



2006 SOFTBALL
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

Baseball	Adam Stevens
Assistant baseball	Dan Mason
Assistant baseball	Brent Fridley
Basketball--Men's	Mike Boschee
Assistant basketball	Nic Nelson
Assistant basketball	Derek Schulte
Basketball--Women's	Natalie Nakic
Assistant basketball	Jerry Nikkel
Assistant basketball	Bret Grier
Cross country--Men's/women's	Jeff Bovee
Assistant cross country	Stephen Fyfe
Assistant cross country	Guy Mosher
Football	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 Eighthy

Wrestling

Assistant wrestling	Eric Reed
Assistant wrestling	Kevin Azinger
Assistant wrestling	Rex Gray
Assistant wrestling	Jamie Scott
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Softball

2005 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 10	^Greensboro (N.C.)	Orange, Calif.	3:30 p.m.
	^Methodist (N.C.)	Orange, Calif.	5:45 p.m.
March 11	^Methodist (N.C.)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	^Kenyon (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 12	^Chapman (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	3:30 p.m.
	^Mount St. Joseph (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	5:45 p.m.
March 13	^Illinois College	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	^Fontbonne (Mo.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 15	^Kenyon (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
	^Knox (Ill.)	Orange, Calif.	3:30 p.m.
March 16	^Wesleyan (Conn.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
	^Simon Fraser (B.C.)	Orange, Calif.	5:45 p.m.
March 17	^Rutgers-Camden (N.J.)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	^La Sierra (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 24	+Mount Mercy	Cedar Rapids	4:30 p.m.
	+Wis.-Oshkosh	Cedar Rapids	6:15 p.m.
March 25	+Wis.-Stout	Cedar Rapids	10:45 a.m.
	+St. Mary's (Minn.)	Cedar Rapids	2 p.m.
April 1	*Cornell	Pella	2 p.m.
April 5	*Luther	Decorah	3 p.m.
April 8	*Wartburg	Waverly	2 p.m.
April 11	*Simpson	Pella	3 p.m.
April 14	*Washington Univ.	St. Louis, Mo.	4 p.m.
April 15	*Illinois Wesleyan	St. Louis, Mo.	1 p.m.
April 18	Clarke	Grinnell	1 p.m.
	Grinnell	Grinnell	5 p.m.
April 19	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	3 p.m.
April 22	*Buena Vista	Storm Lake	2 p.m.
April 25	*Loras	Pella	3 p.m.
April 29	*Dubuque	Pella	2 p.m.
May 4-6	Iowa Conference tournament	Fort Dodge	TBA
May 12-16	NCAA Div. III regional	TBA	TBA
May 19-23	NCAA Div. III finals	Raleigh-Durham, N.C.	TBA

*doubleheader

^ Sun West Invitational, Orange, Calif. (times listed are Pacific Standard Time)

+ Coe Invitational, at Hitters' Park, Cedar Rapids

SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

2005 record: 28-12 overall, 12-4 conference (third place)
NCAA Division III appearances/last: 19 in 20 years/2004
NCAA Division III championships: 4 (1988, 1991, 1993, 2003)
NCAA Division III national finals appearances: 13
2005 NFCA all-region players: 3 (P-Corrie Schmidt, DP-Tina Shimak, 1B-Anne Legg, 3rd team)
2004 all-Iowa Conference players: 4 (C-Kelly Harris, 1B-Anne Legg, SS-Dawn Nissen, 1st team; P-Corrie Schmidt, 2nd team)
Position starters lost: 3 (1B-Anne Legg, CF-Bri Kuyper, RF-Holly Edwards)
Position starters returning: 6 (C-Kelly Harris, 2B-Kristin Wares, SS-Dawn Nissen, 3B-Abby Frye, LF-Laura Anderson, DP-Tina Shimak)
Starting pitchers lost: 2 (Corrie Schmidt, Emily Vaughan)
Starting pitchers returning: 1 (Amy Zellmer)
2006 captains: Abby Frye, Kristin Wares

George Wares

Head coach

George Wares is the one of the winningest softball coaches in the U.S. After 21 seasons as Central College head coach, Wares has compiled a 720-230-3 record (.757). On the all-time NCAA Division III charts, he ranks third in career victories (720) and sixth in winning percentage(.757). Among active Division III coaches, he ranks second in career victories, first in NCAA playoff appearances (19) and first in NCAA playoff victories (77).

Wares piloted the Dutch to national championships in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 2003 with national runner-up finishes in 1986 and 2001. Wares' teams have reached the NCAA playoffs 19 years in a row, finishing in the national top five 12 times. The Dutch were third in the NCAA in 1990, 1994 and 1995, fourth in 1987 and 1989, and fifth in 1997. Central won or shared Iowa Conference titles in 1986, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Wares and his assistants were named the NFCA Div. III coaching staff of the year in 2003, after taking regional honors in 2001.

For three years, Wares also served on the NFCA Div. III all-America selection committee, including two years as chair.

A 1976 Central graduate, Wares spent seven years as girls' softball coach at NESCO High School in Zealing, Iowa, posting a 214-94 record and piloting three squads to state tournament berths. He was named all-area coach of the year three times.

Wares also served as a high school boys' basketball coach for 18 years, including seven at NESCO and 11 at Pella High School. He compiled a 259-106 career record, earning four state tournament berths, with two state runner-up finishes. He also served for four seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach at Central.

A highly regarded motivational speaker, Wares received his master's degree in counseling from Iowa State University and worked as an at-risk counselor at Pella High School and as an academic counselor at Central.

Teresa Thompson

Assistant coach

Teresa Thompson is in her eighth season as assistant coach for the Dutch. Thompson, a 1996 Central graduate, was a four-year letterwinner for the Dutch. She participated in four NCAA Div. III tournaments and was a member of Central's 1993 national championship squad.

A Pella native, Thompson spent two seasons as head softball coach at Pella Christian High School. She currently serves as assistant director of admission at Central.

Steph Anderson

Assistant coach

Steph Anderson is in her first season as assistant softball coach at Central. Anderson, an Audubon native, serves as pitching coach for the Dutch.

A 2003 Wartburg College honors graduate, Anderson was a two-time team MVP and four-time letterwinner for the Knights, setting school records for season strikeouts, career strikeouts and career victories. She led Wartburg to the 2001 Iowa Conference title and three NCAA Division III playoff berths, reaching the national finals in 2003.

Anderson, a graduate of Audubon High School, also serves as a graphic artist for Pella Art & Graphics.

Shannon Merkle

Assistant coach

Shannon Merkle is in her first season as assistant softball coach at Central College. A 1995 Central graduate, Merkle was a four-time softball letterwinner and NCAA Division III playoff participant. She was also a two-time women's basketball letterwinner and was a member of NCAA Division III championship teams in women's basketball and in softball in 1993. Merkle was an all-tournament team selection at the NCAA softball finals in 1993 and 1995, and received the team's Most Inspirational Player Award in 1995. She was also named an all-Iowa Conference and all-NCAA Division III West Region second-team selection in 1995.

Merkle, a right fielder, still holds Central records for most triples in a season (7) and career (16), and shares the record for most RBI in a game (5). She also ranks among the school's career leaders in hits (130), batting average (.343) and RBI (84).

Merkle received a master of science degree in occupational therapy at Washington University in St. Louis in 1997. She served in the U.S. Army for two years and worked as an occupational therapist on rotating assignments across the country before accepting her current position at Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa.

