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IOWA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . The 2008 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Women's Golf Championship begins this weekend, September 26-27, 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 3-4, at A.H. Blank Golf Course in Des Moines, Iowa. Friday rounds begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday rounds begin at 9:00 a.m. Simpson College is the host of the 2008 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 (Central, Luther, Wartburg) will play together as will players from the fourth, fifth and sixth ranked teams (Loras, Coe, Simpson) and players from the seventh, eighth and ninth ranked teams (Buena Vista, Cornell, Dubuque).

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: In 2007, the NCAA expanded the size of the field for the Division III Women's Golf Championship and will again award automatic bids to qualifying conferences. The Iowa Conference women's golf champion will be the IIAC's automatic qualifier to the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship scheduled for May 13-16, 2009, at The PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Methodist University, the 11-time defending national champion, is the host institution.

About the 2008 Season: Four Iowa Conference schools have posted top-three finishes in a tournament this fall. Central has the only tournament title (Central Fall Invitational), while Simpson has a runner-up finish (Mount Mercy) and two third-place finishes (Central, Iowa Wesleyan) and Wartburg took second at UW-Eau Claire and third at their own meet. Coe has the only other top-three finish with a runner-up placing at the Loras Fall Invitational. The Knights have the Conference's top team stroke average (334.3) and have finished no worse than fifth in three tournaments. Central (347.28 average) edges Luther (347.33 average) for second place in team stroke average, while Simpson, which has three top-three finishes, has the fourth-best stroke average in the Conference (358.6). Coe has three top-ten finishes and ranks fifth in stroke average (381.3).

Individually, Central's **Sarah Paulson** has the top stroke average (80.7 average in seven rounds) and has a low round of 74 along with a round of 77 and two more of 79. Wartburg's **Steph Burns** (81.7 in six rounds), Simpson's **Katie Vaux** (82.0 in five rounds), and Wartburg's **Kate Thompson** (83.3 average in six rounds) and **Paige Klostermann** (84.8 average in four rounds) round out the top-five individuals by stroke average on the season. Luther's **Emily Looft** and **Lindsay Thies** both rank percentage points behind Klostermann after compiling 84.8 averages (509 strokes in six rounds each).

Vaux has posted a top-5 finish in each of her four tournaments this season, while teammate **Megan Smith** has three top-10 finishes. Central's Paulson also has three top-10 finishes, including two in the top-5. Wartburg's Burns and Coe's **Ashley Lerdal** each have two top-10 finishes with Burns taking medalist honors at the UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational. Central's **Nicole Wenstrand** is the only other Conference golfer to earn Medalist honors, winning the Central Fall Invitational.

Paulson has four of the Conference's ten lowest rounds this fall, shooting 79 and 74 at the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic and 77 and 79 at the Wartburg Fall Invitational. Fourth other golfers have broken 80 this season. Wartburg's **Ellen Rickert** and Thompson each shot 77 during round one of the UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite, where Burns captured medalist honors with rounds of 78 and 79. Thompson also shot 79 on day two of the Wartburg Fall Invite. Vaux recorded a 77 on day one at Wartburg.

Complete team and individual scoring averages follow this release.

2007 Championship Recap: Wartburg College won its third IAC Women's Golf Championship in four years with 72-hole total of 1327, 12 shots ahead of a late-charging Loras club. The Knights also earn the Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championship. Wartburg's Steph Burns took home individual medalist honors with her third round in the 70s, an IAC season-low 75 for 72-hole total of 311 (75-78-83-75).

Behind Burns' second 75 of the tournament, the Knights were able to fire the day's low round of 340 and hold off a charge by host Loras College to qualify for the national meet. Wartburg will host the national meet at Centennial Oaks Golf Club in Waverly May 13-16. Loras shot 342 to finish 12 strokes back at 1339 (328-324-345-342). Luther College (1381) edged defending Conference champion Simpson College (1383) for third place.

Burns' four-day total of 311 ranks as the second lowest 72-hole total in Conference Championship history. She finished 13 strokes ahead of Loras' **Stephanie Schwartz**, who was second at 78-85-78-83—324. Buena Vista University's **Chelsea Anderson** (80-84-80-88—332) took third, two shots ahead of Simpson's Megan Smith (83-79-88-84—334).

A scorecard tie-breaker gave Luther's Emily Looft (81-89-83-82—335) fifth place and Wartburg's Kate Thompson (78-82-86-89—335) sixth place. Luther's Lindsay Thies (336) and Coe College's **Angela Meisterling** (337) finished seventh and eighth, respectively, while a second scorecard tie-breaker gave Simpson's Katie Vaux (340) ninth place over Loras' **Amy Kemp** (340) to round out All-Conference honors.

