



*2006 BASEBALL*  
***CENTRAL COLLEGE***  
*PRESSBOOK*





Founded –1853

Enrollment – 1,635

Affiliation – Reformed Church in America

President – Dr. David Roe

Membership – Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division III

Founded in 1853, Central College is a four-year coeducational liberal arts college of the Reformed Church in America. Located 40 miles southeast of Des Moines, Central offers its 1,750 students learning opportunities not only on the Pella campus, but on branch campuses in London and Colchester, England; Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; Leiden, the Netherlands; and Carmarthen, Wales; and at study centers in Granada, Spain; Paris, France; and Vienna, Austria.

Central is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Division III, and the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Men compete in baseball, football, basketball, tennis, golf, wrestling, soccer, track and cross country while women compete in tennis, golf, track, softball, volleyball, cross country, soccer and basketball. Rugby is offered at the club level.

#### **The Kuyper Athletics Complex**

The Kuyper Athletics Complex is located at the corner of Independence Street and West Fifth Street in southwest Pella. The complex includes P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium (1970), H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse (1987), A.N. Kuyper Field (1977), the baseball and softball fields (1978), Ryerson Golf Driving Range (2002), tennis courts (1992), soccer field (2005) and the Ron Schipper Fitness Center (1999). The complex also includes practice and intramural softball diamonds and football fields. Golf meets are held at the Bos Landen Golf Resort, two miles southwest of the campus on Highway T-15.

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## ATHLETICS DEPT. STAFF

Athletics director	Al Dorenkamp
Special assistant to the athletics director	John Edwards
Director of intramurals and special events	Adam Stevens
Assistant dir. of intramurals	Dan Mason
Athletics office manager	Jeffy Schuring
Athletics secretary	TBA
Head athletic trainer	Leslie Duinink
Assistant athletic trainer	Greg Gilmore
Assistant athletic trainer	Chris Vieselman
Athletic training education program director	John Roslien
Strength and conditioning/ Ron Schipper Fitness Center coordinator	Jake Anderson
Building and grounds manager	Randy Shives
Sports information director	Larry Happel

## FACULTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. Dennis Doyle, associate professor of communication studies  
 Dr. Edmond Willis, professor of psychology  
 Dr. Lori Witt, assistant professor of history

## COACHING STAFF

<b>Baseball</b>	Adam Stevens
Assistant baseball	Dan Mason
Assistant baseball	Brent Fridley
<b>Basketball--Men's</b>	Mike Boschee
Assistant basketball	Nic Nelson
Assistant basketball	Derek Schulte
<b>Basketball--Women's</b>	Natalie Nakic
Assistant basketball	Jerry Nikkel
Assistant basketball	Bret Grier
<b>Cross country--Men's/women's</b>	Jeff Bovee
Assistant cross country	Stephen Fyfe
Assistant cross country	Guy Mosher
<b>Football</b>	Jeff McMartin
Assistant football	Jeff Bollard—tight ends
Assistant football	Dick Bowzer—receivers
Assistant football	Don De Waard—defensive coordinator/linebackers
Assistant football	Reid Evans—offensive line
Assistant football	Matt Paulsen—defensive backs
Assistant football	David Roe—kickers/punters
Assistant football	Jeff Sanger—stingers

Assistant football	Kevin Sanger—defensive line
Assistant football	Jerry Southmayd—running backs
Assistant football	Travis Sterling—player development/LEAD program director

### Golf--Men's

Assistant golf	Charlie Estabrook
Assistant golf	Tom Linton
Assistant golf	Clint Brown

### Golf--Women's

Jodee Schaben

### Soccer--Men's

Assistant soccer	Garry Laidlaw
Assistant soccer	TBA
Assistant soccer	Eric Boeyink

### Soccer--Women's

Assistant soccer	Rick Burns
Assistant soccer	Kathryn Burns
Assistant soccer	Russell Goodman

### Softball

Assistant softball	George Wares
Assistant softball	Denise Barnard
Assistant softball	Teresa Thompson
Assistant softball	Shannon Merkle
Assistant softball	Steph Anderson

### Tennis--Men's/women's

Assistant women's tennis	Doug Stursma
Assistant men's tennis	Rod Braun
Assistant men's tennis	Tait Smock

### Track and field--Men's/women's

Associate track and field	Kevin Sanger
Assistant track and field	Guy Mosher
Assistant track and field	Jeff Bovee
Assistant track and field	Clint Brown
Assistant track and field	Stephen Fyfe
Assistant track and field	Mike Marcinkowski
Assistant track and field	Eric Pingel

### Volleyball

Assistant volleyball	Kent Clayberg
Assistant volleyball	Ann Van Hemert
Assistant volleyball	Catie Brand
Assistant volleyball	Sunny Eighmy

### Wrestling

Assistant wrestling	Eric Reed
Assistant wrestling	Kevin Azinger
Assistant wrestling	Rex Gray
Assistant wrestling	Jamie Scott
Volunteer assistant	Matt Diehl

## HEAD COACH DIRECTORY

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# Baseball

## 2006 Central College baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 6	+Hamline (Minn.)	Minneapolis, Minn.	7:30 a.m.
March 12	+Brockport State (N.Y.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^Noon
March 13	+St. Norbert (Wis.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^11 a.m.
March 14	#Roger Williams (R.I.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^9:30 a.m.
March 16	#Macalester (Minn.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^3 p.m.
March 17	+Marian (Wis.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^Noon
March 18	+Allegheny (Pa.)	Phoenix, Ariz.	^9:30 a.m.
March 24	#Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Pella	2 p.m.
March 25	+Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Pella	1 p.m.
March 28	#Grand View	Des Moines	2 p.m.
April 1	*Cornell	Mt. Vernon	1 p.m.
April 6	*Coe	Pella	1 p.m.
April 8	*Wartburg	Pella	1 p.m.
April 11	#Nebraska Wesleyan	Pella	1 p.m.
April 15	*Dubuque	Dubuque	1 p.m.
April 18	+Grinnell	Pella	2:30 p.m.
April 20	#Ashford	Pella	2 p.m.
April 22	*Buena Vista	Storm Lake	1 p.m.
April 24	#Augustana	Rock Island, Ill.	7 p.m.
April 26	+Dordt	Carroll	4 p.m.
April 29	*Luther	Pella	1 p.m.
May 3	*Loras	Dubuque	3:30 p.m.
May 5	#Simpson	Indianola	5:30 p.m.
May 6	*Simpson	Pella	1 p.m.
May 11-13	Iowa Conference tourn.	Cedar Rapids	TBA
May 18-21	NCAA regional	TBA	
May 25-28	NCAA finals	TBA	

+Two seven-inning games

#One nine-inning game

\*Iowa Conference doubleheader (one seven-inning game and one nine-inning game)

## 2006 Central College JV baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 29	North Central Mo. CC	Pella	1 p.m.
April 4	Marshalltown CC	Pella	2 p.m.
April 10	Simpson JV	Indianola	2 p.m.
April 11	Nebraska Wesleyan	Pella	*
April 13	Marshalltown CC	Marshalltown	2 p.m.
April 20	Ashford JV	Pella	*
May 1	Simpson JV	Pella	2 p.m.