2005 Iowa Conference standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Coe	15	1	37	6
Wartburg	13	3	31	8
Central	12	4	28	12
Simpson	9	7	27	11
Loras	9	7	22	16
Luther	5	11	22	17
Buena Vista	5	11	16	20
Cornell	2	14	10	26
Dubuque	2	14	8	26

2005 results

28-12 overall, 12-4 Iowa Conference

March 5	+Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	L, 4-0
	+Chapman (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	L, 5-0
March 6	+Ithaca (N.Y.)	Orange, Calif.	W, 7-0
	+Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	Orange, Calif.	W, 4-2
March 7	+Thomas More (Ky.)	Orange, Calif.	W, 10-1
	+Haverford (Pa.)	Orange, Calif.	W, 4-1
March 9	+Dominican (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	L, 7-1
	+Ithaca (N.Y.)	Orange, Calif.	W, 8-2
March 10	+Lake Erie (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	W, 11-3
	+LaVerne (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	L, 7-5
March 11	+Wittenberg (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	W, 12-4
	+Mt. St. Joseph (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	L, 8-2
March 18	*\$Texas Lutheran	St. Louis, Mo.	L, 2-0; W, 7-1
March 19	\$Augustana (Ill.)	St. Louis, Mo.	L, 2-1
	\$Washington-St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	L, 4-3
March 20	@\$Maryville (Mo.)	St. Louis, Mo.	W, 8-2
	@\$Clarke	St. Louis, Mo.	W, 13-1
March 26	^Nebraska Wesleyan	Cedar Rapids	W, 6-4
	^Wis.-Oshkosh	Cedar Rapids	W, 8-0
April 2	*Coe	Pella	W, 2-1; L, 7-5
April 6	*Loras	Dubuque	W, 9-3; W, 2-0
April 9	*Dubuque	Dubuque	W, 9-0; W, 8-0
April 17	*Wartburg	Pella	L, 7-0; L, 3-0
April 23	*Luther	Pella	W, 3-0, W, 2-1
April 27	*Buena Vista	Pella	W, 7-0; W, 1-0
April 28	*Bethel (Minn.)	Pella	W, 10-3; W, 3-1

April 30	*Cornell	Mt. Vernon	W, 9-0; W, 13-1
May 3	*Fontbonne (Mo.)	St. Louis, Mo.	W, 9-4; L, 5-4
May 6	*Simpson	Indianola	W, 2-0; L, 3-2

*doubleheader

+Sun West Invitational, Orange, Calif.

\$Washington-St. Louis Invitational, St. Louis, Mo.

@games played at Maryville College (Mo.) in St. Louis, Mo.

^Coe Invitational, Cedar Rapids

2005 statistics-Fielding

Name	C	PO	A	E	FLD%
Corrie Schmidt	51	4	47	0	1.000
Amy Zellmer	10	0	10	0	1.000
Katie Boyington	8	7	1	0	1.000
Sarah Jens	2	2	0	0	1.000
Anne Legg	361	354	4	3	.992
Kelly Harris	247	186	53	8	.968
Kristin Wares	175	72	97	6	.966
Laura Anderson	29	26	2	1	.966
Bri Kuyper	49	43	4	2	.959
Emily Vaughan	38	5	31	2	.947
Abby Frye	93	29	58	6	.935
Dawn Nissen	133	39	82	12	.910
Holly Edwards	40	32	2	6	.850
Tina Shimak	0	0	0	0	.000
Kristen Friedrichs	0	0	0	0	.000
Lisa Dean	0	0	0	0	.000
Trista Leaming	0	0	0	0	.000
Amanda Wilson	0	0	0	0	.000
Central	1236	799	391	46	.963
Opponents	1281	780	415	86	.933

2005 NCAA Div. III statistical rankings

Batting average	G	AB	H	Avg.
77. (tie) Dawn Nissen	40	117	50	.427

Stolen bases/game	G	SB	SBA	SB/G
36. Dawn Nissen	40	22	25	.55

Walks/game	G	BB	BB/G
38. Anne Legg	40	21	.53

Team fielding percentage	PO	A	E	Pct.
30. Central College	799	391	46	.963

Stolen bases/game	G	SB	SB/G
30. Central College	40	89	2.23

Double plays/game	G	DP	DP/G
44. (tie) Central College	40	13	.33

2005 statistics--Batting

Name	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB-ATT	BB	SO	HBP	OB%
Dawn Nissen	40	117	20	50	18	3	1	0	22-25	3	10	2	.451
Anne Legg	40	120	20	47	22	12	0	4	1-1	21	16	1	.483
Kelly Harris	40	119	31	39	27	2	3	2	18-20	9	13	4	.391
Tina Shimak	40	123	9	37	34	5	1	5	0-0	9	7	2	.353
Laura Anderson	40	114	24	24	6	0	0	0	11-15	18	8	1	.396
Holly Edwards	40	98	18	26	13	4	1	1	11-13	7	20	4	.339
Bri Kuyper	40	114	24	24	6	0	0	0	7-17	19	11	1	.328
Kristin Wares	40	123	22	24	12	4	0	0	2-3	17	24	0	.293
Abby Frye	40	88	6	16	15	0	0	0	3-4	12	19	1	.287
Corrie Schmidt	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
Sarah Jens	26	5	8	1	1	0	0	0	1-3	3	1	0	.500
Lisa Dean	18	14	2	1	2	0	0	0	2-2	3	6	0	.235
Katie Boyington	12	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0	2	3	0	.182
Trista Learning	34	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	7-8	0	0	0	.000
Amy Zellmer	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
Kristen Friedrichs	26	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	3-4	0	0	0	.000
Central	40	1047	216	300	169	38	7	12	89-117	123	138	16	.369
Opponents	40	984	93	245	76	35	2	11	15-39	80	174	14	.314

2005 statistics--Pitching

Name	G/GS	W	L	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	WIP
Amy Zellmer	3	5	0	1	0	38.2	32	12	8	34	29	1	3
Emily Vaughan	12	8	4	4	1	87.0	85	36	20	12	48	8	3
Corrie Schmidt	25	15	8	12	5	140.2	127	45	35	34	97	5	1
Amanda Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	40	28	12	17	10	266.1	245	93	63	80	174	14	7
Opponents	40	12	28	20	5	260.0	300	216	145	123	138	16	13

Career statistics--Batting

Laura Anderson	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2004	.366	43	82	10	30	8	8	0	1	1
2005	.298	40	114	24	34	18	8	1	0	11
Total	.326	83	196	34	64	26	16	1	1	12
Abby Frye	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2003	.213	27	47	1	10	5	1	0	0	1
2004	.375	16	8	1	3	3	1	0	0	0
2005	.182	40	88	6	16	15	0	0	0	3
Total	.202	83	143	8	29	23	2	0	0	4
Dawn Nissen	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2004	.324	36	68	15	22	11	1	1	0	8
2005	.427	40	117	20	50	18	3	1	0	22
Total	.389	76	185	35	72	29	4	2	0	30
Tina Shimak	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2004	.355	44	124	16	44	39	17	0	8	1
2005	.301	40	123	9	37	34	5	1	5	0
Total	.327	84	247	25	81	73	22	1	13	1
Kristin Wares	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2003	.254	47	114	6	29	12	4	0	0	1
2004	.237	44	114	18	27	16	3	0	0	4
2005	.195	40	123	22	24	12	4	0	0	2
Total	.227	131	351	46	80	40	10	0	0	7

