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## 2005-06 IOWA CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA . . .** Luther College, with three starters and 11 letterwinners returning, is the pick of Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) women's basketball coaches to win the 2005-06 Conference title, narrowly edging two-time defending Champion Buena Vista University.

Luther received five first-place votes, two second-place votes and a third-place vote for 68 points in the IIAC women's basketball Coaches' Poll. Buena Vista, which also has three starters and 11 letterwinners returning, received the remaining four first-place votes, three second-place votes and a third-place vote for a total of 67 points. Simpson College, winners of the 2005 IIAC Tournament, finished third in the Coaches' Poll with 60 points. The complete 2005-06 IIAC women's basketball Coaches' Poll follows.

Rank	School (1st place votes)	Points	2004-05 Record
1	Luther (5)	68	18-8, 11-5 IIAC
2	Buena Vista (4)	67	25-3, 16-0 IIAC
3	Simpson	60	22-7, 12-4 IIAC
4	Wartburg	51	16-11, 9-7 IIAC
5	Coe	40	11-15, 8-8 IIAC
6	Loras	37	13-13, 8-8 IIAC
7	Dubuque	31	8-18, 4-12 IIAC
8	Central	26	7-19, 4-12 IIAC
9	Cornell	16	0-24, 0-16 IIAC

**Returning All-Conference Performers:** Seven former All-Conference performers return to their teams' line-ups this year led by 2004-05 Conference Most Valuable Player and three-time All-Conference selection **Katie Maguire**, a senior guard from Buena Vista. In addition to her Conference honors, she was named a Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) honorable mention All-American and a First Team All-Region selection by d3hoops.com.

Maguire's backcourt and classmate **Kelli Staley** and Luther senior forward **Anne Straate** were First Team All-Conference selections last year. Second Team returnees include Central junior center **Ashley Nekola**, Dubuque sophomore guard **Courtney Musser**, Loras sophomore guard/forward **Natalie Pucci** and Luther junior forward **Erica Svien**. Nekola is studying abroad for the fall semester and will not join the Dutch line-up until January.

**National Preseason Honors:** Buena Vista is ranked in three national preseason polls. The Beavers are ranked 11th by the WBCA and the DIII News, and are 16th in the d3hoops.com poll. Simpson is listed among others receiving votes by the WBCA and d3hoops.com.

Maguire was named to the d3hoops.com Preseason All-American Fourth Team.

**New Coaches:** Central, Cornell and Loras all have new faces on the sideline. **Natalie Nakic**, the former head coach at Mount Ida College in Boston, takes the helm at Central; **Brent Brase**, the former men's coach at Coe, now leads the Cornell women; and **Sauna Green**, a three-year assistant at Loras, takes over head coaching duties this year.

**2005-06 Season:** The 2005-06 women's basketball season begins on Friday, November 19. The first Conference game is Tuesday, November 29. IAC action hits full swing on Wednesday, January 4 and concludes with a six-team Conference Tournament in late February. Under a new Conference policy adopted in May 2005, the IAC basketball tournaments have changed from an eight-team format to a six-team format with the top two seeds receiving a bye in the first round. The Conference semifinals have also been switched from Friday night to Thursday night. The higher seeded team will host each game.

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## Buena Vista University Beavers (25-3 overall, 16-0 IIAC – 1st)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Janet Berry** says, "I love our squad and feel with Katie Maguire, the returning Conference MVP, and Kelli Staley we will be very competitive. Our freshmen class is very athletic and has increased our depth. The IIAC Women's race will once again be a lot of fun. We have a lot of great coaches and players in our league that make each league game competitive. We also have three new coaches that will bring some different looks. "

