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## **IOWA CONFERENCE MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW**

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA...** The 2008 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Men's Golf Championship begins this weekend, April 25-26, 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 May 2-3 at Oneota Golf and Country Club near Decorah, Iowa. Friday rounds begin at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday rounds begin at 9:00 a.m. Luther College is the host of the 2008 Men's Golf Championship.

On the first day of the Championship, Central College, as the defending Conference Champion is seeded #1, and its players will play with golfers from the second and third seeded teams (Simpson and Coe). 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, Wartburg, Loras) play together as do players from the seventh, eighth and ninth seeded teams (Buena Vista, 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:** In 2007, the NCAA expanded the field size for the Division III Men's Golf National Championship and began awarding automatic bids to qualifying Conferences. The Iowa Conference men's golf champion will be the Conference's automatic qualifier to the 2008 NCAA Division III men's golf Championship scheduled for May 13-16, 2008, at Chateau Elan Resort in Braselton, Georgia.

**About the 2008 Season:** Central enters the 2008 Championship having finished first or second in each of the five tournaments it has played this spring and with five of the Conference's top six individual golfers based on stroke average. The Dutch, who have a 297.1 team stroke average in eight rounds, won the Central Dutch Classic, Loras Duhawk Spring Invitational and the Buena Vista Spring Invitational, and finished second in the Dutch Desert Shootout and in a dual with Grand Canyon University.

Simpson, with a 313.4 average in nine rounds, has five top-10 finishes in as many events, including a runner-up finish at their own Invitational. The Storm finished fourth at Webster (Mo.), seventh at both Grand View and Buena Vista, and 10th at Wartburg.

Other top team finishes during the season include Coe's victory at the Simpson Invitational and Wartburg's finish at its own Invitational. Coe has the third-best overall team stroke average at 316.5 (11 rounds), followed by Wartburg (320.6 in 7 rounds), Loras (322.9 in 8 rounds), and Luther (325.2 in 7 rounds).

Individually, Central's Andy Petersen (72.6 stroke average), Reid Turner (74.7), Andrew Townsend (75.1), Joel Winters (75.4), and Justin Smool (75.4) are the Conference's top-five stroke averages among players with at least three rounds played. Buena Vista's Tim Murphy is sixth with a 75.6 stoke average, while Luther's Ross Jacobucci (76.4), Simpson's David Combs (76.4) and Brett DeNeve (77.0), and Coe's Nolan Schmelzer (76.5) follow close behind. Winters, Smool, and DeNeve are the only IIAC golfers with two rounds of

par or better. There were a total of 12 rounds of par or better, including four sub-70 rounds – a 68 by Petersen, a 69 by Winters, and a 68 and a 69 by Smool – all at the Central Dutch Classic.

Murphy, Petersen, Turner, Townsend, Winters, and Smool have finished in the top-20 of each event they have played this Spring. Petersen and Winters each have three top-5 finishes with Winters taking medalist honors at the Buena Vista and runner-up honors at the Dutch Desert Shootout. Petersen took second at the Central Dutch Classic and in Central's dual with Grand Canyon University. Smool captured medalist at the Central Dutch Classic while DeNeve took top individual honors at the Simpson Invitational.

Complete team and individual season statistics follow this release.

**2007 Championship Recap:** Central won its IIAC-record 26th Conference title in men's golf with five golfers in the top-11 and a 72-hole team total of 1191. Buena Vista used a 305 on the final day to jump into second place with a four-round total 1240 and was the only other school with all five golfers in the top-20. Simpson placed third (1251), followed by Luther (1254) and Wartburg (1270). Central's 49-stroke victory is the largest margin of victory since the IIAC went to a 72-hole Championship in 1991. The previous mark was 40 strokes by Central in 1996.

Individually, medalist **Andy Petersen** led a quartet of Central golfers in the top-4, finishing with a 2-over-par 290 to win by nine strokes over teammate **Isaac Rodenberg**. Petersen is Central's 11th Medalist, more than any other Iowa Conference school, and its first since 2002. **Joel Winters** (300) was third, two strokes ahead of **Brett Meyer**. It was the second year in a row that the team champion placed its top four individuals in the top four spots on the medalist leaderboard (Wartburg).