Career statistics--Pitching

Amanda Wilson	ERA	G	W	L	CG	SH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2003	0.00	4	1	0	0	0	7.1	4	1	0	1	2
2004	0.67	21	1	1	0	0	41.2	25	7	4	4	19
2005	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	0.57	25	2	1	0	0	49	29	8	4	5	21

Individual awards

NFCA Division III player of the week

May 2-Kelly Harris

Iowa Conference female athlete of the week

May 2-Kelly Harris

Iowa Conference player of the week

April 11-Corrie Schmidt

May 2-Kelly Harris

All-Iowa Conference

First team

Kelly Harris, C; Anne Legg, 1B; Dawn Nissen, SS

Second team

Corrie Schmidt, P

NFCA Division III all-Midwest Region

Third team

Anne Legg, 1B

Corrie Schmidt, P

Tina Shimak, DP

Academic all-Iowa Conference

Name	Major	GPA
Katie Boyington	General studies	3.84
Kristen Friedrichs	Mathematics	3.74
Abby Frye	Chemistry	3.97
Tina Shimak	Biology	3.64

Team awards

LeRoy Timmer Most Valuable Player Award-Anne Legg

LeRoy Timmer Most Inspirational Player Award-Katie Boyington

Most Improved Player Award-Dawn Nissen

Hustle Award-Kelly Harris

2005 captains-Corrie Schmidt, Anne Legg

2006 captains-Abby Frye, Kristin Wares

All-time records

Individual, offensive

Most hits

Game- 5 (5 AB), tie, Julie Nelson vs. Grand View, 1991; Molly Parrott, vs. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.), May 14, 2001

Season- 70, Molly Parrott, 2001

Freshman season- 52, Donell Hotze, 1997

Career- 201, Molly Parrott, 1999-2002

Hitting streak-18 games, Molly Parrott, March 15-April 20, 2002

Consecutive hits-10, Molly Parrott, May 11-14, 2001

100 career hits club

Name	No.	Games	Years
1. Molly Parrott	201	187	1999-2002
2. Donell Hotze	198	189	1997-2000
3. Anne Legg	100	172	2002-05
4. Annie Van Wetzinga	184	190	1998-2001

100 career hits club, continued

Name	No.	Games	Years
5. (tie) Kris Hughes	156	189	2000-2003
Kelly MacDonald	156	173	1990-93
7. Julie Nelson	146	165	1989-92
8. Michele Magill	144	175	1985-88
9. (tie) Kristie Pennington	143	167	1990-93
Heather Nevitt	143	173	1995-98
11. Wendy Walton	142	180	1996-99
12. (tie) Lea Ann Morgan	141	191	1986-89
Christi Van Werden	141	147	1988-91
14. Kelly Oliver	134	191	1998-01
15. (tie) Shannon Merkle	130	150	1992-95
Jenny Semler	130	153	1990-93
Stacey Sonnek	130	178	1994-97
18. Deana Bergquist	127	185	1986-89
Katy Lein	127	132	2001-04
20. Staci Van Arendonk	123	164	1991-94
21. Kris Thompson	122	143	1984-87
22. Laurie Suttan	119	166	1985-88
23. (tie) Bri Kuyper	118	172	2002-05
Sarah Street	118	185	1994-97
25. Holly Hartsock	113	154	1996-99
26. Brenda Glasnapp	107	165	1985-88

Highest average**Season** — .531, Jenny Semler, 1993**Career** — .379 (188-496), Anne Legg, 2002-05**Career batting average leaders**

Anne Legg	.379	2002-05
Christi Van Werden	.371	1988-91
Lynette Mullen	.368	1993-96
Donell Hotze	.367	1997-00
Molly Parrott	.354	1999-02
Annie Van Wetzinga	.351	1998-01
Julie Nelson	.344	1989-92
Annie Van Wetzinga	.351	1998-01
Shannon Merkle	.343	1992-95
Jenny Semler	.341	1990-93
Kristie Pennington	.340	1990-93
Mindi Remsburg	.337	1990-93
Kelly MacDonald	.326	1990-93
Carol Burt	.318	1976-79
Heather Nevitt	.316	1995-98
Wendy Walton	.311	1996-99
Kris Thompson	.309	1984-87
Cindy Messer	.300	1984-87

Most doubles**Season** — 17, Tina Shimak, 2004**Career** — 48, Anne Legg, 2002-05**Most triples****Season** — 7, Shannon Merkle, 1994**Career** — 16, Shannon Merkle, 1992-95

Most home runs

Game — 2, tie, Christi Van Werden vs. Luther, 1991; Donell Hotze vs. Kansas Wesleyan, 1997; Missy Voigt, vs. Wartburg, 2001

Doubleheader — 3, Missy Voigt, vs. Wartburg, April 14, 2001

Season — 8, Tina Shimak, 2004

Career — 13, Tina Shimak, 2004-

Highest slugging percentage

Season — .719, Jenny Semler, 1993

Career — .520, Christi Van Werden, 1988-91

Most walks

Season — 31, Anne Legg, 2003

Career — 92, Bri Kuyper, 2002-05

Most times hit by pitch

Game — 2, tie, Annie Van Wetzlinga vs. Wheaton (Mass.), 2001; Holly Edwards vs. Ithaca (N.Y.), March 6, 2005

Season — 10, Stef Miller, 2004

Career — 22, Stef Miller, 2001-04

Most times on base

Game — 5, tie, Julie Nelson vs. Grand View, 1991; Molly Parrott, 2002

Season — 83, Donell Hotze, 1998

Career — 267, Anne Legg, 2002-05

Highest on-base percentage

Season — .635, Jenny Semler (47-74), 1993

Career — .501, Lynette Mullen (147-293), 1993-96

Most sacrifices

Season — 22, Heather Reedy, 1991

Career — 82, Heather Reedy, 1990-93

Most RBI

Game — 5, tie, Shannon Merkle vs. Wis.-Oshkosh, 1995; Staci Van Arendonk vs. Wm. Penn, 1994

Season — 39, Tina Shimak, 2004

Career — 101, Annie Van Wetzlinga, 1998-2001

Career runs batted in

Annie Van Wetzlinga	101	1998-2001
Anne Legg	100	2002-05
Kris Hughes	84	2000-03
Shannon Merkle	84	1992-95
Wendy Walton	81	1996-99
Donell Hotze	78	1997-2000
Heather Nevitt	77	1995-98
Staci Van Arendonk	75	1991-94
Kris Thompson	73	1984-87
Molly Parrott	70	1999-2002
Kristie Pennington	67	1990-93
Christi Van Werden	66	1988-91
Kelly MacDonald	64	1990-93

Most runs

Game — 4, tie, Brenda Vigness vs. Upper Iowa, 1988; Jenny Semler vs. Dubuque, 1992

Season — 44, Molly Parrott, 1999-2002

Career — 137, Molly Parrott, 1999-2002

Most stolen bases**Game** — 5, Mindi Remsburg vs. Wis.-Oshkosh, 1993**Season** — 37, Daniela Grob, 2000**Career** — 114, Daniela Grob, 1999-2000**Consecutive** — 13, Mindi Remsburg, 1993**Highest career percentage** — .811, Deana Bergquist (43-53), 1986-89**Career stolen base leaders**