\*Seven-inning game to follow a nine-inning varsity game.

All other dates listed are doubleheaders (two seven-inning games).

## BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

**2005 record:** 21-18 overall, 10-6 conference (tie, second place)

**Returning 2004 all-conference selections:** 2 (OF-Shea Stamp, first team; C-Adam Duerfeldt, second team)

**Position starters lost:** 3 (SS-Steve Gebhart, OF/C-Kody Wohlers, CF/P Austin De Hoogh)

**Starting pitchers lost:** 1 (Austin De Hoogh)

**Position starters returning:** 6 (C-Adam Duerfeldt, OF-Shea Stamp, 3B-Matt Murphy, 3B/DH Michael Edwards, 2B-Justin Owens, 1B-Jeremy Kippley)

**Starting pitchers returning:** 3 (Brett Mahan, Matt Rohach, Jared Greenfield)

**Letterwinners lost/returning:** 6/17

**2006 captains:** Adam Duerfeldt, Matt Rohach

### Adam Stevens

#### Head coach

The 2005 Iowa Conference co-coach of the year, Adam Stevens is engineering a quick turnaround in the Central College baseball program.

Now in his third year, Stevens piloted the Dutch to back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in school history. Central's 21-18 mark in 2005 was the program's third-highest win total ever as the Dutch posted a 10-6 Iowa Conference mark. Central tied for second place, its highest league finish since 1985, and had five all-Iowa Conference selections.

Stevens, 41-40 overall, previously served as an assistant coach at Wabash College (Ind.) for a year, helping the squad post its first winning season in five years. Earlier he was an administrative assistant in the baseball office at Ball State University (Ind.) where he received his master's degree in physical education/athletic administration.

A graduate of Morningside College, where he was a four-year starter, Stevens played in 110 consecutive games. He was team captain his senior year. Stevens also served as junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at Sioux City West High School for two years.

### Brent Fridley

#### Assistant coach

Brent Fridley is in his second season as an assistant baseball coach at Central College.

Fridley, a 2003 Central graduate, works with infielders and outfielders. He was a three-year letterwinner as a shortstop for the Dutch. He was a team co-captain in 2003 and received the team's newcomer of the year award in 2001. An assistant coach for Hampton-Dumont High School in 2002, Fridley also has experience as a basketball assistant. He was on the Central men's basketball staff in 2003-04, and served as a student assistant in the 2000-01 campaign.

Fridley also works in the federal Talent Search program office housed on Central's campus.

### Dan Mason

#### Assistant coach

Dan Mason is entering his third season as assistant baseball coach for the Dutch, serving as pitching coach.

A native of the Chicago area, Mason is a former standout baseball pitcher at North Park College (Ill.). He earned NCAA Div. III All-American honors in 1983 and was inducted into the North Park College Hall of Fame in 1988.

Mason received his master's degree in physical education from Mankato State University (Minn.) where he served as a graduate assistant coach.

### 2005 results

#### 21-18 overall, 10-6 conference

March 1	+Bethel (Minn.)	Minneapolis, Minn.	W, 9-6
	+Bethel (Minn.)	Minneapolis, Minn.	W, 5-4
March 6	Purdue North Central (Ind.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 9-1
	Concordia (Wis.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	L, 13-9
March 7	+Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 9-3
	+Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 11-1
March 10	Marietta (Ohio)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	L, 17-10 (11 inn.)
March 11	Lakeland (Wis.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 12-1

	Urbana (Ohio)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 20-5
	John Jay (N.Y.)	Port Charlotte, Fla.	W, 5-1
March 19	+Graceland	Lamoni	L, 11-9
	+Graceland	Lamoni	L, 7-4
March 29	+William Penn	Oskaloosa	L, 15-3
	+William Penn	Oskaloosa	L, 5-3
March 30	\$Nebraska Wesleyan	Pella	L, 3-2
April 2	*Wartburg	Waverly	L, 7-1
	*Wartburg	Waverly	L, 8-4
April 7	*Luther	Decorah	L, 14-3
	*Luther	Decorah	L, 16-6
April 9	*Dubuque	Pella	L, 5-2
	*Dubuque	Pella	L, 8-4
April 13	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	W, 15-10
	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	W, 16-5
April 17	*Simpson	Indianola	W, 4-3
	*Simpson	Indianola	W, 7-6
April 18	+Grinnell	Grinnell	W, 7-2
	+Grinnell	Grinnell	L, 4-1
April 23	*Loras	Pella	W, 4-1
	*Loras	Pella	W, 7-5
April 24	*Cornell	Pella	W, 13-11
	*Cornell	Pella	W, 8-7 (8 inn.)
April 27	\$Morningside	Carroll	L, 13-9
April 30	*Buena Vista	Pella	W, 6-2
	*Buena Vista	Pella	W, 9-0
May 4	\$Augustana (Ill.)	Rock Island, Ill.	L, 10-6
May 7	+Clarke	Pella	W, 8-2
	+Clarke	Pella	W, 4-1
May 12	@Simpson	Cedar Rapids	L, 6-4
May 13	@Wartburg	Cedar Rapids	L, 12-6

\* Iowa Conference doubleheader

+ doubleheader (two seven-inning games)

@ Iowa Conference tournament (one nine-inning game)

\$ single nine-inning game

### 2005 Iowa Conference standings

	Conference		Overall		T
	W	L	W	L	
Wartburg	14	2	37	11	0
Central	10	6	21	17	0
Coe	10	6	18	21	0
Buena Vista	8	8	17	20	1
Simpson	7	9	17	17	0
Dubuque	7	9	19	16	0
Luther	6	10	24	15	0
Cornell	6	10	16	19	0
Loras	3	11	13	24	0