Rounding out the top-10 and receiving All-Conference recognition were Simpson's **David Combs** (fifth, 303). Luther's **Ben Hanson** (sixth, 306), Buena Vista's **Wally Byrne** (7th, 309), Loras' **Mark Dolphin** (8th, 310), Buena Vista's **Tim Murphy** (9th, 311) and Luther's **Tom Lantzy** (10th, 312).

**Top Returning Individuals:** Twenty-seven golfers with previous IIAC Championship experience return to their team's line-up this year including two – Combs, and Coe's **Jayson Schmelzer** – who will be making their fourth appearance at the Conference Championship. Combs finished fifth last year, improving on his 12th-place finish in 2006 and a 25th-place finish in 2005. Central's Petersen, who returns to defend his medalist title, also placed 10th in 2006. Buena Vista's **Josh Reed** has placed 11th in each of the last two Championships, while Lantzy has finished 10th and 12th the past two years.

Ten of last year's top-20 finishers, including seven of the top-11, return this year led by two golfers each from Buena Vista, Central, and Luther. Buena Vista's Murphy and Reed, Central's Petersen and Winters, and Luther's Lantzy and **Paul Soener** (t-14th, 315) all return to their team after top-20 finishes last year. Other 2007 top-20 finishers returning this year include Combs, Dolphin, Wartburg's **Ian Flores** (t-17th, 317) and Coe's **Chris Buhr** (20th, 318).

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

Buena Vista	Nick Fara, <b>Tim Murphy, <i>Josh Reed</i>,</b> Ryan Schimp, Devin Stewart
Central	Andy Petersen, Justin Smool, Andrew Townsend, Reid Turner, Joel Winters
Coe	Chris Buhr, Nate Feldman, Michael Jump, <u>Jayson Schmelzer</u> , Nolan Schmelzer
Cornell	Kyle Davy, Jesse Dickinson, <i>Daniel Engstrom</i> , Nate Olafsen, Kyle Roberts
Dubuque	Mike PloessI, Cory Rubner, D.J. Topping, Calvin Vernon, Marcus Watson
Loras	Mark Dolphin, Eric Drane, Noel Frideres, John Kelly, Steve Stark, Jeff Wuestenfeld
Luther	Tom Lantzy, Chase Forkenbrock, Ross Jacobucci, Alec Schumacher, Paul Soener
Simpson	David Combs, Brett DeNeve, Lance Halvorsen, John Richter, Jeff Sailer, Cody Scharf
Wartburg	Chris Bushbaum, Jared Fairbanks, Ian Flores, Justin Petersen, Cory Tilson

Previous IIAC men's golf Championship results can be found at: <u>http://www.iowaconference.com/men/golf/tournaments.htm</u>.

### **Conference Leaders**

#### Individual Scoring Averages

Individual Scoring Averages									
Athlete	Rounds	Strokes	Avg						
Andy Petersen-CEN	7	508	72.6						
Reid Turner-CEN	7	523	74.7						
Andrew Townsend-CEN	8	601	75.1						
Joel Winters-CEN	8	603	75.4						
Justin Smool-CEN	7	528	75.4						
Tim Murphy-BVU	5	378	75.6						
Ross Jacobucci-LUT	5	382	76.4						
David Combs-SIM	9	688	76.4						
Nolan Schmelzer-COE	11	842	76.5						
Tom Lantzy-LUT	6	461	76.8						
Brett DeNeve-SIM	9	693	77.0						
Ian Flores-WAR	7	540	77.1						
Jason Harvey-CEN	8	618	77.3						
Alec Schumacher-LUT	6	465	77.5						
Cody Scharf-SIM	3	235	78.3						
Alex Huyser-CEN	2	157	78.5						
Eric Drane-LOR	8	632	79.0						
Mark Creveling-SIM	5	396	79.2						
Michael Jump-COE	9	713	79.2						
Mark Dolphin-LOR	8	635	79.4						

#### Team Scoring Averages

School	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Central College	8	2377	297.1
Simpson College	9	2821	313.4
Coe College	11	3482	316.5
Luther College	8	2537	317.1
Wartburg College	7	2244	320.6
Loras College	8	2583	322.9
Buena Vista University	5	1650	330.0
Dubuque, University of	4	1438	359.5
Cornell College	9	3299	366.6