Daniela Grob	114	1997-00
Molly Parrott	95	1999-2002
Bri Kuyper	78	2002-05
Kim Pickett	69	1993-96
Mandy Jens	65	1998-01
Denise Barnard	61	1999-2002
Mindi Remsburg	56	1990-93
Heather Reedy	49	1990-93
Jenny Semler	49	1990-93
Ellen Thompson	48	1997-00
Julie Nelson	46	1989-92
Kelly MacDonald	45	1990-93
Tera Twit	42	1989-92
Deana Bergquist	42	1986-89
Wendy Walton	42	1996-99
Brenda Glasnapp	40	1985-88
Kristy Pedersen	40	1994-97
Stacey Sonnek	37	1994-97

Most at bats**Season** — 177, Molly Parrott, 2001**Career** — 567, Molly Parrott, 1999-2002**Most games****Season** — 56, tie, Lea Ann Morgan, Kris Thompson, Michele Magill, Jo Schmidt, 1986**Career** — 191, Lea Ann Morgan, 1986-89**Career games played leaders**

Lea Ann Morgan	191	1986-89
Kelly Oliver	191	1998-01
Annie Van Wetzlinga	190	1998-01
Kris Hughes	189	2000-03
Donell Hotze	189	1997-2000
Molly Parrott	187	1999-02
Sarah Street	185	1994-97
Deana Bergquist	185	1986-89
Mandy Jens	181	1998-01
Wendy Walton	180	1996-99
Michele Magill	175	1985-88
Donell Hotze	174	1997-00
Kelly MacDonald	173	1990-93
Heather Nevitt	173	1995-98
Bri Kuyper	172	2002-05
Anne Legg	172	2002-05
Amy Hakeman	171	1995-98
Heather Reedy	169	1990-93
Kristie Pennington	167	1990-93
Laurie Suttan	166	1985-88

Lowest strikeout/at bat ratio

Season — 1/110 (1 SO in 110 AB), Kelly MacDonald, 1993

Individual, defensive (minimum, one chance per game)**Highest fielding percentage**

Season — .998 (524-525), Kris Thompson, 1986

Career — .989 (1306-1320), Kris Thompson, 1984-87

Most putouts

Game — 20, Amy Hakeman vs. Wartburg, April 19, 1997

Season — 511, Kris Thompson, 1986

Career — 1,352, Anne Legg, 2002-05

Most double plays

Game — 3, Lynette Mullen vs. Wis.-Oshkosh, April 14, 1995

Season —17, Christi Van Werden, 1989

Most assists

Season — 135, Kelly Oliver, 1998

Career — 410, Laurie Suttan, 1985-88

Most assists by an outfielder

Season — 9, Kris Hughes, 2003

Career — 21, Kristie Pennington, 1990-93

Most assists by a catcher

Season — 55, Laura Bach, 1990

Career — 167, Laura Bach, 1990-93

Most assists by a pitcher

Season —118, Laurie Suttan, 1988

Career--410, Laurie Suttan, 1985-88

Most runners picked off

Game--2, Kelly Harris vs. Wartburg, April 17, 2005

Season—15, Kelly Harris, 2005

Individual, pitching

(Season records minimum, 60 innings pitched; career records, minimum 20 games)

Most strikeouts

Game — 16, tie, Missey Allen vs. Northeastern (Okla.), March 17, 1995 and vs. Alma, May 19, 1994; Libby Hysell vs. Coe, April 10, 2003

Game, in relief — 16, Missey Allen, vs. Alma (9.1 innings), May 19, 1994

Consecutive — 8, Missey Allen vs. Hope, May 18, 1995

Season — 254, Missey Allen, 1995

Career — 725, Missey Allen, 1993-96

Career strikeouts

Missey Allen	725	1993-96
Libby Hysell	582	2000-03
April Miller	378	2000-03
Jamie Mahnke	375	1989-92
Emily Grimes	363	1991-94
Corrie Schmidt	338	2002-05
Laurie Suttan	284	1985-88
Kara Stanley	210	1995-98
Shelley Weiss	185	1984-86
Brenda Vigness	150	1986-89

Katie Shelley 139 1997-99

Most victories

Season — 26, Jamie Mahnke, 1991

Freshman season — 18, April Miller, 2000

Career — 76, Jamie Mahnke, 1989-92

Highest season winning percentage (15 decisions, minimum) — 1.000 (tie), Libby Hysell (17-0), 2003; Missey Allen (16-0), 1993

Highest career winning percentage — .873, April Miller (55-8), 2000-03

Career victories

Name	W-L	Games	Years
Jamie Mahnke	76-29	111	1989-92
Libby Hysell	71-16	97	2000-03
Missey Allen	68-24	111	1993-96
Emily Grimes	64-14	85	1991-94
Laurie Suttan	62-33	104	1985-88
Corrie Schmidt	58-19	113	2002-05
April Miller	55-8	85	2000-03
Katie Shelley	52-24	84	1997-99
Brenda Vigness	50-19	80	1986-89
Kara Stanley	49-19	88	1995-98
Shelley Weiss	27-15	46	1984-86

Career winning percentage

Name	W-L	Pct.	Years
April Miller	55-8	.873	2000-03
Emily Grimes	64-14	.820	1991-94
Libby Hysell	71-16	.816	2000-03
Corrie Schmidt	58-19	.753	2002-05
Missey Allen	68-24	.739	1993-96
Brenda Vigness	50-19	.725	1986-89
Jamie Mahnke	76-29	.723	1989-92
Kara Stanley	49-19	.721	1995-98
Katie Shelley	52-24	.684	1997-99
Laurie Suttan	62-33	.653	1985-88
Shelley Weiss	27-15	.643	1984-86

Lowest earned run average

Season — 0.25, Missey Allen, 1993

Career — 0.69, Libby Hysell, 2000-03

Career earned run average

Name	ERA	Years
Libby Hysell	0.69	2000-03
Laurie Suttan	0.76	1985-88
April Miller	0.86	2000-03
Emily Grimes	0.87	1994-94
Jamie Mahnke	0.93	1989-92
Missey Allen	0.99	1993-96

Most innings pitched

Season — 235.0, Jamie Mahnke, 1990

Career — 639.3, Laurie Suttan, 1985-88

Career innings pitched

Jamie Mahnke	723	1989-92
Laurie Suttan	639.3	1985-88
Missey Allen	635.3	1993-96
Libby Hysell	605.1	2000-03
Emily Grimes	547.3	1991-94
Katie Shelley	503	1997-99
Corrie Schmidt	467.2	2002-05
Kara Stanley	449	1995-98

Most games pitched

Season — 38, Jamie Mahnke, 1990

Career — tie, 111; Jamie Mahnke, 1989-92; Missey Allen, 1993-96

Career games pitched

Corrie Schmidt	113	2002-05
Jamie Mahnke	111	1989-92
Missey Allen	111	1993-96
Laurie Suttan	104	1985-88
Libby Hysell	97	2000-03
Kara Stanley	88	1995-98
Emily Grimes	85	1991-94
Katie Shelley	84	1997-99
Brenda Vigness	79	1986-89

Most shutouts

Season — 11, tie, Jamie Mahnke, 1991; Libby Hysell, 2001

Career —33, Libby Hysell, 2000-03

Career shutouts

Libby Hysell	33	2000-03
Missey Allen	32	1993-96
Jamie Mahnke	31	1989-92
Brenda Vigness	31	1986-89
Laurie Suttan	27	1985-88
Emily Grimes	25	1991-94
Katie Shelley	16	1997-99
Kara Stanley	16	1995-98
April Miller	13	2000-03
Shelley Weiss	12	1984-86
Corrie Schmidt	12	2002-05