**2005 statistics – Batting**

Name	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB-A	BB	SO	HBP	OB%
Adam Duerfeldt	.407	39	140	36	57	38	13	1	8	7-9	10	6	6	.459
Shea Stamp	.405	39	126	47	51	32	14	4	4	11-13	17	11	22	.542
Steve Gebhart	.380	39	137	39	52	45	11	2	9	1-1	9	13	5	.431
Kody Wohlers	.333	37	120	22	40	7	6	1	7	1-2	10	15	10	.417
Austin DeHoogh	.323	32	96	21	31	14	4	2	0	10-11	9	19	2	.389
Michael Edwards	.317	30	82	15	26	11	3	0	0	1-1	8	19	1	.380
Matt Murphy	.291	29	79	17	23	8	4	0	0	0-0	15	9	2	.412
Dan Flaherty	.289	19	45	11	13	6	2	1	0	3-4	4	12	3	.385
Andy Long	.288	24	73	16	21	11	3	0	0	2-2	8	15	7	.409
Jeremy Kippley	.262	36	103	22	27	18	6	2	4	1-1	9	30	13	.392
Justin Owens	.250	28	64	9	16	10	0	0	1	1-1	1	13	2	.284
Josh Sandin	.239	27	71	17	17	12	3	0	1	0-1	4	12	4	.316
Jared Greenfield	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
Kent Patterson	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
Brett Delaney	.200	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	.429
Matt Kuempel	.000	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	6	0	.000
Jacob Vaverka	.000	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	.000
Ben Gander	.000	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	.000
Jon Doudna	.000	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Riemenschneider	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Jeremy Robinson	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Matt Rohach	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1	1.000
Central	.326	39	1155	274	377	245	69	13	34	38-46	106	183	78	.415
Opponents	.304	39	1159	251	352	220	66	7	33	38-52	118	149	38	.382

## 2005 statistics - Pitching

Name	ERA	G/St.	W	L	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	WP
Brett Mahan	3.00	7	3	2	2	0	42.0	34	25	14	19	37	9	3
Austin DeHoogh	4.70	9	6	2	3	1	51.2	63	43	27	14	18	5	4
Ben Gander	5.40	0	0	0	0	0	10.0	15	9	6	2	2	1	2
Jared Greenfield	5.64	6	2	3	2	0	44.2	63	39	28	18	13	5	1
Kent Patterson	6.66	3	3	2	1	0	24.1	36	22	18	10	16	2	2
Drew Riemenschneider	6.75	0	2	2	0	0	22.2	27	21	17	10	14	3	3
Mike Luce	7.64	2	0	1	0	0	17.2	25	20	15	10	9	5	3
Matt Rohach	7.74	11	5	4	2	0	50.0	65	53	43	27	33	7	5
Chris Borgman	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	1.1	1	2	0	1	2	0	0
Jon Doudna	4.91	0	0	0	0	0	3.2	6	7	2	3	1	0	0
Nick DePenning	8.10	0	0	1	0	0	3.1	6	4	3	2	1	1	2
Tanner Ludwig	9.00	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	3	2	1	1	2	0	0
Kyle Fuerstenberg	9.82	1	0	1	0	0	3.2	8	4	4	1	1	0	1
Central	5.80	39	21	18	10	1	276.0	352	251	178	118	149	38	26
Opponents	6.60	39	18	21	7	0	276.2	377	274	203	106	183	78	27

## 2005 statistics- Fielding

Name	Ch	PO	A	E	Fld%	DP
Brett Mahan	12	1	11	0	1.000	2
Matt Kuempel	10	9	1	0	1.000	0
Mike Luce	7	0	7	0	1.000	0
Drew Riemenschneider	6	2	4	0	1.000	0
Kent Patterson	5	2	3	0	1.000	1
Ben Gander	3	3	0	0	1.000	0
Nick DePenning	2	0	2	0	1.000	0
Kyle Fuerstenberg	2	1	1	0	1.000	0
Brett Delaney	1	1	0	0	1.000	0
Jon Doudna	1	1	0	0	1.000	0
Jeremy Kippley	265	244	15	6	.977	22
Austin DeHoogh	88	75	11	2	.977	3
Adam Duerfeldt	145	131	10	4	.972	1
Kody Wohlers	96	83	9	4	.958	1
Josh Sandin	22	19	2	1	.955	0
Shea Stamp	87	82	1	4	.954	0
Justin Owens	103	52	46	5	.951	10
Steve Gebhart	171	49	110	12	.930	16
Dan Flaherty	21	18	1	2	.905	1
Andy Long	78	28	38	12	.846	6
Matt Murphy	66	13	40	13	.803	2
Michael Edwards	34	11	16	7	.794	1
Jared Greenfield	13	0	10	3	.769	0
Matt Rohach	10	2	5	3	.700	0
Jacob Vaverka	3	1	1	1	.667	0
Tanner Ludwig	1	0	0	1	.000	0
Chris Borgman	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Jeremy Robinson	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Central	1252	828	344	80	.936	24
Opponents	1268	830	360	78	.938	37

## Career statistics – Batting

### Adam Duerfeldt

	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2002-03	.269	36	119	24	32	14	7	2	1	9
2003-04	.366	39	145	27	53	31	10	3	1	4
2004-05	.407	39	140	36	57	38	13	1	8	7
TOTAL	.351	141	404	87	142	83	30	6	10	20

### Shea Stamp

	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2002-03	.300	24	70	18	21	14	3	1	6	2
2003-04	.304	40	138	29	42	28	9	1	5	4
2004-05	.405	39	126	47	51	32	14	4	4	11
TOTAL	.341	103	334	94	114	74	26	6	15	17

### Michael Edwards

	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2004-05	.317	30	82	15	26	11	3	0	0	1
TOTAL	.317	30	82	15	26	11	3	0	0	1

**Matt Murphy**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2003-04	.317	32	101	18	32	19	3	0	0	0
2004-05	.291	29	79	17	23	8	4	0	0	0
TOTAL	.305	61	180	35	55	27	7	0	0	0

**Andy Long**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2004-05	.288	24	73	16	21	11	3	0	0	2
TOTAL	.288	24	73	16	21	11	3	0	0	2

**Jeremy Kippley**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2004-05	.262	36	103	22	27	18	6	2	4	1
TOTAL	.262	36	103	22	27	18	6	2	4	1

**Justin Owens**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2004-05	.250	28	64	9	16	10	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	.250	28	64	9	16	10	0	0	1	1

**Brett Delaney**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2003-04	.308	20	26	6	8	4	3	0	0	0
2004-05	.200	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	.290	25	31	6	9	5	3	0	0	0

**Matt Kuempel**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2003-04	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004-05	.000	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	.000	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Tom Sheehan**

	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>SB</b>
2003-04	.333	34	108	22	36	20	5	1	2	0
2004-05	injured									
TOTAL	.333	34	108	22	36	20	5	1	2	0

**Career statistics – Pitching****Brett Mahan**

	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SH</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
2004-05	3.00	11	3	2	2	0	42.0	34	25	14	19	37
TOTAL	3.00	11	3	2	2	0	42.0	34	25	14	19	37

**Ben Gander**

	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SH</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
2004-05	5.40	7	0	0	0	0	10.0	15	9	6	2	2
TOTAL	5.40	7	0	0	0	0	10.0	15	9	6	2	2

