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2004-05 IOWA CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . . Three-time defending Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) Champion Buena Vista University received five of eight first-place votes and accumulated 61 points to claim the top spot in the 2004-05 IIAC Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll. Wartburg College received the other three first-place votes and is second in the preseason poll with 58 points followed by Loras College (50 points) and Simpson (46 points). The complete 2004-05 IIAC Men's Basketball Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st-place votes)	Points	2003-04 Record
1	Buena Vista (5)	61	24-5, 13-3 IIAC
2	Wartburg (3)	58	20-8, 11-5 IIAC
3	Loras	50	16-10, 9-7 IIAC
4	Simpson	46	16-11, 11-5 IIAC
5	Coe	40	15-12, 10-6 IIAC
6	Luther	29	9-17, 5-11 IIAC
7	Central	26	6-20, 5-11 IIAC
8	Dubuque	25	6-19, 2-14 IIAC
9	Cornell	17	9-17, 6-10 IIAC

Conference favorite Buena Vista is ranked in two preseason national polls. The Beavers are ranked 18th in the D-III News poll and 19th in the D3hoops.com poll. Buena Vista senior guard **Eric Wiebers** was named to both publications preseason All-American Team.

The 2004-05 men's basketball season begins on November 19, with six teams in action that day. Seven schools are scheduled for competition on November 20 and all nine schools will make their season debut by November 23. Conference play begins on Tuesday, November 30, and concludes with the eight-team Conference Tournament on February 22 and 25-26.

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Buena Vista University Beavers (24-5 overall, 13-3 IIAC – 1st)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Brian Van Haaften** says, “We look forward to another great race this year in the Iowa Conference. We have remarkable experience and good depth. We have as much depth as we have had in awhile and we are big and strong. [Through the early part of the season] I want to see us improve and play together as a team. All of our games early will be tough, which will certainly help us for the Iowa Conference season.”

About the Team: Buena Vista graduated its starting center and point guard, two positions Van Haaften calls “tough to fill.” The Beavers will look to match the 1977-80 Central teams that won four straight Conference titles outright. 2002-03 Conference MVP **Eric Wiebers** leads a group of six seniors that have posted a 74-15 overall record in three years and a 45-7 Conference record.

Key Returnees	
Eric Wiebers , Sr., G	2003-04 First Team All-Conference, 2002-03 IIAC MVP, two-time All-Region 29 GP – 15.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 80 assists, 41 steals, 45.3 percent FG, 43.9 percent 3-pt FG, 81.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in scoring; 1st in 3-pt FG Made (82); 3rd in 3-pt FG Pct.; 5th in FT Pct.; 7th in assists/game
Michael Cameron , Sr., F	27 GP – 12.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 29 assists, 39 steals, 44.9 percent FG, 31.3 percent 3-pt FG, 78.9 percent FT IIAC Rank - 14th in scoring; t-9th in FT Pct.; 10th in steals/game
Randy Bissen , Sr., F	29 GP – 10.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 33 assists, 28 blocks, 23 steals, 64.6 percent FG, 57.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 1st in FG Pct.; 3rd in blocks/game; 8th in rebounding
Brandon Kies , Sr., F	Missed much of 2003-04 season due to injury 8 GP – 8.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 4 steals, 47.8 percent FG, 43.5 percent 3-pt FG, 78.9 percent FT
Jordan Campbell , Sr., F	29 GP – 8.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 30 assists, 42 blocks, 46.8 percent FG, 38.5 percent 3-pt FG, 66.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 1st in blocks/game; 13th in FG Pct.; 16th in rebounding
Reece Viet , Sr., F	23 GP – 2.4 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 10 assists, 34.6 percent FG, 38.2 percent 3-pt FG, 85.7 percent FT
Matt Wittry , Jr., G	29 GP – 1.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 59 assists, 22 steals, 43.2 percent FG, 64.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 14th in assists/game

Newcomers To Watch	
Nesha Francic , So., C	
Mark Joekel , So., C	
Jesse Schmidt , Jr., F	