# Team-by-Team Results

#### **Buena Vista University**

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Central Dutch Desert Shootout	March 20, 2008	1	3	3	18	+36	324
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	14	22	110	+92	668
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	14	17	89	+82	658

#### **Central College**

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Central vs. Grand Canyon (dual)	March 15, 2008	1	2	2	18	+31	315
Central Dutch Desert Shootout	March 20, 2008	1	2	3	18	+25	313
Central College Dutch Classic	March 28-29, 200	82	1	16	86	E	560
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	1	22	110	+27	603
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	1	17	89	+10	586

#### Coe College

Tournament	Dates R	ounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
SIUE Cougar Southern Classic	March 11-12, 2008	2	5	5	42	+62	638
Central College Dutch Classic	March 28-29, 2008	2	7	16	86	+57	617
Simpson Spring Invitational	April 1, 2008	1	1	12	68	+31	319
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	9	22	110	+66	642
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	9	18	96	+63	639
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	6	17	89	+51	627

#### **Cornell College**

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Knox Prairie Fire Classic	March 28-29, 2008	32	14	15	96	+160	736
Simpson Spring Invitational	April 1, 2008	1	11	12	68	+79	367
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	22	22	110	+159	735
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	17	18	96	+165	741
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	16	17	89	+144	720

#### University of Dubuque

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Dubuque vs. Ashford (dual)	April 9, 2008	1	2	2	11	+51	339
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	18	18	96	+170	746
Dubuque/Ashford/Mt. Mercy Tr	i. April 14, 2008	1	3	3	17	+65	353

#### Loras College

Tournament	Dates I	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Knox Prairie Fire Classic	March 28-29, 2008	2	9	15	96	+69	645
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	10	22	110	+75	651
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	11	18	96	+70	646
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	11	17	89	+65	641

### Luther College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Royal Spring Invitational	March 25, 2008	1	2	4	22	+32	320
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	11	22	110	+76	652
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	13	17	89	+78	654
Bobby Krig Invitational	April 21-22, 2008	3	3	16	80	+63	911

### Simpson College

Tournament	Dates I	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Gorlock Spring Invitational	March 30-31, 2008	2	4	13	82	+52	620
Simpson Spring Invitational	April 1, 2008	1	2	12	68	+32	320
GVC Spring Viking Classic	April 6-7, 2008	2	7	17	97	+45	613
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	10	18	96	+64	640
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	7	17	89	+52	628

### Wartburg College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Simpson Spring Invitational	April 1, 2008	1	6	12	68	+47	335
Duhawk Spring Invitational	April 6-7, 2008	2	12	22	110	+77	653
Wartburg Spring Invitational	April 12-13, 2008	2	4	18	96	+49	625
Buena Vista Spring Invitational	April 18-19, 2008	2	9	17	89	+55	631

# Team-by-Team Individual Stroke Averages

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	sh To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Tim Murphy	5	378	72	1	3	1	2	3	+4	75.6
Josh Reed	5	403	77	-	3	-	1	1	+9	80.6
Nick Fara	5	442	83	-	3	-	-	1	+16	88.4
Ryan Schimp	5	443	84	-	3	-	-	1	+17	88.6
Devin Stewart	5	450	82	-	3	-	-	1	+18	90.0
Dan Morgan	2	187	88	-	1	-	-	-	+22	93.5
Mike Wittry	2	188	94	-	1	-	-	-	+22	94.0
John Laffen	2	196	95	-	1	-	-	-	+26	98.0
Andrew Mackrill	2	198	91	-	1	-	-	-	+27	99.0
Tommy Bomstad	2	208	101	-	1	-	-	-	+32	104.0
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	15	1650	324	1	3	1	3	7	+42	330.0