Top Returning Individuals: Eleven of the top-20 finishers from 2007 return to their teams' line-up for this year's Conference Championship, including six All-Conference performers (top-10 finish). Wartburg's Thompson, Luther's Thies, and Simpson's Smith and Vaux are among 42 Iowa Conference women's golfers with two top-10 finishes at the Conference Championship and with another can join 34 others that have at least three top-10 finishes. Smith finished fourth last year (334) and ninth in 2006 (337), while Thompson took sixth last year (335) and seventh in 2005 (336). Last year, Thies added a seventh-place finish (336) to a ninth-place finish from 2005, and Vaux took ninth in 2007 (340) after a fourth-place finish in 2006 (329).

Other returning top-20 finishers from 2007 include: Luther's **Amy Ekland** (11th, 341), Wartburg's **Daina Deery** (12th, 342), Loras' **Jackie Kieffer** (15th, 345), Central's **Eva Downes** (18th, 351), and Wartburg's Rickert (19th, 352). Burns (medalist, 311) and Looft (5th, 335) also return with All-Conference honors to their credit from last season.

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. Players in bold have previously competed in the Iowa Conference Championship.

Buena Vista	Lauren Doherty, Kylie Woodley, Brynn Larson, Allison Platt , Trudi Francis
Central	Sarah Paulson, Eva Downes , Nicole Wenstrand , Abby Lukensmeyer, and Allison Crooks
Coe	Ashley Axdahl , Caitlin Johnson , Jackie Lerdahl , Courtney Williams, Kristi Boner
Cornell	Brittany Szczepanik , Amanda Brodin , Sarah Vittetoe , Lauren Leipold, Nicole Thompson
Dubuque	Sadie Chacon, Amber Sulzner , Lynn Nehl, Ashten Henningsen , Deidrah Kennedy , Kate Vanlandschoot
Loras	Jackie Kieffer , Brittney Boffeli, Stephanie Miller, Nicole Jess, Devin Brockwell, Katie Keyes
Luther	Emily Looft , Lindsay Thies , Amy Ekland , Ellen Miller , Kate Barton
Simpson	Katie Vaux , Megan Smith , Kayla Miller , Chelsy Manny , Taylor Hillery
Wartburg	Steph Burns , Kate Thompson , Paige Klostermann, Ellen Rickert , Daina Deery ,

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

Conference Leaders

INDIVIDUAL SCORING AVERAGE

Minimum 1 rounds

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Sarah Paulson-CEN	7	565	80.7
Steph Burns-WAR	6	490	81.7
Katie Vaux-SIM	5	410	82.0
Kate Thompson-WAR	6	500	83.3
Paige Klostermann-WAR	4	339	84.8
Emily Looft-LUT	6	509	84.8
Lindsay Thies-LUT	6	509	84.8
Megan Smith-SIM	5	429	85.8
Ellen Rickert-WAR	6	515	85.8
Daina Deery-WAR	6	517	86.2
Eva Downes-CEN	7	607	86.7
Nicole Wenstrand-CEN	5	438	87.6
Amy Ekland-LUT	6	527	87.8
Jordan Galles-WAR	6	527	87.8
Jackie Kieffer-LOR	7	622	88.9

TEAM SCORING AVERAGE

	Rounds	Strokes	Avg
Wartburg College	6	2006	334.3
Central College	7	2431	347.3
Luther College	6	2084	347.3
Simpson College	5	1793	358.6
Coe College	6	2288	381.3
Loras College	7	2802	400.3
Buena Vista University	5	2076	415.2
Cornell College	4	1701	425.2
Dubuque, Univ. of	4	1834	458.5

TEAM LOW ROUNDS (BEST 10)

1. 313 - Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
2. 326 - Wartburg College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (1st round)
3. 330 - Central College, Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic, Sept. 20-21, 2008 (2nd round)
4. 331 - Wartburg College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (2nd round)
5. 334 - Luther College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
- 334 - Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (2nd round)
7. 341 - Luther College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (2nd round)
8. 342 - Central College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
- 342 - Luther College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (1st round)
- 342 - Luther College, Division III Midwest Classic, Sep 13-14, 2008 (2nd round)

PLAYER LOW ROUNDS (BEST 50)