Most saves

Season—5, Corrie Schmidt, 2003

Career—10, Corrie Schmidt, 2002-05

Career saves

Corrie Schmidt	10	2002-05
Libby Hysell	9	2000-03
Missey Allen	6	1993-96
Emily Grimes	5	1991-94
Laurie Suttan	5	1985-88
Kara Stanley	4	1995-98

Most complete games

Season — 33, Jamie Mahnke, 1990

Career — 99, Jamie Mahnke, 1989-92

Career complete games

Jamie Mahnke	99	1989-92
Laurie Suttan	85	1985-88
Missey Allen	78	1993-96
Emily Grimes	69	1991-94
Brenda Vigness	62	1986-89
Katie Shelley	60	1997-99
Libby Hysell	60	2000-03
Kara Stanley	47	1995-98

Most no-hitters

Career—4, tie, Missey Allen, 1993-96; Libby Hysell, 2000-03

Streaks

Most consecutive scoreless innings — 57, Brenda Vigness, 1988

Most consecutive victories — 19, Emily Grimes (April 29, 1992-May 15, 1993)

Most hit batters

Game — 3, Corrie Schmidt, 2002

Season — 10, Emily Grimes, 1993

Career — 31, Emily Grimes, 1991-94

Team, offense

Highest batting average — .353, 1993

Most runs — 279, 2000

Most runs per game — 5.9, 1993

Most hits — 401, 2000

Most hits per game — 8.7, 1993

Most doubles — 65, 2000

Most triples — 19, 2000

Most home runs — 14, 2000

Most RBI — 208, 2000

Most walks — 148, 2003

Most stolen bases — 182 (241 att.), 2000

Most stolen bases per game — 3.6, 2000

Highest stolen base advantage over opponents — 164 (182-18), 2000

Lowest strikeout/at bat ratio — 1/20.3, 1993

Team, defense

Most double plays — 17, 1989

Most putouts — 1,007, 1994

Most assists — 552, 1989

Most errors — 107, 1990

Highest fielding percentage — .975, 2003

Fewest stolen bases allowed — 4, 1987 (0.1 per game)

Team, pitching

Most victories — 42, 1991

Longest winning streak — 32, 1993

Longest losing streak — 26, May, 1980-May, 1981

Lowest ERA — 0.53, 1989

Most shutouts — 23, 2003

Most strikeouts — 317, 1994

Most strikeouts per game — 4.3, 1993

Team, single-game records

Most runs—26, vs. Trinity (Tex.) (W, 26-4), 1983
Most runs allowed—29, vs. Mt. Mercy (L, 29-0), 1976
Most runs, two teams—30, Central vs. Trinity (Tex.) (W, 2-4), 1983
Most errors—7, tie, vs. Neb.-Omaha, March 6, 1998; vs. William Penn, April 19, 2001
Most at-bats—56, vs. Alma (Mich.), (16 inn.), May 19, 1994
Most hits—17, tie, vs. Upper Iowa, May, 1994; vs. Midland (Neb.), April 4, 1993
Most home runs—3, vs. Wartburg, April 14, 2001
Most RBI—14, vs. Lincoln (Mo.), May 22, 1991
Most doubles—6, vs. Cameron (Okla.), May 3, 1990
Most stolen bases—9, vs. St. Mary's (Minn.), May 9, 1997
Longest game — 16 innings, Central vs. Alma (Mich.), May 19, 1994
Most batters struck out—24, vs. Alma (Mich.), May 19, 1994

NCAA Div. III tournament records held by Central

Most strikeouts, game — 24, Central vs. Alma, May 19, 1994

NCAA Div. III records by Central

Most strikeouts, game — 24, Central vs. Alma (Mich.), May 19, 1994
Longest game — 16 innings, Central vs. Alma (Mich.), May 19, 1994
Most stolen bases, game—9, Central vs. St. Mary's (Minn.), May 9, 1997

LeRoy Timmer MVP Award

1974 — Barb Barrett	1990 — Jamie Mahnke
1975 — Chris Weaver	1991 — Christi Van Werden
1976 — Carol Burt	1992 — Julie Nelson
1977 — Lana Wohlers	1993 — Kelly MacDonald
1978 — Cindy Hawes	1994 — Staci Van Arendonk
1979 — Carol Burt	1995 — Missey Allen
1980 — Nancy Sheldon	1996 — Missey Allen
1981 — Becky Peter	1997 — Stacey Sonnek
1982 — Deb Schneider	1998 — Heather Nevitt
1983 — Deb Schneider	1999 — Donell Hotze
1984 — Deb Schneider	2000 — Donell Hotze
1985 — Kris Thompson	2001 — Annie Van Wetzlinga
1986 — Laurie Suttten	2002 — Molly Parrott
1987 — Kris Thompson	2003 — Libby Hysell
1988 — Laurie Suttten	2004 — Corrie Schmidt
1989 — Lori Ellwood	2005 — Anne Legg

Central's Iowa Conference MVPs

1987 — Laurie Suttten-P
1988 — Brenda Vigness-P
1991 — Christi Van Werden-2B
1993 — Emily Grimes-P
1996 — Missey Allen-P
2003 — Libby Hysell-P
2004 — Corrie Schmidt-P

Central's softball all-Americans

1987 Cindy Messer-DP, 2nd team
1987 Kris Thompson-1B, 1st team
Laurie Suttten-P, 1st team
1988 Laurie Suttten-P, 2nd team
1989 Brenda Vigness-P, 1st team
1991 Christi Van Werden-2B, 1st team

1992 Jamie Mahnke-P, 1st team
 Emily Grimes-P, 1st team
 Julie Nelson-SS, 2nd team
 Jenny Semler-LF, 2nd team
 1993 Emily Grimes-P, 1st team
 Missey Allen-P, 2nd team
 Jenny Semler-LF, 3rd team
 1995 Missey Allen-P, 1st team
 Lynette Mullen-1B, 1st team
 1996 Missey Allen-P, 2nd team
 Lynette Mullen-1B, 2nd team
 1997 Kara Stanley-P, 3rd team
 2000 *Donell Hotze-3B, 1st team
 Annie Van Wetzinger-C, 2nd team
 2001 Annie Van Wetzinger-C, 1st team
 Libby Hysell-P, 3rd team
 2002 Libby Hysell-P, 2nd team
 Molly Parrott-2B, 3rd team
 2003 *Libby Hysell-P, 1st team
 April Miller-P, 3rd team
 *NFCA Division III player of the year

Season records

Year	Record	NCAA finish	Coach
1975	3-11		Gary Boeyink
1976	4-16		Jim Van Hoeven
1977	11-12		Gary Boeyink
1978	7-15		Gary Boeyink
1979	5-6		Gary Boeyink
1980	3-19		Gary Boeyink
1981	3-23		Gary Boeyink
1982	6-14		Gary Boeyink
1983	10-9		Gary Boeyink
1984	10-15		Gary Boeyink
1985	19-14		George Wares
1986	*35-20	2nd, national	George Wares
1987	33-10	4th, national	George Wares
1988	35-10	1st, national	George Wares
1989	*36-11	4th, national	George Wares
1990	32-15	3rd, national	George Wares
1991	*42-6	1st, national	George Wares
1992	31-11	3rd, regional	George Wares
1993	*38-2	1st, national	George Wares
1994	35-14	3rd, national	George Wares
1995	35-13	3rd, national	George Wares
1996	*29-15	2nd, regional	George Wares
1997	35-12	5th, national	George Wares
1998	30-15	2nd, regional	George Wares
1999	34-11-1	3rd, regional	George Wares
2000	*40-10	3rd, regional	George Wares
2001	41-10	2nd, national	George Wares
2002	*36-5	3rd, regional	George Wares
2003	*41-5-1	1st, national	George Wares
2004	*35-9	2nd, regional	George Wares
2005	28-12		George Wares