### Buena Vista University

# **Central College**

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	sh To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Andy Petersen	7	508	68	1	4	3	4	4	+1	72.6
Reid Turner	7	523	70	1	4	2	3	4	+3	74.7
Andrew Townsend	8	601	71	-	5	1	4	5	+4	75.1
Joel Winters	8	603	69	2	5	3	3	5	+4	75.4
Justin Smool	7	528	68	2	4	1	2	4	+4	75.4
Jason Harvey	8	618	73	-	5	-	1	4	+6	77.3
Alex Huyser	2	157	77	-	1	-	-	-	+9	78.5
Justin Knock	8	636	74	-	5	-	-	3	+8	79.5
A.J. Meyer	6	477	78	-	4	-	-	2	+8	79.5
Nick Reifert	8	636	74	-	5	-	-	4	+8	79.5
Chris Crawford	4	320	77	-	2	-	-	-	+9	80.0
Austin Ewell	2	160	78	-	1	-	-	-	+10	80.0
Reid Peterson	8	641	76	-	5	-	-	3	+9	80.1
Matt Stock	6	481	77	-	3	-	-	-	+9	80.2
Trent Rolffs	2	168	79	-	1	-	-	-	+14	84.0
Ben Bohlender	4	337	82	-	2	-	-	-	+13	84.3
Nate Cardin	4	338	82	-	2	-	-	-	+14	84.5
Josh Baker	4	340	83	-	2	-	-	-	+14	85.0
Dustin Ritter	2	171	85	-	1	-	-	-	+16	85.5
Max Miller	2	175	85	-	1	-	-	-	+18	87.5
Ryan Neuhaus	2	175	82	-	1	-	-	-	+18	87.5
Tyler Wallingford	2	183	90	-	1	-	-	-	+22	91.5
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	8	2377	277	6	5	10	17	38	+12	297.1

### Coe College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	sh To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Nolan Schmelzer	11	842	73	-	6	1	4	5	+5	76.5
Michael Jump	9	713	75	-	5	1	1	2	+8	79.2
Chris Buhr	11	881	76	-	6	1	1	1	+8	80.1
Brad Downen	2	161	76	-	1	-	-	-	+9	80.5
Jayson Schmelzer	11	888	75	-	6	-	-	2	+9	80.7
Nate Feldman	9	760	78	-	5	-	-	-	+13	84.4
Rob Copeland	4	352	80	-	2	-	-	-	+16	88.0
Kyle Walters	2	179	87	-	1	-	-	-	+18	89.5
Kyle Hammann	2	185	89	-	1	-	-	-	+21	92.5
Brenden George	2	186	91	-	1	-	-	-	+21	93.0
Ryan Weber	2	186	91	-	1	-	-	-	+21	93.0
Colin Gisel	2	228	107	-	1	-	-	-	+42	114.0
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	11	3482	305	-	6	3	6	10	+30	316.5

#### Cornell College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fin	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Daniel Engstrom	9	769	80	-	5	-	-	-	+13	85.4
Nate Olafsen	4	347	79	-	2	-	-	-	+15	86.8
Kyle Roberts	7	650	85	-	4	-	-	-	+21	92.9
Jesse Dickinson	7	654	87	-	4	-	-	-	+21	93.4
Kyle Davy	7	660	90	-	4	-	-	-	+22	94.3
Max Etten	4	434	101	-	2	-	-	-	+37	108.5
Tommy Murphy	2	226	110	-	1	-	-	-	+41	113.0
Todd Bachman	3	343	107	-	2	-	-	-	+42	114.3
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	9	3299	357	-	5	-	-	-	+79	366.6

### University of Dubuque

			Low	Par/-	#	Fin	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Cory Rubner	4	345	84	-	3	-	2	2	+14	86.3
D.J. Topping	4	360	85	-	3	-	1	2	+18	90.0
Calvin Vernon	4	366	82	-	3	-	2	2	+20	91.5
Mike Ploessl	4	367	81	-	3	1	1	2	+20	91.8
Marcus Watson	3	345	106	-	2	-	-	1	+43	115.0
Austin Stewart	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
FOUR-PLAYER TEAN	4	1438	339	-	3	1	6	9	+72	359.5