**Jared Greenfield**

	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>CG</b>	<b>SH</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>
2004-05	5.64	11	2	3	2	0	44.2	63	39	28	18	13
TOTAL	5.64	11	2	3	2	0	44.2	63	39	28	18	13

**Matt Rohach**

	ERA	G	W	L	CG	SH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2002-03	10.35	7	1	2	0	0	19.2	26	25	23	17	16
2003-04	5.78	15	6	3	5	1	67.0	82	50	43	34	43
2004-05	7.74	13	5	4	2	0	50.0	65	53	43	27	33
TOTAL	7.20	35	12	9	7	1	136.2	173	128	109	78	92

**Jon Doudna**

	ERA	G	W	L	CG	SH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2003-04	10.27	9	0	2	0	0	23.2	31	32	27	13	13
2004-05	4.91	4	0	0	0	0	3.2	6	7	2	3	1
TOTAL	9.63	13	0	2	0	0	27.1	37	39	29	16	14

**Nick DePenning**

	ERA	G	W	L	CG	SH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2002-03	6.75	3	0	0	0	0	8.0	13	12	6	7	6
2003-04	7.36	12	2	0	0	0	25.2	32	24	21	7	10
2004-05	8.10	3	0	1	0	0	3.1	6	4	3	2	1
TOTAL	7.29	18	2	1	0	0	37.0	51	42	30	16	17

**All-time records****Individual offensive****(Minimum, 30 at bats)****Most at bats****Season** - 153, Steven Gebhart, 2004**Career** - 486, Joe Byers, 1997-2000**Most runs****Season** - 54, Joe Byers, 2000**Career** - 129, Joe Byers, 1997-2000**Most hits****Game** - 5, Steve Gebhart (5 AB), vs. Coe, April 13, 2005**Doubleheader** - 7, Steve Gebhart (9 AB), vs. Coe, April 13, 2005**Season** - 73, Scott Marlow, 2000**Career** - 164, Scott Marlow, 1998-2001**Highest batting average****Season** - .453, Blake Jessen, 1993**Career** - .346, Rick Hassman, 1986-89**Most total bases****Game** - 15, Steve Gebhart, vs. Coe, April 13, 2005**Season** - 124, Scott Marlow, 2000**Career** - 247, Rick Hassman, 1986-89**Most doubles****Season** - 22, John Edwards, 1970**Career** - 31, Steve Gebhart, 2002-05**Most triples****Season** - 5, tie, Mike Schermer, 1983; Jason Darling, 1998**Career** - 9, Mike Schermer, 1983-84

**Most home runs**

**Game** - 3, tie, Jerry Rohach, vs Northern Iowa, 1983; Kody Wohlers, vs. Coe, 2005; Steve Gebhart, vs. Coe, 2005

**Doubleheader** - 5, Jerry Rohach, vs. Northern Iowa, 1983

**Season** - 15, Pat Johnson, 2004

**Career** - 24, Rick Hassman, 1986-89

**Most RBI**

**Game** - 6, tie, Wade Van Vark, 1997; Steve Gebhart, vs. Coe, April 13, 2005; Kody Wohlers vs. Coe, April 13, 2005

**Doubleheader** - 9, Steve Gebhart, vs. Coe, April 13, 2005

**Season** - 50, Pat Johnson, 2004

**Career** - 104, Rick Hassman, 1986-89

**Most sacrifices**

**Season** - 10, Matt Schulte, 1986

**Career** - 24, Blake Jessen, 1990-93

**Most times hit by pitch**

**Game** - 2, tie, Shea Stamp, vs. Bethel (Minn.), March 1, 2005; Adam Duerfeldt, vs. Clarke, May 7, 2005

**Season** - 22, Shea Stamp, 2005

**Career** - 29, Shea Stamp, 2003-

**Most stolen bases**

**Season** - 23, Tom Koos, 1986

**Career** - 50, Joe Byers, 1997-2000

**Most walks**

**Season** - 25, Chris Douglass, 2000

**Career** - 65, Chris Douglass, 1997-2000

**Individual defensive****Most putouts**

**Season** - 270, Adam Duerfeldt, 2004

**Career**- 532, Chris Douglass, 1997-2000

**Most assists**

**Season** - 113, Steve Gebhart, 2004

**Career**- 292, Corey Powell, 1994-97

**Highest fielding percentage (Minimum 100 chances)**

**Season** - .990, Todd Overbergen, 1985 (101-102)

**Career (minimum 300 chances)** - .991, Jason Darling

**Individual pitching**

(minimum, 45 innings, season; 100 innings, career)

**Most wins**

**Season** - 7, tie, Mark Steffes, 1980; Jeff Hanneman, 1988

**Career** - 17, Wade Van Vark, 1996-99

**Most games**

**Season** - 14, Jeff Hanneman, 1988

**Career** - 39, Wade Van Vark, 1996-99

**Most complete games**

**Season** - 9, Jeff Hanneman, 1988

**Career** - 15, tie, Jeff Hanneman, 1987-90; Wade Van Vark, 1996-99

**Most innings****Season** - 75, Jeff Hanneman, 1988**Career** - 187.3, Jeff Hanneman, 1987-90**Fewest hits allowed****Season** - 28, Tom Vander Linden, 1981**Career** - 109, Rich Schulte, 1989-91**Lowest ERA****Season** - 1.58, Mark Steffes, 1978**Career** - 3.61, Mark Steffes, 1978-82**Fewest runs allowed****Season** - 20, tie, Mark Steffes, 1979; Tom Vander Linden, 1979; Randy Schroyer, 1985**Career** - 61, Rich Schulte, 1989-91**Most strikeouts****Season** - 60, tie, Dave Gregory, 1985; Todd Subbert, 1988**Career** - 158, Wade Van Vark, 1996-99**Team records, game****Most at bats** - 48, May 15, 2004 vs. Wartburg**Most hits** - 20, tie, April 22, 2000 vs. Buena Vista; March 14 vs. St. Michael's (Vt.)**Most hits allowed, game** - 22, April 7, 2005 vs. Luther**Most hits allowed, doubleheader** - 39, April 7, 2005 vs. Luther**Most runs** - 23, April 20, 2004, at Dubuque**Most runs allowed** - 20, March 16, 2001 vs. Ohio Wesleyan**Most runs, two teams** - 34, March 4, 2000 vs. Mt. Mercy**Most errors** - 8, Feb. 1979 at Trinity (Texas)**Most at bats** - 48, May 15, 2004 vs. Wartburg**Most hits** - 20, tie, April 22, 2000 vs. Buena Vista; March 14 vs. St. Michael's (Vt.)**Most home runs** - 4, April 27, 2004 vs. Upper Iowa**Most RBI** - 18, April 22, 2000 vs. Buena Vista**Most doubles** - 6, April 22, 2000 vs Buena Vista**Most stolen bases** - 5, tie, April 22, 2000 vs. Buena Vista; April 8, 1998 vs. Simpson**Team records, season offensive****Highest batting average** - .327, 2000**Most runs** - 352, 2000**Most runs per game** - 7.6, 2001**Most doubles** - 87, 2000**Most triples** - 87, 1994**Most home runs** - 47, 2000**Most RBIs** - 334, 2000**Most walks** - 180, 2000**Most stolen bases** - 65, 1997**Most stole bases per game** - 1.9, 1997**Team records, season defensive****Most double plays** - 74, 2002**Most putouts** - 939, 2000**Most assists** - 417, 1994**Team records, season pitching****Most victories** - 23, 2000

