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IOWA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . The 2006 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) women's golf Championship begins this weekend, September 29-30, with the first 36-holes of the 72-hole Championship. This weekend's rounds will be played at Pheasant Ridge Golf Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The final 36-holes will be played October 6-7, at The Meadows Golf Club in Asbury, Iowa. Friday rounds begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday rounds begin at 9:00 a.m. The University of Dubuque is the host of the 2006 women's golf Championship.

Pairings for play on the first day are determined by team stroke averages. The top four 18-hole scores on courses of at least 5,800 yards will be used to determine team stroke averages. Players from the three teams with the lowest stroke average will play together as will players from the fourth, fifth and sixth ranked teams (based on stroke average) and players from the seventh, eighth and ninth ranked teams.

Pairings for play in rounds two and three will be based on each teams' score position from the previous day. The final round pairings will be determined by individual scores after round three.

Each school may enter five players for each round with the four best performances each day used to determine the team score.

AQ On the Line: The NCAA has expanded the field size for the women's golf National Championship and this year will award automatic bids to qualifying Conferences. The Iowa Conference women's golf Champion will be the Conference's automatic qualifier to the 2007 NCAA women's golf Championship scheduled for May 8-11, 2007, at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

About the 2006 Season: Four Iowa Conference schools have finished in the top-10 of each Tournament it has entered this fall led by Buena Vista which has won two of six Tournaments and Simpson which has finished in the top-five of all five Tournaments. Defending Champion Wartburg has the Conference's top team stroke average (329.4) and has finished no worse than sixth in four Tournaments. Simpson (330.2 average) and Buena Vista (341.3) are second and third, respectively, in team stroke average. Central is the fourth Conference school with top-10 finishes in each of its Tournaments (five) and has the fourth-best stroke average in the Conference (343.6).

Individually, Buena Vista's **Jen Stork** has the top stroke average (80.7 average in seven rounds) and is one of four Conference golfers with two rounds in the 70s including a low of 77. Wartburg's **Andrea Schiltz** (81.2 in five rounds), Wartburg's **Megan Cress** (82.6 in five rounds), Simpson's **Megan Smith** (82.6 in five rounds), Central's **Brooke Bachelder** (83.0 in seven rounds) and Simpson's **Katie Vaux** (83.0 in five rounds) round out the top-5 individuals by stroke average on the season.

Stork, Smith and Vaux are the only golfers to finish in the top-20 of each Tournament they played. Stork has six top-20 finishes, three top-10s and two top-5s including Medalist honors at the Waldorf Invitational. Smith has five top-20 finishes, three top-10s and one top-five. Vaux has five top-20 finishes and three top-10s.

Other Conference golfers to earn Medalist honors in addition to Stork are: Bachelder (Central Invitational), Coe's **Amanda Nigg** (Clarke Invitational), Luther's **Lindsay Thies** (Wartburg Invitational where she shot a 73, the Conference's low round of the year), and Simpson's **Jenny Goodall** (Mount Mercy Invitational).

Stork, Goodall, Simpson's **Noel Triebel** and Wartburg's **Kate Thompson** have each broken 80 twice. Stork shot a 77 at the Waldorf Invitational and a 78 at the Loras Invitational. Goodall shot a 76 at the Mount Mercy Invitational and a 79 at the Iowa Wesleyan Invitational. Triebel shot 79 at Mount Mercy and Wartburg Invitationals. Thompson shot a 76 at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational and a 77 at the Wartburg Invitational.

Complete team and individual scoring averages follow this release.

2005 Championship Recap: Behind its first-ever individual Medalist, Wartburg College won its second straight women's golf Championship with a 72-hole score of 1304. The Knights led the Tournament wire-to-wire, posted the low team score each of the four rounds and won by an IIAC-record 69 strokes. Buena Vista finished second at 1373 followed by Simpson (1378) and Loras (1381).

Individual Medalist, **Erin Dohlman**, like her team, led the individual race wire-to-wire. She finished with an IIAC 72-hole Championship-low 314 (77-73-78-86). She finished 15 strokes ahead of Stork, equaling the Conference Championship margin of victory record set in 1999 by Simpson's **Hannah Willenborg** over Buena Vista's **Debbie Zorn** in 1999.

A trio of Wartburg golfers, **Bre Pleggenkuhle**, Schiltz and Cress finished 19-strokes back at 333. Following a sudden death playoff, Pleggenkuhle finished third, Schiltz finished fourth and Cress finished fifth. It was the second time in Conference history that teammates have finished in four of the top-five spots (Simpson finished 1-4 in 1997).