Tough Losses	
Scott Weber , C	2003-04 IIAC MVP; Three-time All-Conference 29 GP – 18.6 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 57 assists, 42 steals, 18 blocks, 56.4 percent FG, 75.5 percent FT; IIAC Rank – 2nd in scoring; t-3rd in rebounding; 3rd in FG Pct.; 9th in steals/game; 15th in FT Pct.
Casey Pelzer , G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 29 GP - 6.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 148 assists, 43 steals, 41.8 percent FG, 32.9 percent 3-pt FG, 71.0 percent FT; IIAC Rank – 3rd in assists/game; 8th in steals/game
Brian Sohn , G	16 GP – 3.3 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 55.2 percent FG, 55.0 percent 3-pt FG, 90.0 percent FT
Landon Stribe , G	16 GP – 0.3 ppg, 0.7 rpg

Central College Dutch (6-20 overall, 5-11 IIAC – t-7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Mike Boschee** says, "I think we have a good group of guys who love to play the game which is so important to me. We won't have as much experience as I would like with this year's team, but hopefully we'll make up for it with grit. We have quite a few new faces on our roster so it will probably take a little time to get, but I do feel we will be improved. We are looking forward to the challenge of the Iowa Conference schedule."

About the Team: In 2003-04, Central improved on its 2002-03 record and now with Boschee's first recruiting class, a more significant leap is anticipated. Nearly half of the 13 players on the roster are in their first year with the Dutch. One of the most significant additions to Central's line-up this year is the return of senior **Scott Huisman**, who was among the Conference leaders in scoring and rebounding in 2002-03 but sat out last year.

Key Returnees	
Taylor Phipps, Jr., C	14 GP – 2.9 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 8 assists, 5 steals, 50.0 percent FG, 81.8 percent FT
Chris Nelson, Jr., G	26 GP – 10.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 51 assists, 32 steals, 42.0 percent FG, 42.1 percent 3-pt. FG, 76.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 17th in scoring; 6th in 3-pt FG Pct.; 14th in steals/game
Brandon Vos, Sr., F	24 GP – 7.5 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 13 assists, 12 steals, 47.9 percent FG, 39.1 percent 3-pt FG, 78.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – t-9th in FT Pct.; 20th in rebounding
Jason Crews, Jr., F	25 GP – 5.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 30 assists, 40 steals, 11 blocks, 40.1 percent FG, 45.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – t-5th in steals/game
Scott Huisman, Sr., C	DNP 2003-04 season; 2002-03 Second Team All-Conference 2002-03 stats: 23 GP – 14.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 22 assists, 38 blocks, 21 steals, 50.4 percent FG, 84.1 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
John Carlson, Fr., G	
Zak Clark, Fr., G	
Brett DeHoogh, Fr., G	
Simeon Lang, Fr., F	
Keith Pedersen, Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Scott Veldhuizen, F	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 26 GP – 19.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 49 assists, 31 steals, 21 blocks, 47.7 percent FG, 42.2 percent 3-pt FG, 74.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 1st in scoring, 5th in 3-pt FG Pct.; 6th in blocks/game; 9th in rebounding; 12th in FG Pct.; 15th in steals/game
Matt Keefer, F	26 GP – 4.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 27 assists, 22 blocks, 20 steals, 37.3 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 67.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in blocks/game
Seth Quan, G	26 GP – 4.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 63 assists, 18 steals, 10 blocks, 50.0 percent FG, 57.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in assists/game

Coe College Kohawks (15-12 overall, 10-6 IIAC – 4th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/7

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Brent Brase** says, “We lost six seniors plus **Brandon Sain**, due to recurring knee problems. We will be young and inexperienced but I really like our team’s attitude and work ethic. History shows our team plays well in January and February. As some teams plateau at that time, we continue to stress the basic fundamentals to help us improve on an everyday basis.”

About the Team: Coe won 11 of its final 14 games last season and advanced to the semifinals of the Conference Tournament but this year return just eight players with any varsity experience. The team’s leader is senior point guard **Nick Wilkins**, who has played in every game since his freshman season. Wilkins ranks among the school’s all-time career leaders in free throw percentage (1st, 89.8 percent), assists (6th, 204) and steals (7th, 95).