**Lowest ERA** - 3.62, 1999  
**Most shutouts** - 4, 1994  
**Most strikeouts** - 195, 1995, 1996  
**Most strikeouts per game** - 6.5, 1999

### Individual record leaderboard

#### Season batting average leaders

Name	Average	Year
Blake Jessen	.453	1993
Scott Marlow	.448	2000
Todd Connelly	.438	1990
Jason Darling	.432	1998
Joe Tecklenberg	.431	1985
Kent Van Vark	.417	1980
Scott Marlow	.412	2001
Jeff Wooten	.404	1988
Rick Hassman	.402	1987
Rick Hassman	.400	1989

#### Season hits

Name	Hits	Year
Scott Marlow	73	2000
Joe Byers	58	2000
Adam Duerfeldt	57	2005
Steve Gebhart	55	2004
Jason Darling	54	1998
Adam Duerfeldt	53	2004
Steve Gebhart	52	2005
Matt Menninga	52	2000
Shea Stamp	51	2005
Chris Douglas	50	2000
Pat Johnson	50	2000
Joe Tecklenberg	50	1985
Rick Hassman	47	1988
Scott Marlow	47	2001
Matt Menninga	45	2002
Darin Huinker	43	1986

#### Season double leaders

Name	Doubles	Year
Scott Marlow	19	2000
Eric Johnson	18	1994
Scott Marlow	14	2001
Kody Wohlers	14	2004
Cole Van Vark	13	2001
Chris Douglass	12	2000
Tim Higgins	12	2003
Darren Huinker	11	1986
Rick Hassman	11	1989
Ronnie Lamfers	11	2002
Steve Gebhart	11	2004
Jason Darling	10	1998
Adam Duerfeldt	10	2004
Pat Johnson	10	2003
Jim Radcliffe	10	1980
Pedro Rodriguez	10	1995
Joe Tecklenberg	10	1985

#### Season home run leaders

Name	Home runs	Year
Pat Johnson	15	2004
Chris Douglass	14	1988
Rick Hassman	14	2000
Rick Hassman	12	1987
Joe Byers	8	2000
Mike Hanna	8	2000
Scott Marlow	8	1987
Josh Allison	7	1996
Scott Marlow	7	2001
Matt Menninga	7	2002
Rich Schulte	7	1989
Rich Schulte	7	1991

#### Season RBI leaders

Name	Hits	Year
Pat Johnson	50	2004
Chris Douglass	48	2000
Scott Marlow	47	2000
Matt Menninga	43	2000
Steve Gebhart	40	2004
Matt Menninga	39	2002
Joe Tecklenberg	38	1985
Mike Hanna	37	1986
Matt Menninga	37	2001
Joe Byers	37	2000
Chris Kollbaum	35	2000
Scott Marlow	34	2001

#### Career hit leaders

Name	Hits	Year
Scott Marlow	164	1998-2001
Joe Byers	153	1997-2000
Steve Gebhart	100	2002-05
Adam Duerfeldt	142	2003-
Rick Hassman	135	1986-89
Kody Wohlers	131	2002-05
Scott Gustafson	118	1994-97
Todd Connelly	117	1987-90
Wade Van Vark	117	1996-99
Chris Douglas	116	1997-2000
Brett Van Roekel	109	1992-95
Eric Johnson	104	1992-95
Loren Merkle	96	1995-98
Rich Schulte	94	1989-91
Matt Menninga	94	1999-2002
Ed Ergenbright	90	1982-85
Ben Messerly	84	1992-95
Pat Johnson	83	2003-04
Jason Darling	82	1995-98

**Career hit leaders, continued**

Name	Hits	Year
Darren Huinker	81	1983-86
Blake Jessen	81	1990-93
Joe Tecklenburg	79	1983-85
Dan Hassman	74	1980-83
Nathan Landas	72	2001-04
Gary Happel	72	1981-84

**Season strikeout leaders**

Name	Strikeouts	Year
Dave Gregory	60	1985
Todd Subbert	60	1988
Todd Subbert	59	1989
Wade Van Vark	58	1999
Scott Carter	53	1995
Josh Allison	50	1996
Mark Steffes	50	1980
Jeff Hanneman	47	1988
Todd Vande Noord	47	2000
Johnathon Kloster	46	1998
Todd Vande Noord	45	1999
Jim Barclay	43	2002
Scott Carter	43	1994
Matt Rohach	43	2004
Jim Barclay	42	2003
Wade Van Vark	42	1997
Wade Van Vark	42	1998

**Year-by-year season results**

Year	Record	Conf. finish	Coach	Year	Record	Conf. finish	Coach
1910	1-5		Kruger	1954	4-5		Marinus Kregel
1911	1-5		Severn	1955			Marinus Kregel
1912			Firth	1956	3-10		Marinus Kregel
1913	3-4		Warren	1957	2-11-1		Marinus Kregel
1914	4-5		Warren	1958	4-13		Marinus Kregel
1915	3-3		Warren	1959	8-9		Lester "Buck" Terlouw
1916	4-1-1		McWilliams	1960	8-8		Lester "Buck" Terlouw
1917	2-2-1		McWilliams	1961	6-11		Lester "Buck" Terlouw
1918	5-1-1			1962	7-4-1		Eldon Schulte
1919	2-2-1			1963	8-8		Eldon Schulte
1920				1964			Don Larsen
1921	0-5			1965			Don Larsen
1921				1966	6-8	6th	Jack Walvoord
1922				1967	5-12	6th	Jack Walvoord
1923	3-3			1968	6-12	6th	Gary Boeyink
1924				1969	11-6	3rd	Gary Boeyink
1925	4-6			1970	17-12-1	tie, 3rd	Gary Boeyink
1926	3-4			1971	14-12	tie, 2nd	Eldon Schulte
1927	6-6			1972	7-8	2nd	Eldon Schulte
1928	3-3			1973	10-6	2nd	Eldon Schulte
1929				1974	13-8	tie, 3rd	Eldon Schulte
1930	4-3			1975	9-9	tie, 1st	Eldon Schulte
1931	3-3			1976	9-14	8th	Eldon Schulte
1932	2-4			1977	5-18	tie, 6th	Eldon Schulte
1933	2-2			1978	6-17	tie, 6th	John Edwards
1939	1-3		Karl Kettering	1979	12-17	3rd	John Edwards
1940	2-4		Wagman	1980	15-15	tie, 3rd	John Edwards
1947		1st		1981	12-25	6th	John Edwards
1948		1st		1982	11-22	5th	John Edwards
1949	3-4			1983	11-17	3rd	John Edwards
1950			Wendell Hill	1984	10-16	4th	John Edwards
1951			Marinus Kregel	1985	25-11	2nd	John Edwards
1952	5-2		Marinus Kregel	1986	16-18	2nd	John Edwards
1953	3-6		Marinus Kregel	1987	13-19	5th	John Edwards