1. 74 - Sarah Paulson--Central College, Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic, Sept. 20-21, 2008 (2nd round)
2. 77 - Ellen Rickert--Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
- 77 - Kate Thompson--Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
- 77 - Sarah Paulson--Central College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (1st round)
- 77 - Katie Vaux--Simpson College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (1st round)
6. 78 - Steph Burns--Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (2nd round)
7. 79 - Steph Burns--Wartburg College, UW-Eau Claire Fall Invitational, Aug. 30-31, 2008 (1st round)
- 79 - Sarah Paulson--Central College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (2nd round)
- 79 - Kate Thompson--Wartburg College, Wartburg Fall Invitational, Sept. 6-7, 2008 (2nd round)
- 79 - Sarah Paulson--Central College, Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic, Sept. 20-21, 2008 (1st round)

Team-by-Team Results

Buena Vista University

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
USF Fall Invitational	Aug. 27	1	7	7	40	+140	424
Lady Red Raider Invitational	Aug. 28	1	12	13	70	+119	407
Central Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	5	6	36	+160	448
Briar Cliff Lila Frommelt Classic	Sept. 18-19	2	8	10	58	+237	797

Central College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Aug. 30-31	2	12	26	140	+125	705
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	11	17	101	+118	694
Central Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	1	6	36	+71	359
Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic	Sept. 20-21	2	11	23	120	+97	673

Coe College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Fall Invite	Aug. 29	1	7	12	68	+101	389
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	14	17	101	+224	800
Loras Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	2	11	54	+89	373
SAU Fighting Bee Classic	Sept. 20-21	2	6	13	72	+150	726

Cornell College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Fall Invite	Aug. 29	1	9	12	68	+118	406
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	17	17	101	+277	853
Loras Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	9	11	54	+158	442
Iowa Wesleyan Invitational	Sept. 19	-----Incomplete Team-----					

University of Dubuque

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Knox College Invitational	Sept. 6	1	16	17	98	+170	466
Loras Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	10	11	54	+162	446
Iowa Wesleyan Invitational	Sept. 19	1	8	9	47	+170	458
Clarke College Invitational	Sept. 22	1	5	5	25	+180	464

Loras College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Aug. 30-31	2	25	26	140	+261	841
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	16	17	101	+250	826
Loras Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	4	11	54	+96	380
Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic	Sept. 20-21	2	22	23	120	+179	755

Luther College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Aug. 30-31	2	10	26	140	+116	696
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	7	17	101	+107	683
Division III Midwest Classic	Sept. 13-14	2	7	15	98	+129	705

Simpson College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
Mount Mercy Fall Invite	Aug. 29	1	2	12	68	+69	357
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	12	17	101	+127	703
Central Fall Invitational	Sept. 12	1	3	6	36	+101	389
Iowa Wesleyan Invitational	Sept. 19	1	3	9	47	+56	344

Wartburg College

Tournament	Dates	Rounds	Place	Teams	Players	+/-	Score
UW-Eau Claire Fall Invite	Aug. 30-31	2	2	26	140	+67	647
Wartburg Fall Invitational	Sept. 6-7	2	3	17	101	+81	657
Division III Midwest Classic	Sep. 13-14	2	5	15	98	+126	702

Team-by-Team Individual Stroke Averages

Buena Vista University

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Lauren Doherty	5	489	93	-	4	-	-	-	+27	97.8
Kylie Woodley	5	520	100	-	4	-	-	-	+33	104.0
Allison Platt	3	313	102	-	2	-	-	-	+34	104.3
Brynn Larson	5	537	94	-	4	-	-	-	+36	107.4
Trudi Francis	5	551	98	-	4	-	-	-	+39	110.2
Katie Van Zante	5	571	102	-	4	-	-	-	+43	114.2
TEAM	5	2076	396	-	4	-	-	-	+131	415.2

Central College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Sarah Paulson	7	565	74	-	4	-	2	3	+9	80.7
Eva Downes	7	607	82	-	4	-	-	1	+15	86.7
Nicole Wenstrand	5	438	84	-	3	1	1	1	+15	87.6
Abby Lukensmeyer	7	632	86	-	4	-	-	1	+18	90.3
Allison Crooks	7	663	89	-	4	-	1	1	+23	94.7
Jacquelyn Mauk	5	489	94	-	3	-	-	-	+26	97.8
Alison Miller	5	493	91	-	3	-	-	1	+26	98.6
Paige Blythe	5	494	94	-	3	-	-	-	+27	98.8
Janelle Stevens	5	508	90	-	3	-	-	-	+29	101.6
Lindsey Ellenson	5	515	97	-	3	-	-	-	+31	103.0
Molli O'Brien	3	315	98	-	2	-	-	-	+33	105.0
TEAM	7	2431	330	-	4	1	4	8	+59	347.3