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Katie Maguire, Sr., G	2004-05 IIAC MVP; Three-time All-Conference, 2004-05 WBCA honorable mention All-American; d3hoops.com All-Region First Team 27 GP – 18.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 138 assists, 80 steals, 46.8 percent FG, 44.3 percent 3-pt FG, 82.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in scoring, 1st in steals/gm (2.96), 1st in 3-pt FG pct., 1st in 3-pt FGM/gm (2.74), 2nd in assists/gm (5.11), 2nd in FT pct., 2nd in assist/turnover ratio (1.60), 9th in FG pct. National rank – 7th in 3-pt FG pct., 15th in 3-pt FGM/gm, 27th in assists/gm, 32nd in scoring, 33rd in FT pct.
Kelli Staley, Sr., G	2004-05 First Team All-Conference 28 GP – 9.6 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 80 assists, 77 steals, 44.2 percent FG, 35.6 percent 3-pt FG, 75.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in steals/gm (2.75), 7th in rebounding, 7th in FT pct., 12th in assists/gm (2.86), 14th in scoring, 14th in FG pct.
Jess Griggs, Sr., F	28 GP – 8.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 51 assists, 27 steals, 38.6 percent FG, 31.3 percent 3-pt FG, 70.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 19th in scoring
Tracy Hartwig, Jr., G	28 GP – 7.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 47 assists, 34 steals, 14 blocks, 44.5 percent FG, 34.2 percent 3-pt FG, 85.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 14th in assists/gm (2.54), 15th in blocks/gm (0.50)
Penni Heitmann, Jr., C	28 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 39.4 percent FG, 32.1 percent FT
Lindsey Meyer, Jr., G	28 GP – 6.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 42 assists, 22 steals, 42.9 percent FG, 36.8 percent 3-pt FG, 52.4 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in 3-pt FG pct., 14th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.14)
Holly McDonough, Sr., F	Missed most of 2004-05 season due to injury 9 GP – 4.0 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 8 assists, 16 steals, 54.2 percent FG, 41.7 percent 3-pt FG, 83.3 percent FT
Melissa Putney, So., C	26 GP – 1.7 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 13 assists, 39.0 percent FG, 75.0 percent FT
Jeni Schweitzberger, So., C	18 GP – 2.6 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 38.1 percent FG, 57.7 percent FT

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Katie Ebel, Fr., G	Jacquelyn Schmidt, Fr., G
Katie Ernst, Fr., G	Courtney Stoelk, Fr., F

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Kristina Kapler, C	Two-time All-Conference, d3hoops.com All-Region Second Team 27 GP – 15.1 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 30 assists, 27 steals, 56.5 percent FG, 78.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in scoring, 2nd in FG pct., 4th in rebounding, 5th in FT pct. National rank – 16th in FG pct.
Megan Holtorf, G	28 GP – 6.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 71 assists, 45 steals, 44.2 percent FG, 32.5 percent 3-pt FG, 83.8 percent FT
Crystal Richardson, G	15 GP – 0.9 ppg, 0.9 rpg, 5 assists, 5 steals, 27.3 percent FG, 66.7 percent FT

**Central College Dutch**  
**(7-19 overall, 4-12 IIAC – t-7th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/4**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Natalie Nakic** says, "This year's Central squad is young, but they are motivated. We are looking to build on a solid core of underclassmen. Our success will be determined by our effort."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Ashley Nekola, Jr., C	Will join team for second semester, studying abroad during the fall 2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 14.3 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 26 assists, 38 steals, 41.5 percent FG, 74.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in rebounding, 4th in scoring, 8th in FT pct.
Maria Weiler, So., C	18 GP – 4.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 38.0 percent FG, 88.5 percent FT
Katy Paxton, Jr., G	26 GP – 6.9 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 23 assists, 18 steals, 34.3 percent FG, 35.5 percent 3-pt FG, 78.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 10th in 3-pt FG pct., 10th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.27)
Morgan Martin, Jr., G	25 GP – 8.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 39 assists, 32 steals, 42.5 percent FG, 34.8 percent 3-pt FG, 75.4 percent FT
Shauna Woebeking, So., G	17 GP – 1.2 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 20 assists, 11 steals, 20.0 percent FG, 63.2 percent FT
Ann Mendenhall, Sr., F	Will join team for second semester, studying abroad during the fall 25 GP – 4.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 19 assists, 20 steals, 34.2 percent FG, 62.5 percent FT

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Stephanie Snitker, Fr., F	
Emily Conway, Fr., G	

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Rachel Lenox, G	25 GP – 10.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 86 assists, 64 steals, 11 blocks, 38.1 percent FG, 35.8 percent 3-pt FG, 66.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in assists/gm (3.44), 4th in steals/gm (2.56), 7th in assist/turnover ratio (0.98), 8th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.52), 9th in scoring, 9th in 3-pt FG pct.
Aimee Schmidt, G	23 GP – 6.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 54 assists, 47 steals, 38.3 percent FG, 81.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 11th in steals/gm (2.04)