1988	18-22	5th	John Edwards	1997	18-16	5th	John Edwards
1989	14-17	5th	John Edwards	1998	17-19	5th	John Edwards
1990	15-11	5th	John Edwards	1999	16-14	5th	John Edwards
1991	9-19	6th	John Edwards	2000	23-23	6th	John Edwards
1992	10-20	tie, 8th	John Edwards	2001	15-23	9th	John Edwards
1993	10-13	3rd	John Edwards	2002	15-23	6th	John Edwards
1994	17-18	6th	John Edwards	2003	12-24	8th	Dave Baker, Matt Ballou
1995	16-20	5th	John Edwards	2004	20-22	4th	Adam Stevens
1996	9-33	8th	John Edwards	2005	21-18	tie, 2nd	Adam Stevens

### Central's Iowa Conference baseball championships

1947                      1948                      1975 (tie)

### Iowa Conference team champions

<b>1947</b>	<b>Central</b>	1967	Upper Iowa	1988	William Penn
<b>1948</b>	<b>Central</b>	1968	Luther	1989	William Penn
1949	Buena Vista	1970	Buena Vista	1990	William Penn
1950	Buena Vista	1971	Luther	1991	Simpson
1951	Buena Vista	1972	Luther, Upper Iowa	1992	William Penn
1952	Loras, Simpson	1973	Upper Iowa	1993	Upper Iowa
1953	Buena Vista	1974	Buena Vista	1994	Simpson
1954	Buena Vista	<b>1975</b>	<b>Central, Luther</b>	1995	Upper Iowa
1955	Buena Vista	1976	Buena Vista	1996	Upper Iowa
1956	Upper Iowa	1977	Wartburg	1997	Wartburg
1957	Buena Vista	1978	Wartburg, William Penn	1998	Wartburg
1958	Simpson	1979	Wartburg	1999	Wartburg
1959	Buena Vista	1980	Buena Vista	2000	Wartburg
1960	Luther	1981	Buena Vista, William Penn	2001	Wartburg
1961	Wartburg	1982	William Penn	2002	Wartburg
1962	Wartburg	1983	Luther	2003	Wartburg
1963	Wartburg	1984	Luther	2004	Wartburg
1964	Luther	1985	Luther	2005	Wartburg
1965	Buena Vista	1986	William Penn		
1966	Luther	1987	Simpson		

## All-time records vs. opponents

(scores unavailable for 1912, 1916, 1917, 1920, 1922, 1924, 1929, 1934-1938, 1941-1948, 1950, 1951, 1954-1956, 1964-1966, 1971 seasons)

	W	L	T		W	L	T
Albert Lea (Minn.)	2	0	0	Leander Clark	1	0	0
Albright (Pa.)	0	1	0	Lincoln (Mo.)	4	4	0
Arcadia	1	1	0	Loras	28	23	0
Augsburg (Minn.)	2	0	0	Luther	30	53	0
Augustana (Ill.)	1	8	0	Macalester (Minn.)	0	1	0
Austin College (Texas)	2	0	0	Marian (Ind.)	0	2	0
Benedictine (Kan.)	0	3	0	Marietta (Ohio)	0	1	0
Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	2	0	0	Mary Hardin Baylor (Texas)	2	2	0
Bethel (Minn.)	2	0	0	Massachusetts	0	1	0
Bishop (Texas)	4	0	0	Mid-American Nazarene (Kan.)	1	0	0
Buena Vista	48	45	0	Minn. State-Mankato	0	2	0
Calvin (Mich.)	0	2	0	Minot State (N.D.)	1	0	0
Carroll (Mont.)	1	1	0	Moravian (Pa.)	1	0	0
Central Methodist (Mo.)	0	2	0	Morningside	1	2	0
Chicago (Ill.)	1	2	0	Mount Mercy	6	7	0
Clarke	2	0	0	Mount Union (Ohio)	0	1	0
Coe	16	9	0	Muskingum (Ohio)	0	4	0
Colby (Maine)	0	3	0	Nebraska Wesleyan (Neb.)	1	4	0
Columbus (Ga.)	1	2	0	North Dakota State (N.D.)	0	2	0
Concordia (Wis.)	0	1	0	Northern Iowa	2	17	0
Concordia Lutheran	1	4	0	Ohio Wesleyan (Ohio)	1	1	0
Cornell	13	8	0	Parsons	19	24	0
Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	3	3	0	Purdue-North Central (Ind.)	2	1	0
Dallas Baptist (Texas)	0	4	0	Quincy (Ill.)	0	2	0
Denison (Ohio)	1	4	0	Rockford (Ill.)	2	0	0
Des Moines	1	5	0	Roger Williams (R.I.)	1	0	0
Dordt	1	1	0	Shorter (Ga.)	2	0	0
Drake	11	11	0	Shriener (Texas)	0	1	0
Dubuque	46	29	0	Simpson	43	66	1
Eastern Connecticut State	0	2	0	St. Ambrose	7	3	0
Eastern Nazarene (Mass.)	1	1	0	St. Edward's (Texas)	0	1	0
Eastern New Mexico	0	6	0	St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	1	0	0
Edgewood (Wis.)	0	1	0	St. John's (Minn.)	1	1	0
Eureka (Ill.)	1	1	0	St. Joseph's (Maine)	0	1	0
Fontbonne (Mo.)	0	2	0	St. Mary's (Minn.)	0	2	0
Georgia College (Ga.)	4	15	0	St. Mary's (Tex.)	1	17	0
Georgia Southwestern (Ga.)	14	25	0	St. Michael's (Vt.)	1	0	0
Graceland	13	7	0	St. Olaf (Minn.)	2	0	0
Grand View	8	16	0	St. Scholastica (Minn.)	4	0	0
Greenview	1	1	0	Stephen F. Austin (Texas)	0	2	0
Grinnell	28	4	0	Southeast Oklahoma (Okla.)	0	2	0
Harris-Stowe (Mo.)	0	2	0	Southwestern (Texas)	5	20	0
Hiram (Ohio)	0	1	0	Texas Arlington	4	0	0
Huston-Tillotson (Texas)	2	0	0	Texas Lutheran	8	0	0
Illinois College (Ill.)	2	0	0	Texas Wesleyan	0	4	0
Incarnate Word (Texas)	3	0	0	Thomas More (Ky.)	0	2	0
Iowa	1	13	0	Trinity (Conn.)	10	11	0
Iowa State	3	14	0	Trinity Lutheran	0	1	0
Iowa Wesleyan	24	25	0	Union	0	1	0
John Jay (N.Y.)	1	0	0	Upper Iowa	43	52	0
Knox (Ill.)	0	3	0	Urbana (Ohio)	1	0	0
Lakeland (Wis.)	1	0	0	Wartburg	35	50	1