*Iowa Conference champions

Career coaching records

Coach	Yrs.	W-L-T	Pct.	Playoff app.
George Wares	21	720-232-3	.757	19
Gary Boeyink	9	58-124	.318	0
Jim Van Hoeven	1	4-16	.200	0

Post-season history

1986	NCAA Div. III West Regional Pella, Iowa First place – Central 1, Luther 0; St. Thomas 1, Central 0; Central 4, St. Thomas 0; Central 4, St. Thomas 1
	NCAA Div. III Finals Storm Lake, Iowa Second place – Central 6, Allegheny 2; Central 4, Kean 1; Central 2, Trenton St. 1; E. Connecticut St. 2, Central 0; E. Connecticut St. 1, Central 0
1987	NCAA Div. III West Regional Pella, Iowa First place – Central 1, Cal. St.-Stanislaus 0; Central 2, Luther 0; Central 7, Luther 2
	NCAA Div. III Finals Williamantic, Conn. Fourth place – Central 2, Montclair St. 1; E. Conn. St. 8, Central 4; Wis.-Whitewater 3, Central 1
1988	NCAA Div. III West Regional Decorah, Iowa First place – Central 8, Luther 2; Central 4, St. Thomas 0; St. Thomas 2, Central 1; Central 3, St. Thomas 2
	NCAA Div. III Finals Elmhurst, Ill. First place – Central 3, E. Connecticut St. 1; Allegheny 3, Central 1; Central 4, Montclair St. 3; Central 1, Allegheny 0; Central 3, Allegheny 2
1989	NCAA Div. III At-Large Regional Indianola, Iowa First place – Central 1, Millikin 0; Central 3, Simpson 1; Simpson 2, Central 1; Central 4, Simpson 1
	NCAA Div. III Finals Trenton, N.J. Fourth place – Trenton St. 1, Central 0; Central 1, Allegheny 0; E. Connecticut St. 1, Central 0
1990	NCAA Div. III At-Large Regional Indianola, Iowa First place – Central 3, Simpson 1; Central 8, Aurora 2; Central 2, Aurora 1
	NCAA Div. III Finals Storm Lake, Iowa Third place – Trenton St. 3, Central 1; Central 5, E. Connecticut St. 0; Central 2, Luther 0; Trenton St. 4, Central 2
1991	NCAA Div. III West Regional Pella, Iowa First place – Central 1, UC San Diego 0; Central 2, Simpson 1; Central 4, Simpson 0

NCAA Div. III Finals

Willimantic, Conn.

First place – Central 2, Eastern Conn. State 1; Central 2, Trenton State 1; Central 4, Eastern Conn. State 0

1992 NCAA Div. III Midwest Regional

Lisle, Ill.

Third place – Ill. Benedictine 2, Central 1 (nine inn.); Central 1, Hope 0; Hope 8, Central 3

1993 NCAA Div. III West Regional

Pella, Iowa

First place – Central 4, Wis.-River Falls 2; Central 6, St. Benedict 3; St. Benedict 4, Central 1; Central 8, St. Benedict 3

NCAA Div. III Finals

Decatur, Ill.

First place – Central 3, Illinois Benedictine 1; Central 6, Trenton State 0; Central 7, Trenton State 3

1994 NCAA Div. III Regional

Indianola, Iowa

First place – Central 6, Illinois Wesleyan 0; Central 5, Wis.-River Falls 0; Central 5, Simpson 2

NCAA Div. III Finals

Salem, Va.

Third place – Central 4, Alma 3 (16 inn.); Central 2, Buena Vista 0; Trenton State 3, Central 2; Bridgewater State 1, Central 0

1995 NCAA Div. III Regional

Lisle, Ill.

First place – Central 3, Aurora 2; Central 3, Illinois Benedictine 0; Central 4, Illinois Benedictine 2

NCAA Div. III Finals

Storm Lake, Iowa

Third place – Central 2, Hope 1 (nine innings); Central 3, Trenton State 2; Chapman 2, Central 0; Trenton State 10, Central 2

1996 NCAA Div. III Regional

Indianola, Iowa

Second place – Central 3, Buena Vista 2; Simpson 2, Central 1 (9 inn.); Central 3, Buena Vista 1; Simpson 5, Central 0

1997 NCAA Div. III Regional

Eau Claire, Wis.

First place – Central 6, St. Thomas (Minn.) 1; Central 1, St. Mary's (Minn.) 0; St. Thomas (Minn.) 3, Central 2, (8 inn.); Central 2, St. Thomas (Minn.) 0

NCAA Div. III Finals

Eau Claire, Wis.

Tie, fifth place – Wheaton (Mass.) 2, Central 1 (11 inn.); Coll. of New Jersey 2, Central 1

1998 NCAA Div. III Midwest Regional

Indianola, Iowa

Second place – Central 3, St. Mary's (Minn.) 2; Simpson 1, Central 0; Central 10, Christopher Newport (Va.) 2; Simpson 1, Central 0 (10 inn.)

- 1999 NCAA Div. III Regional
Indianola, Iowa**
Third place—St. Mary's (Minn.) 4, Central 2; Central 4, Cortland State (N.Y.) 4-2; Central 5, Webster (Mo.) 2; St. Mary's (Minn.) 3, Central 2
- 2000 NCAA Div. III Regional
Cedar Rapids, Iowa**
Third place—Central 2, Coe 1 (10 inn.); St. Mary's (Minn.) 3, Central 0; Coe 12, Central 4
- 2001 NCAA Div. III Regional
Pella, Iowa**
First place—Central 2, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 1 (8 inn.); Central 1, La Verne (Calif.) 0; Central 4, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 3 (9 inn.)
- NCAA Div. III Finals
Eau Claire, Wis.**
Second place—Central 1, Ithaca (N.Y.) 0; Central 3, Roanoke (Va.) 1; Muskingum (Ohio) 2, Central 0; Central 5, Wheaton (Mass.) 1; Muskingum (Ohio) 4, Central 1.
- 2002 NCAA Div. III Regional
Pella, Iowa**
Third place—Central 1, Wartburg 0 (11 inn.); St. Thomas (Minn.) 1, Central 0; Coe 4, Central 1.
- 2003 NCAA Div. III Regional
Tacoma, Wash.**
First place—Central 5, East Texas Baptist 1; Central 2, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 1; Central 2, Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) 0
- NCAA Div. III Finals
Salem, Va.**
First place—Central 7, Western New England 0; Salisbury (Md.) 6, Central 0; Central 2, Wartburg 1; Central 3, Emory (Ga.) 2; Central 8, Illinois Wesleyan 3; Central 1, Salisbury (Md.) 0; Central 5, Salisbury (Md.) 3
- 2004 NCAA Div. III Regional
Pella, Iowa**
Second place—Central 7, Clarke 1; Central 3, Washington (Mo.) 0; St. Thomas (Minn.) 4, Central 1; Central 4, Washington (Mo.) 2; St. Thomas (Minn.) 3, Central 2