**Coe College Kohawks**  
**(11-15 overall, 8-8 IIAC – t-5th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/4**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Melissa Bruner** says, "I expect the Iowa Conference to be as tough as ever, and we have challenged our team to go out and compete hard every night. We have some big holes to fill in our line-up from last season but I am excited to see how some of our younger players step up to the challenges that lie ahead. We have set our goals high and we will continue to build on our previous successes and learn from our mistakes."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Jamie Krall, Jr., G	25 GP – 5.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 61 assists, 62 steals, 33.3 percent FG, 61.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in steals/gm (2.48), 15th in assists/gm (2.44)
Morgan Bailey, Sr., C	25 GP – 5.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 18 blocks 20 assists, 26 steals, 35.5 percent FG, 67.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 11th in rebounding, 11th in blocks/gm (0.72)
Shanon Nelson, So., F	23 GP – 4.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 10 blocks, 11 assists, 11 steals, 47.6 percent FG, 68.4 percent FT
Cassidy Brandt, Jr., F	26 GP – 3.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 14 assists, 10 steals, 27.1 percent FG, 73.2 percent FT
Valerie Steele, So., G	13 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 11 assists, 29.0 percent FG, 30.0 percent 3-pt FG
Erica Langland, Jr., G	20 GP – 1.5 ppg, 0.8 rpg, 22.0 percent FG

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Holly Zimmerman, G	Two-time All-Conference 26 GP – 13.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 80 assists, 45 steals, 46.5 percent FG, 41.9 percent 3-pt FG, 72.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in 3-pt FG pct., 5th in scoring, 7th in assists/gm (3.08), 9th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.38), 9th in assist/turnover ratio (0.78), 10th in FG pct., 10th in FT pct., 15th in steals/gm (1.73)
Sarah Hemming, F	24 GP – 4.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 27 assists, 14 steals, 32.1 percent FG, 35.7 percent 3-pt FG, 73.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 19th in rebounding
Melissa Hanneman, F	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 10.0 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 25 blocks, 24 assists, 23 steals, 47.5 percent FG, 74.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in blocks/gm (0.96), 8th in FG pct., 9th in FT pct., 10th in rebounding, 12th in scoring
LaToshia Burrell, G	21 GP – 9.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 30 assists, 29 steals, 35.1 percent FG, 30.3 percent 3-pt FG, 65.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 14th in 3-pt FG pct., 17th in scoring

**Cornell College Rams**  
**(0-24 overall, 0-16 IIAC – 9th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 3/8**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Brent Brase** says, "We are working hard to gain the discipline and toughness necessary to enable us to play at our best every possession of every game."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Anna Skaggs, Jr., F	23 GP – 9.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 56 assists, 15 steals, 36.7 percent FG, 66.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 13th in scoring, 13th in FT pct.
Holli Gipson, Jr., G	16 GP – 6.1 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 24 assists, 12 steals, 26.5 percent FG, 66.7 percent FT
Katie Morris, Sr., C	8 GP – 11.4 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 4 blocks, 37.6 percent FG, 80.0 percent FT
Diana Finkle, Jr., G	6 GP – 3.8 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 18 assists, 18 steals, 45.5 percent FT
Ashley Feltes, Sr., G	22 GP – 0.7 ppg, 0.6 rpg, 8 assists

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Tiffany Cowan, Fr., F	
Amy DeWitz, Fr., G	
Steph Gillespie, Fr., F	
Dani Merriman, Fr., G	
Courtney Moeller, Fr., G	
Brianna Wallace, Fr., G	

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Stella Burkey, F	24 GP – 1.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 44 assists, 31.5 percent FG, 33.3 percent FT
Melanie Manz, C	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 24 GP – 10.8 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 27 blocks, 13 assists, 16 steals, 45.6 percent FG, 64.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in rebounding, 5th in blocks/gm (1.13), 10th in scoring, 12th in FG pct. National rank – 40th in rebounding
Rae-Anne Peckman, G	24 GP – 1.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 38 assists, 19 steals, 61.1 percent FT