	W	L	T		W	L	T
Webster (Mo.)	2	0	0	Wis.-River Falls	2	0	0
Westminster (Mo.)	1	1	0	Wittenberg (Ohio)	1	4	0
William Penn	52	68	0	Wooster (Ohio)	0	1	0

## 2006 roster

Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High school
Zeb Birchette	P/1B	R/R	6'3	225	Fr.	Milo, Iowa	Southeast Warren
*Nick De Penning	P	R/R	6'5	180	Sr.	Sully, Iowa	Lynnville-Sully
*Brett Delaney	OF	R/R	5'10	185	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa	Saydel
*Jon Doudna	P	R/R	6'2	175	Sr.	Johnston, Iowa	Johnston
***Adam Duerfeldt	C/OF	R/R	6'	205	Sr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
*Michael Edwards	OF/3B	L/R	6'	195	So.	Pella, Iowa	Pella
Kyle Fuerstenberg	P	R/R	6'	180	So.	Waverly, Iowa	Waverly-Shell Rock
*Ben Gander	P	L/L	6'	180	So.	Maxwell, Iowa	Collins-Maxwell
*Jared Greenfield	P	R/R	6'	160	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	O'Gorman
Aaron Heffernan	OF	L/R	5'10	175	So.	Ottumwa, Iowa	Ottumwa
Jake Jadowski	SS/2B	L/R	5'10	160	Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	Ralston
*Jeremy Kippley	1B	L/L	6'4	225	So.	Denison, Iowa	Denison
Derek Knutson	C/OF	R/R	6'1	195	Fr.	Yorkville, Ill.	Yorkville
*Matt Kuempel	C	R/R	6'2	225	Sr.	Anita, Iowa	Anita
*Andy Long	SS/2B	R/R	5'9	165	Jr.	Perry, Iowa	Perry
*Mike Luce	P	R/R	6'3	190	So.	Omaha, Neb.	Millard North
*Brett Mahan	P	L/L	6'2	165	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Valley
**Matt Murphy	3B	L/R	5'6	180	Sr.	Ames, Iowa	Ames
Patrick O'Brien	OF/C	R/R	5'10	180	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa	Southeast Polk
Quinn O'Brien	C	R/R	5'10	195	Fr.	Carroll, Iowa	Carroll Kuemper
*Justin Owens	2B/SS	R/R	5'10	170	So.	Milo, Iowa	Southeast Warren
Adam Palersheim	P	R/R	6'3	175	So.	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny
Cody Phelps	OF	R/R	6'3	175	So.	Ankeny, Iowa	Johnston
B.J. Pilling	P/SS	R/R	6'	180	Fr.	Denison, Iowa	Denison
***Matt Rohach	P	R/R	6'	170	Sr.	Ottumwa, Iowa	Ottumwa
*Thomas Sheehan	OF/1B	R/R	6'4	220	Jr.	Wheaton, Ill.	Wheaton North
Jimmy Sikkink	2B/OF	R/R	5'10	170	Fr.	McAllen, Texas	Nikki Rowe
Eric Speer	P	L/L	6'	160	Fr.	Milton, Iowa	Van Buren
Adam Squires	P/OF	R/R	6'	160	Fr.	Center Point, Iowa	Center Point/Urbana
***Shea Stamp	OF	L/L	6'	175	Sr.	Lisbon, Iowa	Lisbon
Chris Tibbals	P	R/R	6'3	175	Fr.	Lime Springs, Iowa	Crestwood
Jacob Vaverka	SS/P	R/R	5'10	165	So.	Pella, Iowa	Pella

\*letters earned

## Outlook

After spending much of his first two seasons leading the Central College baseball squad to a steady progression of new heights, coach Adam Stevens enters 2006 facing something else new to the program: lofty expectations.

But Stevens and the Dutch welcome them. Central pulled off a surprising tie for second place in the Iowa Conference last year that resulted in Stevens sharing league coach of the year honors and the Dutch aren't about to set their sights any lower. Last season's 21-18 mark was the team's first winning campaign since 1999 and only the fifth above .500 campaign since 1974. The conference finish was the program's highest since 1985, and the 21 wins were the third-most in school history.

"I know the guys expect more this year and I think that's a good thing," Stevens said. "We've had some success, but as I told the guys, we've got a lot more we need to do."

While graduation left some significant holes with three all-conference players moving on, the Dutch return six position starters and three members of the four-man conference pitching rotation.

"We graduated some big run producers from the middle of our lineup," Stevens said. "In order for us to be a good offensive team again, we are going to have to find some guys that can consistently drive in runs from the middle of the lineup. I am confident that we have several guys that can do that."

Stevens is also confident about Central's intangibles.

"I really like the makeup of this team," Stevens said. "We've got a great core group of seniors and we pair that with some talented young guys. They've shown a great work ethic in preparing for the season."

### **Pitchers**

Three starters are back, led by sophomore southpaw Brett Mahan, who put up strong numbers as a rookie with a 3-2 record and a team-low 3.00 earned run average over 42 innings. He struck out 37 hitters and walked 19.

"Brett really dominated in about 80 percent of his starts last year as a freshman," Stevens said. "He is a great competitor and if he stays healthy, I think he can be one of the best pitchers in the Iowa Conference."

Senior Matt Rohach, a three-time letterwinner and team co-captain, earned second-team all-conference honors in 2004, then posted a 5-4 record last year, but slipped to a 7.74 ERA over 50 innings.

"Matt felt like he had a little bit of a down year but he still looked really good at times," Stevens said. "I'm confident he'll have a really good senior season."

Also making strong bids for starting jobs are sophomores Jared Greenfield and Mike Luce. Greenfield with 2-3 with a 5.64 ERA over 44.2 innings and Luce was 0-1 with a 7.64 ERA in 17.2 innings.