Central's NCAA Div. III statistical champions

Individual

- 1991 — Most victories, Jamie Mahnke, 26
1993 — Lowest ERA, Missey Allen, 0.25
1996 — Lowest ERA, Kara Stanley, 0.66

Team

- 1987 — Lowest ERA, Central, 0.72
1989 — Lowest ERA, Central, 0.53
1991 — Lowest ERA, Central, 0.79
Most stolen bases, Central, 141
1992 — Most stolen bases, Central, 120
1993 — Most stolen bases, Central, 136
Highest winning percentage, Central, .950 (38-2)

Most NCAA Div. III playoff victories

Team	W	L	Pct.	Titles
Coll. of New Jersey	95	29	.766	5
Central	78	37	.678	4
Eastern Conn. St.	65	28	.699	4
Ithaca (N.Y.)	47	41	.534	0
Chapman (Calif.)	44	18	.709	1
Allegheny (Pa.)	44	32	.578	0
Montclair St. (N.J.)	39	32	.549	0
Muskingum (Ohio)	38	30	.558	1
Salisbury St. (Md.)	37	25	.596	0
St. Thomas (Minn.)	35	23	.603	1

NCAA Division III coaching records

Winningest active NCAA Division III coaches, by victories

(Minimum five years as a head coach; includes spring varsity fast-pitch record at four-year colleges only)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Donna Newberry, Muskingum	31	735	353	1	.675
2. George Wares, Central	21	720	230	3	.757
3. Bob Timmons, Coe	20	612	252	0	.708
4. Karla Wolters, Hope	27	566	315	0	.642
5. Charlotte Slocum, Misericordia	25	552	248	0	.690
6. Marge Willadsen, Buena Vista	25	540	378	2	.588
7. Denny Griffin, Alma	17	529	169	0	.758
8. Jan Forsty, Bethany (W.V.)	23	494	272	4	.644
9. Hallie Cohen, Wm. Paterson	26	485	305	3	.613
10. Anita Kubicka, Montclair St.	15	473	180	2	.724

Winningest NCAA Division III coaches all-time, by victories

(Minimum 10 years as a Division III head coach; includes spring varsity fast-pitch record at four-year colleges only.)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Donna Newberry (Muskingum 1975-2005)	31	735	353	1	.675
2. June Walker (TCNJ 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
3. *George Wares (Central 1985-2005)	21	720	230	3	.757
4. *Karla Wolters (Calvin 1975-87; Hope 88-2005)	27	566	315	0	.642
5. *\$Dee Dee Enabenter-Omidiji (Bridgewater [Mass.] 1984-91, 93-2000; San Jose St. 2001-05)	21	558	333	3	.626
6. *Charlotte Slocum (Misericordia 1981-2005)	25	552	248	0	.690
7. *Marge Willadsen (Buena Vista 1981-2005)	25	540	378	2	.588
8. *Denny Griffin (Alma 1989-2005)	17	529	169	0	.758
9. Betty Hoff (Luther 1969-2001)	33	520	349	1	.598
10. *Jan Forsty (Wheeling Jesuit 1982-86, Bethany [W.Va.] 1988-2005)	23	494	272	4	.644

Winningest NCAA Division III coaches all-time, by percentage

(Minimum 10 years as a Division III head coach; includes spring varsity fast-pitch record at four-year colleges only.)

Coach, team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *John Tschida (St. Thomas [Minn.] 1995-2005)	11	401	79	0	.835
2. June Walker (TCNJ 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
3. *Henry Christowski (Simpson 1996-2005)	10	339	76	2	.815
4. *Rick Noren (Pacific Lutheran 1995-2005)	11	342	93	1	.786
5. *Denny Griffin (Alma 1989-2005)	17	529	169	0	.758
6. *George Wares (Central 1985-2005)	21	720	230	3	.757
7. *Janet Lloyd (Chapman 1995-2005)	11	370	121	0	.754
8. *John Bryne (Moravian 1994-2005)	12	370	125	0	.747
9. *Gina Loudenburg (Wheaton [Mass.] 1990-2005)	16	456	157	3	.743
10. Kathy Tropp Veronesi (Mount Holyoke 1979-84; Nichols 85-92)	14	188	71	0	.726

2006 roster

Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown	High school
**Laura Anderson	OF	R/R	5'9	Jr.		Fairfield, Iowa	Fairfield
Patience Anderson	C/OF	R/R	5'9	Fr.		West Union, Iowa	Fayette
Michele Barsness	OF	R/R	5'3	Fr.		Champlin, Minn.	Champlin Park
*Katie Boyington	C	R/R	5'5	Sr.		Sac City, Iowa	Sac
Tiffany Cooper	3B/C	R/R	5'3	Fr.		Toledo, Iowa	South Tama
Ryann Engholm	OF/1B	R/R	5'6	Fr.		Bloomington, Minn.	Thomas Jefferson
Chelsea Freese	UT	5'5	So.	S/R		Pella, Iowa	Pella
Kristen Friedrichs	3B	R/R	5'6	Jr.		Ogden, Iowa	Ogden
***Abby Frye	1B/3B	R/R	5'10	Sr.		Charles City, Iowa	Charles City
Emily Grant	3B	R/R	5'6	Fr.		Adel, Iowa	ADM
Sarah Hamlin	3B	R/R	5'3	Fr.		Mound, Minn.	Mound Westonka
*Kelly Harris	C	R/R	5'8	So.		Le Claire, Iowa	Pleasant Valley
Stephanie Holtane	OF	R/R	5'5	Fr.		Arlington Heights, Ill.	Buffalo Grove
Sarah Jens	OF	R/R	5'6	So.		Glenwood, Iowa	Glenwood
Erin Keller	UT	R/R	5'5	So.		Indianola, Iowa	Indianola
**Trista Leaming	OF	R/R	5'3	Sr.		Altoona, Iowa	Southeast Polk
**Dawn Nissen	SS	R/R	5'5	Jr.		Princeton, Ill.	Princeton
Alysha Overturf	OF	R/R	5'7	Fr.		Bettendorf, Iowa	Pleasant Valley
Kelsey Rethmeier	P	R/R	5'9	Fr.		Winterset, Iowa	Winterset
**Tina Shimak	3B/DP	R/R	5'5	Jr.		Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
Megan Swingen	P/SS	R/R	5'8	Fr.		Woden, Iowa	Woden-Crystal Lake
Molly Turnroth	2B	R/R	5'3	Fr.		Rock Falls, Ill.	Newman Central Catholic
***Kristin Wares	2B	R/R	5'9	Sr.		Pella, Iowa	Pella
**Amanda Wilson	P	L/L	5'8	Sr.		Hopedale, Ill.	Olympia
Gabrielle Wolf	1B	R/R	5'6	Fr.		Steward, Ill.	Rochelle Township
Amy Zellmer	P	R/R	5'3	So.		North Mankato, Minn.	Loyola

*letters earned

Outlook

Early in President Ronald Reagan's second term, coach George Wares and the Central College softball squad faced a situation similar to the one the Dutch are dealing with this year.

As in 1986, the 2006 Dutch are coming off a season in which they failed to gain an NCAA Division III tournament berth. Prior to 1986, Central had never reached the postseason. Since that time, they never missed it-until 2005.