Key Returnees	
Nick Wilkins , Sr., G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 11.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 81 assists, 46 steals, 43.0 percent FG, 38.5 percent 3-pt FG, 89.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 15th in scoring; 1st in FT Pct.; 4th in steals/game; 6th in assists/game; 12th in 3-pt FG Pct.
Seth Hamilton , Sr., F	27 GP – 7.6 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 27 assists, 55.5 percent FG, 73.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 17th in rebounding
Brad Axdahl , Jr., G	27 GP – 5.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 12 assists, 40.4 percent FG, 36.5 percent 3-pt FG, 88.9 percent FT
Garrett Akins , Jr., F	22 GP – 1.4 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 52.4 percent FG, 80.0 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Kyle Kuenstling , Fr., F	
Brian Brungard , Fr., G	
Chris Kehe , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Luke Niemann , G	27 GP – 6.7 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 45 assists, 19 steals, 46.6 percent FG, 39.1 percent 3-pt FG, 83.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 15th in rebounding
Jake Fish , G	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 27 GP – 14.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 24 assists, 17 steals, 45.5 percent FG, 25.9 percent 3-pt FG, 77.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in scoring; 11th in rebounding; 12th in FT Pct.; 15th in FG Pct.
Nat Tagtow , G	27 GP – 3.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 39 assists, 23 steals, 40.0 percent FG, 35.5 percent 3-pt FG, 27.8 percent FT
Brandon Sain , F	19 GP – 13.0 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 10 assists, 10 steals, 46.6 percent FG, 46.8 percent 3-pt FG, 66.0 percent FT

Cornell College Rams (9-17 overall, 6-10 IIAC – 6th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Mike DeGeorge** says, “We have a group of hard working upperclassmen and one outstanding player. Keys to our success will include a complete commitment to our defense, and the coaching staff defining and the player accepting their roles. Our effort and concentration have been outstanding in practice, which has helped us implement a new system. We are excited about confronting the challenges in front of us.”

About the Team: Cornell must overcome the loss of two All-Conference performers and learn a new system under first-year coach DeGeorge. Six senior and three juniors bring experience to the floor for the Rams.

Key Returnees	
Dan McClanahan , Jr., C	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP - 16.6 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 93 assists, 55 steals, 54.7 percent FG, 52.6 percent 3-pt FG, 69.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 5th in scoring; 1st in steals/game; 3rd in rebounding; 5th in assists/game; 6th in FG Pct.
Nick Christensen , Sr., F	26 GP – 3.8 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 40 assists, 13 steals, 38.5 percent FG, 41.0 percent 3-pt FG, 50.0 percent FT
Jeff Ecker , Jr., G	26 GP – 10.0 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 27 assists, 16 steals, 43.7 percent FG, 45.3 percent 3-pt FG, 77.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in 3-pt FG Pct.
Andrew Peternel , Sr., G	25 GP – 2.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 41 assists, 25 steals, 32.7 percent FG, 68.8 percent FT
Cameron Wendt , Jr., F	21 GP – 3.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 23 assists, 11 steals, 54.7 percent FG, 58.3 percent 3-pt FG, 69.6 percent FT
Mike Halac , Sr., F	25 GP – 3.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 12 assists, 40.7 percent FG, 58.1 percent FT
Zack Heindel , Sr., F	9 GP – 5.0 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 12 assists, 60.6 percent FG, 50.0 percent FT
Erik Pedersen , Sr., G	22 GP – 2.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 13 assists, 35.7 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG
Justin Decker , Sr., G	16 GP – 1.5 ppg, 0.7 rpg, 8 assists, 63.6 percent FG, 66.7 percent 3-pt FG, 57.1 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Nate Olfason , Fr., G	

Tough Losses	
Matt Ditch , F	Two-time First Team All-Conference 20 GP – 17.8 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 28 assists, 11 steals, 10 blocks, 42.8 percent FG, 34.0 percent 3-pt FG, 81.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 3rd in scoring; 6th in rebounding; 6th in FT Pct.
Andy Fox , G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 23 GP – 15.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 116 assists, 33 steals, 44.3 percent FG, 37.0 percent 3-pt FG, 72.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 6th in scoring; 4th in assists/game; 11th in steals/game
Ed Dye , C	25 GP – 2.9 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 15 blocks, 40.0 percent FG, 86.7 percent FT IIAC – 12th in blocks/game

University of Dubuque Spartans (6-19 overall, 2-14 IIAC – 9th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 3/6

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Marty McDermott** says, "We look forward to continuing our improvement as a program."