"Jared (Greenfield) got a lot of experience and learned quite a bit," Stevens said. "He's got three pretty good pitches and if he can throw strikes, he'll be pretty good. He just needs to be in shape."

"He works hitters very well and he competes very well, which I really like."

Luce spent the fall semester studying in Europe, but didn't fall too far behind.

"He came back in good shape," Stevens said. "He's a big, strong kid with a great work ethic who competes very well."

Stevens is also taking a look at sophomore Ben Gander and senior Jon Doudna for starting duty. They'll likely see bullpen action as well, along with senior Nick De Penning, sophomore Kyle Fuerstenberg and freshman Eric Speer of Milton. Sophomore lefty Jeremy Kippley, normally a first baseman, might also move to the mound for an inning or two on occasion.

The closer's job is wide open, Stevens said.

"It may be by committee," he said. "If one of our starters is available for an inning, we may use him. We haven't really figured out what we're going to do but we do have guys who can do a good job. We'll probably decide after our spring trip."

Stevens doesn't view moving from a starting role to relief as a demotion.

"The bullpen is something we're really going to emphasize," he said. "It's just as important as our starting rotation and maybe even more important."

### **Infield**

The clear infield leader is senior catcher and co-captain Adam Duerfeldt. The club's top hitter last year with a .407 average, eight homers and 38 RBI, Duerfeldt was an ESPN The Magazine first-team Academic All-American as well as a third-team all-Central Region pick and a second-team all-Iowa Conference choice. Duerfeldt, who was named a Division III "player to watch" by Baseball America, has already been accepted into graduate school in medicinal chemistry.

"Obviously Adam's a very talented athlete and he's a very talented student," Stevens said. "He's also a great leader, largely because he works so hard and sets such a good example for younger players. He's looking for another great year."

Duerfeldt's understudy is freshman Derek Knutson of Yorkville, Ill., who may force his way into the lineup elsewhere.

"He could play some in the outfield or third base," Stevens said. "He's pretty talented."

Senior Matt Kuempel, a returning letterwinner, provides the Dutch with a solid backup behind the plate, joined by freshman Quinn O'Brien of Carroll.

Kippley returns at first base, pushed by junior Tom Sheehan. Kippley hit .262 with four home runs and 18 RBI in 36 games as a freshman.

"Jeremy really showed signs of coming on towards the end of the year," Stevens said. "He's a great worker and I'm looking for him to have a breakout year."

Sheehan is also a candidate in the outfield.

Sophomore Justin Owens is back at second base, where he started 22 games. He batted .240 with 10 RBI.

"Justin really came on defensively," Stevens said. "He's probably the best fielder we have in the infield. He's a good athlete who can really go get balls in the hole."

Junior Andy Long hit .288 in 24 games last year and can play either second base or shortstop. Stevens is also looking at him as a designated hitter.

"Andy's got a great swing," Stevens said.

There's an opening at shortstop where freshman Jake Jadowski of Omaha is competing with sophomore Jacob Vaverka. Jadowski is a baseball anomaly, a left-handed batting shortstop who throws right-handed.

"Jake's a pretty smooth fielder and a really good worker," Stevens said. "He's very polished for a young guy. We just need to get him some experience."

Vaverka can play second base, shortstop or third.

"Jacob's very valuable because of his versatility," Stevens said. "He can run and he can hit, so he has a chance to get into games as a designated hitter as well."

Senior Matt Murphy and sophomore Michael Edwards each saw a lot of action at third base last year, and Murphy is the frontrunner this year, with Edwards likely moving to the outfield. Murphy, also the starter at third in 2004, hit .291 in 29 games last season.

"Matt will tell you he didn't have his best year last year, but he's a good defensive player and at the plate he puts the ball in play," Stevens said. "He's a great team guy, which I really like about him."

He'll likely be backed by Knutson, who could make an occasional appearance in the outfield as well.

### **Outfield**

Edwards could take over in left field after batting .317 with 11 RBI in 30 games last year.

"Michael's one of our better hitters," Stevens said. "He's got the potential to hit in the middle of the lineup. He's a good athlete who can run balls down and is a great worker."

Edwards is battling Sheehan, who can play a number of spots.

Senior Shea Stamp, a three-time letterwinner, is a returning outfield starter. He spent most of the season in right field last year but could switch to center. Stamp hit .405, clubbing a team-high 14 doubles and four homers while knocking in 32 runs. He also led the Dutch with a .542 on-base percentage after leading the NCAA Division III in being hit by pitch, setting a school season record by getting plunked 22 times. He also drew a team-best 17 walks and was a first-team all-conference pick. Stamp spent the fall semester studying in Europe.

"Shea's a great lead-off hitter who plays the game hard," Stevens said. "We're working to get him back in shape and excited to have him back."

Also bidding for a spot is sophomore Aaron Heffernan, who was injured last season.

"He's one of the fastest guys on the team," Stevens said. "He may go through some growing pains, but he's a talented player."

Other outfield options include senior Brett Delaney, a returning letterwinner, and freshmen Adam Squires of Center Point and Pat O'Brien of Des Moines. Stevens noted that Delaney and Kuempel provide some key intangibles for the Dutch.

"To me, Brett and Matt are extremely valuable," Stevens said. "The guys really respect them, they help the younger players a lot, and they're always working hard."

### **Designated hitter**

The DH candidate pool will depend on how the rest of the lineup sorts out. Sheehan is among several being considered.

"There will be a lot of competition," Stevens said. "It's going to be whoever's swinging a hot bat."

But Stevens stressed that he'll make no decisions on DH until he's got his defensive alignment determined.

"Defense is a huge focus for us," Stevens said. "We only need one designated hitter."

### **The schedule**

Central again opens with a doubleheader in the Metrodome in Minneapolis, this time against Hamline (Minn.) March 6. Then the Dutch make a first-ever trip to Arizona for 10-game spring-break trip in the Phoenix area as they prepare for another bruising Iowa Conference race.

"I think the conference is going to be strong," Stevens said. "Wartburg's the obvious favorite but there aren't going to be any easy games. The guys need to realize that."

A seemingly minor change in the league schedule could have a big impact. The second game of league doubleheaders will be nine innings instead of seven. The league tournament already features nine-inning games, as does NCAA championship play, and the Dutch have seen the difference it makes.

"It's only two innings but sometimes, those are the hardest outs to get," Stevens said. "It's going to favor the teams that have more depth and it's going to force teams to do more than rely on their top two pitchers."

The challenges are considerable, Stevens said-and he can't wait to get started.

"This is a very tight-knit group," he said. "They're working really hard to prepare and I think they're ready to go out there and have some fun."