Top Returning Individuals: Seventeen of the top-20 finishers from 2005 return to their teams' line-up for this year's Conference Championship, including seven All-Conference performers (top-10 finish). Stork, Schiltz and Cress are among 37 Iowa Conference women golfers with two top-10 finishes at the Conference Championship and with another can join 15 others that have three top-10 finishes.

Stork, last year's runner-up with a 329, finished fourth in 2004 with a 318. Schiltz finished fourth last year (333) following a second-place finish in 2004 in which her 315 was tied for the top score but she lost the playoff. Cress also shot a 333 last year but lost the three-way playoff to finished fifth after a seventh-place finish in 2004.

Thompson is the Knights' third returning All-Conference performer, finishing seventh a year ago after winning a playoff against Central's **Sharilyne Hoekstra** (336). Luther's Thies (9th, 337) and Loras' **Amy Kemp** (10th, 342) are the other returning All-Conference golfers from 2005 while Simpson's Goodall (6th in 2004) and Buena Vista's **Cortney Stork** (6th in 2003) also return with All-Conference honors to their credit.

Other returning top-20 finishers from 2005 include: Cortney Stork (t-11th, 343), Coe's **Angela Meisterling** (t-11th, 343), Loras' **Steph Schwartz** (13th, 345), Buena Vista's **Abby Elliott** (14th, 346), Central's Bachelder (15th, 347), Loras' **Brooke Davis** (t-16th, 348), Simpson's **Jessica Harvey** (t-16th, 348), Coe's **Jacqueline Bruso** (18th, 351), Loras' **Brittney Davis** (19th, 352) and Simpson's Triebel (20th, 353).

Probable Line-ups: Probable line-ups for the Conference Championship are listed below. Teams with more than five golfers are still holding competition to determine its Championship line-up. Bolded players have previously competed in the Iowa Conference Championship.

Buena Vista	Chelsea Anderson, Abby Elliott , Courtney Pennell, Cortney Stork, Jen Stork
Central	Brooke Bachelder , Emily Bensink, Eva Downes, Sharilyne Hoekstra, Jessica Monical
Coe	Ashley Axdahl, Jacqueline Bruso , Caitlin Johnson, Angela Meisterling, Amanda Nigg
Cornell	Amanda Brodin , Michelle Ellison, Melody Roth, Brittany Szczepanik, Sarah Tuma, Sarah Vittetoe
Dubuque	Ashley Harrow , Alissa Sarchet, Brittney Senor, Maggie Stevens, Amber Sulzner
Loras	Brittney Davis, Brooke Davis, Amy Kemp, Jackie Kiefer, Steph Schwartz
Luther	Jenessa Bonikowske, Amy Ekland , Emily Looft, Lindsey Thies
Simpson	Jenny Goodall, Jessica Harvey, Noel Triebel , Katie Vaux, Megan Smith
Wartburg	Megan Cress, Daina Deery, Ellen Rickert, Andrea Schiltz, Kate Thompson

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

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

Conference Leaders

Individual Scoring Averages

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Jen Stork-BVU	7	565	80.7
Andrea Schiltz-WAR	5	406	81.2
Megan Cress-WAR	5	413	82.6
Megan Smith-SIM	5	413	82.6
Brooke Bachelder-CEN	7	581	83.0
Katie Vaux-SIM	5	415	83.0
Kate Thompson-WAR	5	416	83.2
Jessica Harvey-SIM	5	418	83.6
Jenny Goodall-SIM	5	419	83.8
Lindsay Thies-LUT	5	423	84.6
Angela Meisterling-COE	6	512	85.3
Chelsea Anderson-BVU	7	599	85.6
Stephanie Schwartz-LOR	7	599	85.6
Brooke Davis-LOR	7	600	85.7
Sharilyne Hoekstra-CEN	7	600	85.7
Amy Ekland-LUT	5	430	86.0
Noel Treibel-SIM	5	430	86.0
Daina Derry-WAR	5	433	86.6
Cortney Stork-BVU	7	607	86.7
Emily Bensink-CEN	7	610	87.1
Ellen Rickert-WAR	5	436	87.2
Brittney Davis-LOR	7	611	87.3
Amanda Nigg-COE	6	524	87.3
Amy Kemp-LOR	7	612	87.4
Jenessa Bonikowske-LUT	5	440	88.0
Katherine Dunn-WAR	4	352	88.0

Team Scoring Averages

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Wartburg College	5	1647	329.4
Simpson College	5	1651	330.2
Buena Vista Univ.	7	2389	341.3
Central College	7	2405	343.6
Loras College	7	2414	344.9
Luther College	5	1728	345.6
Coe College	6	2152	358.7
Cornell College	6	2465	410.8
Dubuque, Univ. of	4	1804	451.0