About the Team: In McDermott's second season, Dubuque continues its rebuilding process and is looking for improvement with a young team. The Spartans are likely to start two freshmen and three sophomores.

Key Returnees	
Nick Thomas , So., F	25 GP – 14.0 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 22 assists, 51 steals, 49.4 percent FG, 37.6 percent 3-pt FG, 68.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 12th in scoring; 2nd in steals/game; 9th in FG Pct.; 14th in 3-pt FG Pct.
Andrew Fisch , Jr., C	25 GP – 5.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 16 assists, 15 steals, 14 blocks, 60.0 percent FG, 60.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 13th in rebounding; 14th in blocks/game
Levi Burkett , Sr., F	25 GP – 1.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 20 assists, 28.6 percent FG, 66.7 percent FT
Matt Lux , Sr., F	9 GP – 1.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 5 steals, 35.7 percent FG, 50.0 percent FT
Mike Stretton , So., G	9 GP – 1.4 ppg, 0.3 rpg, 5 assists, 71.4 percent FG,

Tough Losses	
J.D. Henderson , G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP – 13.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 165 assists, 40 steals, 38.6 percent FG, 34.1 percent 3-pt FG, 75.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 13th in scoring; 1st in assists/game; t-5th in steals/game
Marlon Griffin , F	25 GP – 14.2 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 25 assists, 11 steals, 11 blocks, 45.4 percent FG, 71.7 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in scoring; 5th in rebounding
George Toles , G	25 GP – 9.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 26 assists, 17 steals, 34.8 percent FG, 29.9 percent 3-pt FG, 80.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in FT Pct.

Loras College Duhawks (16-10 overall, 9-7 IIAC – 5th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/2

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Chad Walthall** says, "We are please with our group of guys returning. I feel our perimeter has the potential to be as good as anyone in the league. The question will be our interior. Someone has to pick it up. We like to spread the floor. We feel we are harder to guard that way. We are strong and athletic, and we feel that will counter our opponents' size."

About the Team: After finishing fourth in the Conference in each of Walthall's first three seasons, Loras fell to fifth last season. With the return of all but two players, the Duhawks expect to improve on last season's 9-7 record. 2002-03 All-Conference guard **Bobby Stineman** is healthy after missing most of last season due to injury. His injury allowed **Greg King** to step-up in his absence and be one of three Loras players to average in double-figures.

Key Returnees	
Jeff Ludovissy , Sr., G	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 22 GP – 16.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 48 assists, 34 steals, 45.4 percent FG, 37.5 percent 3-pt FG, 82.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in scoring; 4th in FT Pct.; 7th in steals/game; 10th in assists/game/game; 15th in 3-pt FG Pct.
Bobby Stineman , Sr., G	Missed most of 2003-04 season due to injury; 2002-03 First Team All-Conference 8 GP – 9.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 34 assists, 13 steals, 36.7 percent FG, 42.9 percent 3-pt FG, 70.4 percent FT
Greg King , Jr., G	25 GP – 10.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 43 assists, 27 steals, 36.2 percent FG, 38.6 percent 3-pt FG, 76.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 10th in rebounding; 11th in 3-pt FG Pct.; 14th in FT Pct.
Matt Murray , Jr., F	26 GP – 7.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 34 assists, 27 steals, 16 blocks, 58.1 percent FG, 67.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in rebounding; 11th in blocks/game
J.R. Redovan , So., G	20 GP – 5.7 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 48 assists, 20 steals, 36.2 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 85.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in FT Pct.; 9th in assists/game/game
Gavin Sullivan , Jr., G	26 GP – 5.4 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 53 assists, 26 steals, 33.1 percent FG, 34.1 percent 3-pt FG, 68.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – 12th in assists/game
Scottie Braden , So., G	19 GP – 6.3 ppg, 1.1 rpg, 14 assists, 37.8 percent FG, 37.8 percent 3-pt FG, 1.000 percent FT
Pete Silvestri , Jr., F	26 GP – 6.0 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 20 assists, 42.9 percent FG, 74.1 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Kyle White , Fr., F	
Justin Gray , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Dwayne Penn , F	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 10.6 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 27 blocks, 23 steals, 54.2 percent FG, 51.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 18th in scoring; 1st in rebounding; 2nd in blocks/game; 7th in FG Pct.