**University of Dubuque Spartans  
(8-18 overall, 4-12 IIAC – t-7th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Todd Huffman** says, "The 2005-06 Spartans will be young and determined to compete in the very tough Iowa Conference. I think we will be ready to learn, grow, and get better each and every night. I look forward to watching this group play together and to see what they can do."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Jenica Kester, Jr., G	25 GP – 8.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 19 assists, 22 steals, 34.3 percent FG, 33.8 percent 3-pt FG, 82.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.96), 12th in 3-pt FG pct., 23rd in scoring
Courtney Musser, So., G	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 9.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 148 assists, 35 steals, 33.6 percent FG, 31.0 percent 3-pt FG, 78.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in assists/gm (5.69), 4th in assist/turnover ratio (1.26), 6th in FT pct., 15th in scoring National rank – 11th in assists/gm
Taylor Foltz, Sr., F	26 GP – 9.3 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 24 blocks, 29 assists, 15 steals, 45.7 percent FG, 66.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in blocks/gm (0.92), 8th in rebounding, 11th in FG pct., 16th in scoring
Jennifer Bell, So., C	20 GP – 7.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 37 blocks, 14 assists, 19 steals, 57.1 percent FG, 60.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in FG pct., 2nd in blocks/gm (1.85), 5th in rebounding
Katie Feterl, Jr., C	6 GP – 1.0 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 6 assists, 75.0 percent FG
Danielle Erner, So., C	26 GP – 3.6 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 30 blocks, 48.9 percent FG, 33.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in blocks/gm (1.15)
Madie Wolf, So., G	22 GP – 6.3 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 17 assists, 9 steals, 32.2 percent FG, 32.7 percent 3-pt FG, 66.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.64), 13th in 3-pt FG pct.
Dominique Anthony, Jr., F	8 GP – 0.8 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 60.0 percent FG
Ashley Hoppenjan, So., G	13 GP – 2.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 8 assists, 5 steals, 26.1 percent FG, 42.9 percent FT
Lacey Speer, Jr., F	23 GP – 3.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 14 assists, 10 steals, 46.2 percent FG, 26.1 percent 3-pt FG, 66.7 percent FT

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Brittney Dickey, Jr., G	
Myesha Watkins, Fr., G	
Brittany Heard, Fr., F	
Sharonica Edwards, Fr., F	

**Loras College Duhawks**  
**(13-13 overall, 8-8 IIAC – t-5th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/5**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Shauna Green** says, "We lost some great senior leaders from last year but with plenty of experience returning we are excited and ready to compete in the always tough Iowa Conference."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Natalie Pucci, So., G/F	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 11.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 33 assists, 56 steals, 44.7 percent FG, 38.1 percent 3-pt FG, 74.4 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in 3-pt FG pct., 7th in scoring, 7th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.54), 8th in steals/gm (2.15), 13th in FG pct.
Marissa Pollman, Sr., C	25 GP – 7.8 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 34 blocks, 12 assists, 32 steals, 49.4 percent FG, 65.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in blocks/gm (1.36), 5th in FG pct., 12th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.19), 13th in rebounding
Blair Bennett, Jr., G	26 GP – 8.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 81 assists, 25 steals, 42.4 percent FG, 39.7 percent 3-pt FG, 78.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in 3-pt FG pct., t-5th in assists/gm (3.12), 6th in assist/turnover ratio (1.00), 16th in rebounding, 21st in scoring
Jackie Sears, Jr., G	23 GP – 4.7 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 37 assists, 22 steals, 36.8 percent FG, 28.6 percent 3-pt FG, 68.9 percent FT
Alicia Miller, So., C	21 GP – 2.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 5 assists, 9 steals, 9 blocks, 45.5 percent FG
Anita Saeger, Jr., G	26 GP – 3.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 26 assists, 16 steals, 40.4 percent FG, 65.0 percent FT
Sarah Wilson, So., G	19 GP – 3.8 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 5 assists, 11 steals, 29.0 percent FG, 66.0 percent FT

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Nicole Kroot, Jr., C	
Kelly McIntyre, So., G	
Kelly Swisher, Jr., G	
Megan Reilly, Jr., G/F	

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Cortney Kettman, F	26 GP – 6.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 69 assists, 54 steals, 36.2 percent FG, 31.1 percent 3-pt FG, 51.6 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in rebounding, 10th in steals/gm (2.08), 13th in assists/gm (2.65)
Breanne Schneden, G	25 GP – 7.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 48 assists, 31 steals, 34.5 percent FG, 23.7 percent 3-pt FG, 65.4 percent FT IIAC rank – 14th in FT pct.