Team-by-Team Results

Buena Vista University

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Sept. 2-3	2	9	20	117	+106	686
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	3	16	93	+40	328
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	1	13	69	+49	337
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	3	14	82	+44	332
D-III Midwest Classic	Sept. 24	1	10	15	75	+82	370
Waldorf Invite	Sept. 26	1	1	8	50	+48	336

Central College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Sept. 2-3	2	8	20	117	+105	685
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	9	16	93	+59	347
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	2	13	69	+53	341
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	4	14	82	+50	338
Central Invite	Sept. 22-23	2	1	4	28	+122	694

Coe College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Invite	Sept. 1	1	3	7	47	+56	344
Coe-Augustana Dual	Sept. 2	1	2	2	14	+76	364
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	12	16	93	+72	360
Clarke Invite	Sept. 12	1	1	6	33	+86	370
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	6	13	69	+75	363
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	10	14	82	+63	351

Cornell College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Invite	Sept. 1	1	7	7	47	+117	405
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	16	16	93	+130	418
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	12	13	69	+132	420
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	12	14	82	+122	410
Iowa Wesleyan Invite	Sept. 22	1	6	8	46	+128	416
St. Ambrose Classic	Sept. 23	1	8	10	63	+108	396

University of Dubuque

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Clarke Invite	Sept. 12	1	6	6	33	+226	510
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	13	13	69	+137	425
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	14	14	82	+157	445
St. Ambrose Classic	Sept. 23	1	10	10	63	+136	424

Loras College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Sept. 2-3	2	7	20	117	+102	682
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	9	16	93	+59	347
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	3	13	69	+56	344
IWU Fall Golf Classic	Sept. 16-17	2	14	25	136	+104	680
D-III Midwest Classic	Sept. 24	1	7	15	75	+73	361

Luther College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Sept. 2-3	2	11	20	117	+122	702
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	2	16	93	+36	324
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	8	14	82	+55	343
D-III Midwest Classic	Sept. 24	1	5	15	75	+71	359

Simpson College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Invite	Sept. 1	1	1	7	47	+25	313
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	3	16	93	+40	328
Loras Invite	Sept. 15	1	5	13	69	+63	351
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	2	14	82	+40	328
Iowa Wesleyan Invite	Sept. 22	1	2	8	46	+43	331

Wartburg College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Sept. 2-3	2	5	20	117	+82	662
Wartburg Invite	Sept. 9-10	1	1	16	93	+23	311
Luther Invite	Sept. 16	1	6	14	82	+51	339
D-III Midwest Classic	Sept. 24	1	2	15	75	+47	335

Team-by-Team Individual Stroke Averages

Buena Vista University

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Jen Stork	7	565	77	-	6	2	3	6	+9	80.7
Chelsea Anderson	7	599	80	-	6	1	4	4	+13	85.6
Cortney Stork	7	607	82	-	6	-	2	2	+15	86.7
Abby Elliott	7	622	82	-	6	-	1	3	+17	88.9
Katie Berlin	4	372	90	-	3	-	-	-	+21	93.0
Courtney Pennell	7	654	87	-	6	-	-	2	+21	93.4
TEAM	7	2389	328	-	6	3	10	17	+53	341.3

Central College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Brooke Bachelder	7	581	79	-	5	2	3	4	+11	83.0
Sharilyne Hoekstra	7	600	82	-	5	1	2	3	+14	85.7
Emily Bensink	7	610	85	-	5	1	2	3	+15	87.1
Jessica Monical	7	626	84	-	5	1	1	2	+17	89.4
Eva Downes	7	640	85	-	5	-	2	3	+19	91.4
Jordan Williams	5	469	87	-	4	-	-	3	+22	93.8
Ashley Porter	3	310	101	-	2	-	-	1	+32	103.3
Meghan Swella	2	208	100	-	1	-	-	1	+33	104.0
Abby Dean	2	222	110	-	1	-	-	-	+40	111.0
Amanda Sullivan	2	229	97	-	1	-	-	-	+43	114.5
TEAM	7	2405	337	-	5	5	10	20	+56	343.6

Coe College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Angela Meisterling	6	512	80	-	6	2	3	3	+14	85.3
Amanda Nigg	6	524	81	-	6	2	3	4	+16	87.3
Caitlin Johnson	6	563	89	-	6	-	2	2	+22	93.8
Jacqueline Bruso	6	573	90	-	6	-	2	2	+24	95.5
Ashley Axdahl	6	575	86	-	6	-	2	3	+24	95.8
Jenna DeHoet	1	99	99	-	1	-	-	-	+27	99.0
Katelyn Hufford	5	499	91	-	5	-	-	1	+28	99.8
TEAM	6	2152	344	-	6	4	12	15	+71	358.7