Luther College Norse (9-17 overall, 5-11 IIAC – t-7th)

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Jeff Olinger** says, "We look towards improving upon our season last year. Guard play should be our strength. We need to have a couple of our young posts step-up to shore up our inside game. We have a great deal of confidence in our team defense and we are improved offensively."

About the Team: Luther led the Conference in scoring defense last season (64.1 points allowed/game) but ranked last in scoring offense (59.2 points/game). The Norse graduated its two big-men, including the team's leading scorer and rebounder, but return an experienced back court with five seniors and a sophomore that all appeared in 20+ games, including the team's #2 and #3 scorers.

Key Returnees	
Andy Rump , Sr., G	21 GP – 9.3 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 29 assists, 14 steals, 44.8 percent FG, 43.2 percent 3-pt FG, 77.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 4th in 3-pt FG Pct.
Brandon Grimm , Sr., G	26 GP – 8.7 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 52 assists, 37 steals, 10 blocks, 38.5 percent FG, 33.0 percent 3-pt FG, 65.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 12th in steals/game; 15th in assists/game
Erik Lowe , Sr., G	24 GP – 6.7 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 49 assists, 25 steals, 37.2 percent FG, 34.0 percent 3-pt FG, 77.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 11th in assists/game; 13th in FT Pct.
Matt Johnson , Sr., G	26 GP – 5.9 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 49 assists, 15 steals, 41.4 percent FG, 38.7 percent 3-pt FG, 64.4 percent FT IIAC Rank – 10th in 3-pt FG Pct.
Drew Devine , So., F	20 GP – 3.8 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 6 assists, 42.9 percent FG, 69.2 percent FT
Josh Johnson , So., G	23 GP – 2.2 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 10 assists, 35.1 percent FG, 76.7 percent FT

Newcomers To Watch	
Austin Bildstein , Fr., G	
Tony Brantner , Fr., F	
Lucian Camp , So., G	
Andy Campbell , Fr., G	
Garett McKiness , Fr., F	
Logan Prochaska , Fr., G	
Andrew Wilhelm , Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Jake Lappe , F	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 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.
Justin Pieper , F	26 GP – 7.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 43 assists, 17 steals, 15 blocks, 50.3 percent FG, 64.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in FG Pct.; 13th in blocks/game

Simpson College Storm (16-11 overall, 11-5 IIAC – t-2nd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Bruce Wilson** says, “We will be a young, inexperienced squad with five returning varsity players. The team has two seniors and two juniors with the rest of the team consisting of sophomores and freshmen. The returning players had some good outings but they will need to be more consistent this season. The team will not be as big physically as last year but may be more athletic in certain positions. This team needs playing experience to help it mature and grow. I expect this team to show good improvement as the season progresses and the young players get more repetitions. The defense and rebounding will be key areas for this team.”

About the Team: Simpson lost four starters from last season but return several players that made key contributions off the bench to the team’s second-place finish. Center **Jason Soppe**, forwards **Scott Ellens** and **Ryan Hittenmiller**, and guard **Mike Martin** will use the experience they received off the bench last season to successfully step into the starting line-up joining the lone returnee, **Jason Parkinson**.