**Luther College Norse**  
**(18-8 overall, 11-5 IIAC – 3rd)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/4**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Jane Hildebrand** says, “Our team has several returnees and we are looking for them to guide this year's squad. We have good size throughout the team and hope to take advantage on some mismatches. We are looking to develop both the inside and outside game while relying on our defense to dictate our style. We are excited about our opportunities and look forward to battling for a conference title.”

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Christina Gaard, Jr., G	26 GP – 8.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 78 assists, 55 steals, 38.8 percent FG, 28.9 percent 3-pt FG, 68.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 9th in steals/gm (2.12), 10th in assists/gm (3.00)
Anne Straate, Sr., F	2004-05 First Team All-Conference 26 GP – 12.7 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 36 assists, 32 steals, 22 blocks, 48.6 percent FG, 78.4 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in FT pct., 6th in scoring, 7th in FG pct., 9th in rebounding, 9th in blocks/gm (0.85)
Erica Svien, Jr., F	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP – 7.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 16 assists, 34 steals, 11 blocks, 52.0 percent FG, 66.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in FG pct., 12th in rebounding
Rachel Jensen, Sr., F	26 GP – 5.7 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 16 assists, 20 steals, 56.0 percent FG, 64.9 percent FT
Kylie Bestul, Sr., F	26 GP – 5.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 12 assists, 26 steals, 52.7 percent FG, 63.9 percent FT
Jill Eicher, So., G	20 GP – 4.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 29 assists, 28 steals, 44.4 percent FG, 68.6 percent FT
Danielle Dunnwald, So., G	26 GP – 2.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 34 assists, 48 steals, 37.3 percent FG, 66.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 13th in steals/gm (1.85)
Michelle Allen, Jr., G	26 GP – 3.6 ppg, 2.0 rpg, 29 assists, 39 steals, 39.4 percent FG, 59.3 percent FT
Ashley Tekippe, So., F	24 GP – 2.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 22 blocks, 5 assists, 5 steals, 49.1 percent FG, 43.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 8th in blocks/gm (0.92)

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Anne Bautch, G	26 GP – 4.7 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 75 assists, 27 steals, 31.4 percent FG, 76.7 percent FT IIAC rank – 11th in assists/gm (2.88)
Sarah Laposky, G	2003-04 Second Team All-Conference 26 GP – 7.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 43 assists, 58 steals, 37.6 percent FG, 28.7 percent 3-pt FG, 70.8 percent FT IIAC rank – 7th in steals/gm (2.23), 15th in 3-pt FG pct., 15th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.12)

## Simpson College Storm (22-7 overall, 12-4 IIAC – 2nd)

**Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/3**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Brian Niemuth** says, "I feel that the experience of winning the Conference tournament and playing in the NCAA tournament was a great experience for our 10 returning letter winners. We have added some size and look forward to our very challenging schedule this year."

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Dana Johnson, Sr., G	26 GP – 4.0 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 91 assists, 76 steals, 16 blocks, 48.3 percent FG, 59.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in steals/gm (2.92), 3rd in assists/gm (3.50), 3rd in assist/turnover ratio (1.52), 12th in blocks/gm (0.62)
Heather Kay, Sr., F	29 GP – 7.1 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 36 assists, 49 steals, 43.0 percent FG, 65.5 percent FT
Tessa Van Oosbree, Jr., F	29 GP – 5.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 53 assists, 35 steals, 16 blocks, 41.1 percent FG, 39.1 percent 3-pt FG, 84.2 percent FT IIAC rank – 13th in blocks/gm (0.55)
Ashley Hansen, Jr., C	29 GP – 8.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 21 blocks, 19 assists, 19 steals, 39.6 percent FG, 72.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 10th in blocks/gm (0.72), 11th in FT pct., 20th in scoring
Carlie Beals, So., F	28 GP – 6.3 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 11 assists, 24 steals, 41.7 percent FG, 41.1 percent 3-pt FG, 90.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 4th in 3-pt FG pct., 4th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.64)
Kara DeNoon, Sr., F	29 GP – 5.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 12 assists, 15 steals, 48.3 percent FG, 90.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in FT pct.
Sarah Pearson, Sr., C	29 GP – 7.3 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 21 assists, 28 steals, 10 blocks, 53.8 percent FG, 67.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 12th in FT pct., 17th in rebounding
Kenie Woodard, Sr., G	16 GP – 0.8 ppg, 0.5 rpg, 9 assists, 8 steals, 33.3 percent FG, 58.3 percent FT
Katelyn Whiton, So., F	29 GP – 8.5ppg, 4.2 rpg, 25 assists, 53 steals, 48.7 percent FG, 67.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in FG pct., 14th in steals/gm (1.83), 20th in rebounding, 22nd in scoring