Cornell College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Brittany Szczepanik	5	446	88	-	5	-	-	2	+17	89.2
Sarah Tuma	5	496	89	-	5	-	-	1	+27	99.2
Amanda Brodin	6	616	100	-	6	-	-	-	+31	102.7
Melody Roth	3	337	108	-	3	-	-	-	+40	112.3
Sarah Vittetoe	6	690	103	-	6	-	-	-	+43	115.0
Michelle Ellison	5	642	112	-	5	-	-	-	+56	128.4
TEAM	6	2465	396	-	6	-	-	3	+123	410.8

University of Dubuque

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Allysa Sarcht	4	402	90	-	4	-	-	1	+29	100.5
Maggie Stevens	2	202	98	-	2	-	-	-	+29	101.0
Ashley Harrow	4	461	107	-	4	-	-	-	+44	115.3
Brittney Senor	4	477	115	-	4	-	-	-	+48	119.3
Jenica Kester	2	243	113	-	2	-	-	-	+50	121.5
Amber Sulzner	2	268	119	-	2	-	-	-	+63	134.0
Ashley Hoppenjan	3	427	132	-	3	-	-	-	+71	142.3
TEAM	4	1804	424	-	4	-	-	1	+164	451.0

Loras College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Stephanie Schwartz	7	599	81	-	5	1	1	2	+13	85.6
Brooke Davis	7	600	80	-	5	-	2	2	+14	85.7
Brittney Davis	7	611	79	-	5	-	1	1	+15	87.3
Amy Kemp	7	612	84	-	5	1	1	1	+15	87.4
Brittney Boffelli	2	179	89	-	2	-	-	-	+18	89.5
Jackie Kieffer	7	635	86	-	5	-	-	1	+19	90.7
Elizabeth Rowe	1	99	99	-	1	-	-	-	+27	99.0
Katie Kisner	2	202	101	-	2	-	-	-	+29	101.0
Rachel Brichetto	1	105	105	-	1	-	-	-	+33	105.0
Bridget Sullivan	1	105	105	-	1	-	-	-	+33	105.0
TEAM	7	2414	336	-	5	2	5	7	+56	344.9

Luther College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Lindsay Thies	5	423	73	-	4	1	1	2	+12	84.6
Amy Ekland	5	430	82	-	4	-	-	2	+14	86.0
Jenessa Bonikowske	5	440	83	-	4	-	-	1	+16	88.0
Emily Looft	5	445	86	-	4	-	-	-	+17	89.0
Kate Barton	4	362	87	-	3	-	-	-	+18	90.5
Jana Kemp	1	93	93	-	1	-	-	-	+21	93.0
Ellen Miller	2	192	91	-	2	-	-	-	+24	96.0
Andrea Pagh	1	96	96	-	1	-	-	-	+24	96.0
Krista Solie	3	289	91	-	2	-	-	-	+24	96.3
Sarah Putnam	4	393	91	-	3	-	-	-	+26	98.3
Megan Manthey	1	99	99	-	1	-	-	-	+27	99.0
Stacy Malecha	1	101	101	-	1	-	-	-	+29	101.0
TEAM	5	1728	324	-	4	1	1	5	+57	345.6

Simpson College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Megan Smith	5	413	79	-	5	1	3	5	+11	82.6
Katie Vaux	5	415	81	-	5	-	3	5	+11	83.0
Jessica Harvey	5	418	77	-	5	1	3	3	+12	83.6
Jenny Goodall	5	419	76	-	5	2	2	2	+12	83.8
Noel Treibel	5	430	79	-	5	-	2	4	+14	86.0
Ashley Hill	3	266	86	-	3	-	-	1	+17	88.7
Rachel LeValley	1	98	98	-	1	-	-	-	+26	98.0
TEAM	5	1651	313	-	5	4	13	20	+42	330.2

Wartburg College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20		
Andrea Schiltz	5	406	74	-	4	2	2	3	+9	81.2
Megan Cress	5	413	76	-	4	2	3	3	+10	82.6
Kate Thompson	5	416	76	-	4	2	2	2	+11	83.2
Daina Derry	5	433	84	-	4	-	-	-	+14	86.6
Ellen Rickert	5	436	84	-	4	-	-	2	+15	87.2
Katherine Dunn	4	352	84	-	3	-	-	-	+16	88.0
Heidi Hesse	4	360	84	-	3	-	-	-	+18	90.0
Lori Liehs	1	91	91	-	1	-	-	-	+19	91.0
Emily Wieneke	1	99	99	-	1	-	-	-	+27	99.0
TEAM	5	1647	311	-	4	6	7	10	+41	329.4