Coe College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Jackie Lerdal	6	538	85	-	4	-	-	2	+18	89.7
Caitlin Johnson	5	457	84	-	4	-	-	1	+20	91.4
Courtney Williams	6	575	87	-	4	-	-	-	+24	95.8
Ashley Axdahl	6	590	96	-	4	-	-	-	+27	98.3
Kristi Boner	6	705	108	-	4	-	-	-	+46	117.5
TEAM	6	2288	355	-	4	-	-	3	+94	381.3

Cornell College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Brittany Szczepanik	5	463	86	-	4	-	-	-	+21	92.6
Amanda Brodin	5	513	95	-	4	-	-	-	+31	102.6
Lauren Leipold	5	563	101	-	4	-	-	-	+41	112.6
Sarah Vittetoe	3	350	106	-	2	-	-	-	+45	116.7
Nicole Thompson	4	484	113	-	3	-	-	-	+49	121.0
TEAM	4	1701	406	-	4	-	-	-	+138	425.2

University of Dubuque

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Sadie Chacon	3	310	101	-	3	-	-	-	+31	103.3
Lynn Nehl	3	330	106	-	3	-	-	-	+38	110.0
Amber Sulzner	3	347	102	-	3	-	-	-	+43	115.7
Ashten Hennigson	2	236	118	-	2	-	-	-	+47	118.0
Deidrah Kennedy	3	375	123	-	3	-	-	-	+53	125.0
Kate Vanlandschoot	3	384	120	-	3	-	-	-	+56	128.0
Kelli Foht	3	398	116	-	3	-	-	-	+61	132.7
TEAM	4	1834	446	-	4	-	-	-	+171	458.5

Loras College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Jackie Kieffer	7	622	85	-	4	-	1	1	+17	88.9
Brittney Boffeli	7	658	88	-	4	-	1	1	+22	94.0
Stephanie Miller	5	535	98	-	3	-	-	-	+35	107.0
Nicole Jess	7	757	98	-	4	-	-	-	+36	108.1
Katelyn Keyes	3	346	104	-	2	-	-	-	+43	115.3
Devin Brockwell	5	588	102	-	3	-	-	-	+46	117.6
TEAM	7	2802	375	-	4	-	2	2	+112	400.3

Luther College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Emily Looft	6	509	82	-	3	-	-	-	+13	84.8
Lindsay Thies	6	509	80	-	3	-	-	-	+13	84.8
Amy Ekland	6	527	81	-	3	-	-	-	+16	87.8
Ellen Miller	6	541	82	-	3	-	-	-	+18	90.2
Kate Barton	6	544	88	-	3	-	-	-	+19	90.7
Krista Solie	6	573	93	-	3	-	-	-	+23	95.5
Tess Spindler	2	196	94	-	1	-	-	-	+26	98.0
Andrea Pagh	2	197	94	-	1	-	-	-	+26	98.5
Krista Gulstrand	4	398	95	-	2	-	-	-	+28	99.5
TEAM	6	2084	334	-	3	-	-	-	+59	347.3

Simpson College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative To Par	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Katie Vaux	5	410	77	-	4	-	4	4	+10	82.0
Megan Smith	5	429	83	-	4	-	1	3	+14	85.8
Taylor Hillery	5	463	85	-	4	-	-	-	+21	92.6
Kayla Miller	5	491	94	-	4	-	-	-	+26	98.2
Chelsy Manny	5	529	96	-	4	-	-	-	+34	105.8
TEAM	5	1793	344	-	4	-	5	7	+71	358.6

Wartburg College

Player	Rounds	Strokes	Low	Par/-	#	Finish Top			Relative	Average
			Round	Rounds	Events	1	5	10		
Steph Burns	6	490	78	-	3	1	1	2	+10	81.7
Kate Thompson	6	500	77	-	3	-	1	1	+11	83.3
Paige Klostermann	4	339	82	-	2	-	-	-	+13	84.8
Ellen Rickert	6	515	77	-	3	-	-	-	+14	85.8
Daina Deery	6	517	80	-	3	-	-	-	+14	86.2
Jordan Galles	6	527	81	-	3	-	-	-	+16	87.8
Rebecca Lewis	6	554	85	-	3	-	-	-	+20	92.3
TEAM	6	2006	313	-	3	1	2	3	+46	334.3