<b>Newcomers To Watch</b>	
Whitney Franker, Fr., F	
Carrie Larson, Fr., F	
Emily Smith, Fr., F	

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Kristi Prostine, G	2004-05 First Team All-Conference 29 GP – 8.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 68 assists, 42 steals, 40.9 percent FG, 43.4 percent 3-pt FG, 75.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 2nd in 3-pt FG pct., 11th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.24), 25th in scoring
Ashley Bogaards, F	Two-time All-Conference 29 GP – 8.9 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 34 assists, 59 steals, 15 blocks, 43.9 percent FG, 73.1 percent FT IIAC rank – 12th in steals/gm (2.03), 14th in blocks/gm (0.52), 15th in rebounding, 15th in FG pct., 18th in scoring
Jessica Schultz, G	28 GP – 3.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 85 assists, 46 steals, 35.1 percent FG, 74.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in assist/turnover ratio (1.77), 9th in assists/gm (3.04)

**Wartburg College Knights**  
**(16-11 overall, 9-7 IIAC – 4th)**

**Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2**

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2**

**Quote from the Coach:** Head coach **Monica Severson** says, “We have more experience and depth this year which should allow us to have a more balanced offense and be a better pressure defensive team. We have a team that is working hard in practices and has good leadership from the junior class. The Conference race will again be very competitive.”

<b>Key Returnees</b>	
Casey Huber, So., G	27 GP – 8.4 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 45 assists, 64 steals, 36.5 percent FG, 35.0 percent 3-pt FG, 76.0 percent FT IIAC rank – 6th in steals/gm (2.37), 6th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.56), 11th in 3-pt FG pct., 24th in scoring
Megan Hendricks, So., C	27 GP – 6.9 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 22 assists, 28 steals, 44.0 percent FG, 61.6 percent FT
Diana Mullins, Jr., G	24 GP – 6.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 43 assists, 25 steals, 40.6 percent FG, 33.3 percent 3-pt FG, 78.1 percent FT
Elizabeth Campbell, So., F	27 GP – 6.3 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 45 assists, 14 steals, 42.0 percent FG, 36.5 percent 3-pt FG, 64.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 8th in 3-pt FG pct., 13th in 3-pt FGM/gm (1.15)
Tarah Mulder, Jr., F	27 GP – 5.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 38 assists, 23 steals, 40.2 percent FG, 65.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 18th in rebounding
Jessica Kugler, Jr., F	24 GP – 4.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 73 assists, 36 steals, 37.0 percent FG, 58.3 percent FT IIAC rank – 5th in assist/turnover ratio (1.03), 8th in assists/gm (3.04)
Laura Pirkel, Jr., G	27 GP – 3.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 47 assists, 21 steals, 28.2 percent FG, 25.0 percent 3-pt FG, 88.0 percent FT
Alecia Schoonover, Jr., F	20 GP – 1.4 ppg, 11.0 rpg, 44.4 percent FG, 42.9 percent FT
Jamie Frantz, So., G	27 GP – 1.1 ppg, 1.3 rpg, 26 assists, 23 steals, 31.1 percent FG

<b>Tough Losses</b>	
Amanda Berner, C	Two-time All-Conference 27 GP – 14.3 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 83 blocks, 32 assists, 13 steals, 53.7 percent FG, 58.5 percent FT IIAC rank – 1st in rebounding, 1st in blocks/gm (3.07), 3rd in scoring, 3rd in FG pct., 15th in FT pct. National rank – 7th in blocks/gm, 26th in FG pct., 37th in rebounding
Natalie Tarkett, F	2004-05 Second Team All-Conference 25 GP – 10.7 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 28 assists, 14 steals, 41.7 percent FG, 30.5 percent 3-pt FG, 81.9 percent FT IIAC rank – 3rd in FT pct., 11th in scoring, 14th in rebounding