	77.8
Troy Bergeson	5	394	74	-	3	-	-	2	+8	78.8
Eric Adams	6	475	75	-	4	1	1	1	+8	79.2
Derek Hannah	5	396	75	-	3	-	1	1	+8	79.2
Mark Creveling	5	398	76	-	3	-	-	1	+8	79.6
Trevor Sharp	1	80	80	-	1	-	-	1	+8	80.0
John Richter	5	405	75	-	3	-	-	1	+10	81.0
Jordan Angell	4	326	75	-	3	-	-	-	+10	81.5
Kyle Liske	3	260	80	-	2	-	-	1	+15	86.7
Jeff Sailer	3	265	86	-	2	-	-	-	+17	88.3
Chris Rohde	3	296	93	-	2	-	-	-	+27	98.7
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>308.2</b>



# Wartburg College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Justin Peterson	1	75	75	-	1	1	1	1	+3	75.0
Andrew Miller	3	226	74	-	2	-	-	-	+3	75.3
Blake Halvorsen	3	229	75	-	2	-	-	-	+4	76.3
Ian Flores	3	234	73	-	2	-	-	-	+6	78.0
Chris Burns	2	157	75	-	1	-	-	-	+7	78.5
Chris Bushbaum	1	81	81	-	1	-	-	1	+9	81.0
Scott Burns	3	244	76	-	2	-	-	-	+9	81.3
Jeff Peters	1	86	86	-	1	-	-	-	+14	86.0
Cory Tilson	1	86	86	-	1	-	-	-	+14	86.0
Clint Schipper	1	87	87	-	1	-	-	-	+15	87.0
Jared Fairbanks	1	88	88	-	1	-	-	-	+16	88.0
<b>FOUR-PLAYER TEAM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>307.3</b>