### Loras College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fin	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Eric Drane	8	632	74	-	4	-	-	1	+7	79.0
Mark Dolphin	8	635	76	-	4	-	1	2	+7	79.4
Steve Stark	8	656	75	-	4	-	-	-	+10	82.0
Andy Bischoff	4	335	79	-	2	-	-	-	+12	83.8
John Kelly	8	675	81	-	4	-	-	-	+12	84.4
Noel Frideres	6	511	79	-	3	-	-	-	+13	85.2
Jeff Wuestenfeld	6	511	75	-	3	-	-	-	+13	85.2
Andrew Schroeder	2	176	85	-	1	-	-	-	+16	88.0
Kyle Domeyer	2	197	90	-	1	-	-	-	+27	98.5
Andrew Healey	2	200	97	-	1	-	-	-	+28	100.0
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	18	2583	315	-	4	-	1	3	+35	322.9

# Luther College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Ross Jacobucci	5	382	71	1	2	-	1	1	+5	76.4
Tom Lantzy	6	461	72	-	3	1	1	2	+6	76.8
Alec Schumacher	6	465	71	-	3	1	1	2	+6	77.5
Paul Soener	6	482	74	-	3	-	-	2	+9	80.3
Chase Forkenbrock	6	488	79	-	3	-	1	1	+10	81.3
Alex Gaudian	2	167	80	-	1	-	-	-	+12	83.5
Andrew Odean	2	169	83	-	1	-	-	-	+13	84.5
J.Scott Harrison	3	256	81	-	2	-	-	1	+13	85.3
Jake Jurgensen	5	461	84	-	3	-	-	-	+20	92.2
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	8	2537	300	1	4	2	4	9	+31	317.1

### Simpson College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
David Combs	9	688	70	1	5	2	2	4	+5	76.4
Brett DeNeve	9	693	70	2	5	1	2	3	+5	77.0
Cody Scharf	3	235	77	-	2	-	-	-	+7	78.3
Mark Creveling	5	396	73	-	3	-	-	1	+8	79.2
Jeffrey Sailer	7	567	75	-	4	-	-	-	+10	81.0
Lance Halvorsen	7	568	74	-	4	-	-	1	+9	81.1
Jordan Angell	3	252	79	-	2	-	-	-	+12	84.0
John Richter	3	253	76	-	2	-	-	-	+12	84.3
Troy Bergeson	3	257	83	-	2	-	-	-	+14	85.7
David Doely	1	86	86	-	1	-	-	-	+14	86.0
Michael Peterson	1	87	87	-	1	-	-	-	+15	87.0
Matt Spaulding	1	89	89	-	1	-	-	-	+17	89.0
Jon Sukut	1	93	93	-	1	-	-	-	+21	93.0
Nick Tanner	1	95	95	-	1	-	-	-	+23	95.0
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	9	2821	287	3	5	3	4	9	+27	313.4

### Wartburg College

			Low	Par/-	#	Fini	ish To	р	Relative	
Player	Rounds	Strokes	Round	Rounds	Events	5	10	20	To Par	Average
Ian Flores	7	540	72	1	4	1	2	3	+5	77.1
Chris Bushbaum	7	557	74	-	4	-	1	1	+8	79.6
Cory Tilson	6	489	78	-	3	-	-	-	+10	81.5
Craig Kobliska	2	164	80	-	1	-	-	-	+10	82.0
Lee Nelson	3	247	81	-	2	-	-	1	+10	82.3
Justin Peterson	7	580	75	-	4	-	-	1	+11	82.9
Jared Fairbanks	5	415	77	-	3	-	-	-	+11	83.0
Nick Luett	2	166	82	-	1	-	-	-	+11	83.0
Jeff Peters	5	415	80	-	3	-	-	-	+11	83.0
Clint Schipper	5	416	77	-	3	-	-	1	+11	83.2
Matt Sodoma	2	167	80	-	1	-	-	-	+12	83.5
Alex Helmich	3	254	83	-	2	-	-	-	+13	84.7
Nick Zieman	2	170	83	-	1	-	-	-	+13	85.0
Ben Messerli	2	176	87	-	1	-	-	-	+16	88.0
Kevin Eslick	3	265	80	-	2	-	-	-	+16	88.3
John Thompson	2	178	87	-	1	-	-	-	+17	89.0
Justin Moorman	2	182	84	-	2	-	-	-	+19	91.0
Matt Phillips	2	190	93	-	1	-	-	-	+23	95.0
FOUR-PLAYER TEAM	7	2244	308	1	4	1	3	7	+33	320.6