Key Returnees	
Jason Parkinson , So., G	27 GP – 10.3 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 41 assists, 21 steals, 48.2 percent FG, 41.7 percent 3-pt FG, 72.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 20th in scoring; 7th in 3-pt FG Pct; 11th in FG Pct.
Scott Ellens , Jr., F	26 GP – 4.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 15 assists, 12 steals, 52.7 percent FG, 31.6 percent 3-pt FG, 73.5 percent FT
Ryan Hittenmiller , So., F	27 GP – 8.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 28 assists, 22 steals, 21 blocks, 49.2 percent FG, 36.4 percent 3-pt FG, 72.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 7th in blocks/game; 10th in FG Pct.
Mike Martin , Sr., G	27 GP – 2.1 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 49 assists, 13 steals, 38.2 percent FG, 32.1 percent 3-pt FG, 50.0 percent FT
Jason Soppe , So., C	27 GP – 4.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 28 assists, 15 blocks, 10 steals, 43.7 percent FG, 62.9 percent FT IIAC Rank – t-15th in blocks/game; 19th in rebounding
Brad Allen , Sr., F	8 GP – 0.3 ppg, 0.4 rpg
Brett Cermak , So., G	8 GP – 0.4 ppg, 3 assists

Newcomers To Watch	
Matt Gilbert , Fr., G	
Mitch Keller , Fr., F	
Matt Stauter , Fr., G	
Adam Thorson , Fr., F	
Brennen Tubaugh , Jr., G	

Tough Losses	
Dirk Walker , G	2001-02 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 5.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 149 assists, 47 steals, 49.5 percent FG, 37.5 percent 3-pt FG, 74.1 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in assists/game; 3rd in steals/game
Matt Brown , F	2002-03 Second Team All-Conference 27 GP – 7.7 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 35 assists, 21 steals, 12 blocks, 38.1 percent FG, 72.1 percent FT
Jason Snyder , F	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 27 GP - 10.6 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 29 assists, 25 steals, 13 blocks, 55.0 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 66.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 19th in scoring; 5th in FG Pct.; 12th in rebounding
Barry Moore , C	27 GP – 8.4 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 36 assists, 22 blocks, 60.2 percent FG, 73.5 percent FT IIAC Rank – 2nd in FG Pct.; 5th in blocks/game; 14th in rebounding
Nick Boyd , G	27 GP – 9.2 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 33 assists, 16 steals, 50.0 percent FG, 51.3 percent 3-pt FG, 79.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 1st in 3-pt FG Pct.; 8th in FT Pct.

Wartburg College Knights (20-8 overall, 11-5 IIAC – t-2nd)

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/4

Quote from the Coach: Head coach **Dick Peth** says, "We are excited about the nucleus we have returning from last year's team. Our depth will play an integral part of the success we experience this season."

About the Team: Wartburg's returning starters bring a variety of attributes necessary for success – experience, power, size and speed. The Knights are deep coming off the bench with a mix of experienced players and a strong group of newcomers.

Key Returnees	
Jason Steege, Jr., G	2003-04 First Team All-Conference 28 GP – 14.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 52 assists, 19 steals, 43.9 percent FG, 41.5 percent 3-pt FG, 78.6 percent FT IIAC Rank – 11th in scoring; 9th in 3-pt FG Pct.; 11th in FT Pct.
Nate Schmidt, Jr., F	27 GP – 10.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 18 assists, 21 steals, 15 blocks, 55.2 percent FG, 84.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 16th in scoring; 3rd in FT Pct.; 4th in FG Pct.; t-15th in blocks/game; 18th in rebounding
Alan Johnson, Sr., C	28 GP – 5.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 34 assists, 12 blocks, 64.3 percent FG, 80 percent FT
Rance Cartmill, Jr., G	28 GP – 9.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 44 assists, 29 steals, 45.1 percent FG, 35.5 percent 3-pt FG, 74.0 percent FT
Jordan Atchison, Sr., G	28 GP – 7.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 57 assists, 32 steals, 12 blocks, 41.7 percent FG, 30.9 percent 3-pt FG, 71.0 percent FT IIAC Rank – 13th in assists/game

Newcomers To Watch	
DeVaughan Anderson, Fr., G	
John Trost, Fr., G	
Lee Nelson, Fr., F	
Brad Schmidt, Fr., F	
Ryan Hildebrand, Fr., F	

Tough Losses	
Kip Pederson, C	28 GP – 4.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 24 assists, 18 blocks, 13 steals, 49.5 percent FG, 69.8 percent FT IIAC Rank – 9th in blocks/game
Jeremy Gomez, F	24 GP – 6.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 14 assists, 17 blocks, 16 steals, 47.7 percent FG, 65.3 percent FT IIAC Rank – 8th in blocks/game