Wares took over a losing Central program in 1985, but in his second season, propelled the Dutch to a second-place U.S. finish. Nineteen NCAA tourney berths and four national championships later, Wares and the Dutch were reminded what it was like to spend early May roaming Pella's famed tulip fields rather than infields.

"There's definitely a higher level of urgency among the players and coaching staff this year," Wares said. "That's partly because of missing the tournament last year. That feeling we had at the end, when we knew that realistically we didn't have a chance of being selected-I don't think anyone on the team wants that feeling again."

It's not as though last year's 28-12 campaign was a disaster. That record would have landed the Dutch in the tourney field in many previous years. But last season's tournament structure allowed for just a couple of at-large berths. It marked only the second time since 1986 that the powerful Iowa Conference didn't land at least two teams in the tourney. On three occasions, the league has had four qualifiers.

Nonetheless, the Dutch are driven to improve.

"We know we have to get better and that showed in the off-season," Wares said. "(Strength and conditioning coach) Jake Anderson has done a tremendous job with the team. And to the players' credit, everything he's asked them to do, they have done."

Ten letterwinners--including six position starters--are back, bolstered by what appears to be one of the school's more gifted freshman groups. But complicating this year's agenda is perhaps the biggest pitching experience void the program has ever faced.

Central's traditional championship recipe favors strong doses of speed, defense and pitching. But even with some new faces in the pitching circle, Wares wants to go back to that formula.

"Last year I think we made an error as coaches," he said. "We talked so much about needing to score more runs instead of focusing on defense. Obviously, not having a Missey Allen or Emily Grimes (former Central All-Americans) as a returning pitcher this year makes our job a little tougher but we want to be careful that we still get our point across about

how important defense is.

"The nice thing is we do have some nice offensive capabilities this year. I'd still prefer winning 3-1 over 7-4, but I'll take 7-4."

Pitcher

Pitching may be an uncertainty entering the season, but Wares is confident it won't be by season's end. The Dutch are without graduated leader Corrie Schmidt, a former conference MVP. But Wares likes the potential showed by the team's three hurlers and the work being done with them by Central's new pitching coach, Steph Anderson, a former stand-out hurler at Wartburg College.

Sophomore Amy Zellmer is the lone returnee. She threw just 38.2 innings and started only three games but did post a 5-0 record with a team-low 1.45 earned run average.

"We feel like Amy has improved a lot," Wares said. "She's got good velocity, a good rise ball and an excellent change. What got her in trouble last year was not putting the ball across the plate. She was always pitching from behind. But she's been much better in practice this year and hopefully she will be in games, too."

The Dutch have brought in a potential staff ace in freshman Kelsey Rethmeier of Winterset.

"Kelsey, from everything we've seen in practice and from her high school success, looks like another in a line of very good Central pitchers," Wares said. Dutch hurlers have earned All-America recognition 14 times in the past 19 years.

"She throws very hard, has solid movement and is a strong kid."

However Wares is reluctant to place too much of the team's pitching load on a freshman.

"She did pitch a lot of innings in high school but we're not going to go crazy," he said.

Another newcomer, Megan Swingen of Woden, will likely get some significant work as well.

"Megan's been a pleasant surprise," Wares said. "She doesn't have as much velocity but has very good location. Her ball stays down and she's got an exceptional change."

Infield

There are no worries behind the plate. Sophomore Kelly Harris quickly emerged as one of the region's top catchers as a freshman. Harris set a school record by picking off 15 baserunners and threw out 23 of 36 basestealers. She also batted .328 with two homers, 27 RBI and 18 stolen bases in 20 tries.

"We knew Kelly would be good coming in and she turned out to be even better," Wares said. "She's still got a few raw spots mechanically but she has great ability to pick runners off, she's very vocal behind the plate, she handles pitchers well and she's good offensively. She's the whole package."

Wares would have no hesitation calling on senior Katie Boyington, who has made major strides as a backup.

Junior Tina Shimak was also a highly regarded high school catcher but battled injury and illness her first two seasons and was limited to designated player duties. She's enjoying better health and could return to catcher if necessary.

And freshman Patience Anderson of West Union also shows promise. She will likely provide the JV with a solid presence behind the plate.

At first base, the Dutch must replace the big bat of Anne Legg, who left Central as the school's career batting average leader (.379). Matching Legg's numbers is unlikely, but Wares thinks moving senior Abby Frye over from third base will stabilize the position.

"Abby didn't give us a whole lot at the plate last year (.182 average), but I like what she can do in the field," Wares said. "She's got the height (5-foot-10) for the position so that she can bail the infielders out if necessary. She could be as good defensively as we've had in a while."

Freshman Ryann Engholm of Bloomington, Minn. is pushing for a spot on the field somewhere and could be used as a backup at first, Wares said.

Senior Kristin Wares enters her fourth year as the starter at second base.

"She's a little bit like Abby (Frye) in that we're hoping she can improve some offensively (.195 average last year)," he said. "But we're extremely happy with what she does defensively. We expect her and Abby, as seniors, to show a lot of leadership on the field."

Backup options at second include freshman Molly Turnroth of Rock Falls, Ill., freshman Emily Grant of Adel and sophomore transfer Chelsea Freese of Pella.

Junior Dawn Nissen appears more comfortable at shortstop after making the move from the outfield last season and is primed for a big year. Nissen was a first-team all-conference pick and led the Dutch offensively with a .427 batting mark and 22 stolen bases in 25 attempts.

"Dawn's improved a lot," Wares said. "She's worked really hard. We wanted her to improve her arm strength and Jake (Anderson) has done a great job with her on that. Offensively she's a very good hitter yet always possesses the threat of laying the bunt down. We'll probably look at her taking the lead-off position."

Shimak will get the first shot at filling Frye's spot at third base. Her bat has already made a dent in the Central record

book, setting the school season doubles (17) and homers record (8) as a freshman and breaking the school career home runs mark (13) while twice earning all-region recognition. She hit .301 last year with five homers and 34 RBI despite playing with injury.

"The arm strength is definitely there for her to play third," Wares said. "And she seems to be much healthier. She comes to the ball better now and knows the position very well."

Depth at third base is "untested," Wares said. Junior Kristen Friedrichs might be the next choice after Shimak.

"Kristen has worked very hard and throws the ball well," he said.

Boyington could step in, as could Grant. Wares also has high hopes down the road for freshman Sarah Hamlin of Mound, Minn.

Outfield

Junior Laura Anderson is a two-year starter and will again handle left field. She hit .298 last year with 18 RBI and 11 steals.

"Laura's improved on going after the ball and is running more down," Wares said. "She also swings the bat very well."

Four-year starter Bri Kuyper must be replaced in center. Wares wants some more practice time before handing the job to a freshman, but said rookie Alysha Overturf, a standout at Pleasant Valley High School, is the clear frontrunner.

"It will be hard to keep Alysha off the field," he said. "She brings speed and a very good arm. Offensively she has a good combination of power and the ability to put the ball down. But like a lot of freshmen, probably the biggest thing she lacks is self-confidence. She's got all the talent, has had very good high school coaching and has had success at a high level, playing in the state championship."

Right field is also open with Holly Edwards' graduation and the answer is less obvious, although Wares thinks sophomore Sarah Jens is up to the task.

"Sarah definitely has the edge," he said. "She has the capability to make the 9-3 (putout) because she comes to the ball well. It helps that she's played in the infield. We're just not sure yet what kind of offense she'll bring. She also runs very well, so it's tough to give her up as a pinch-runner."

Senior Trista Leaming, a two-time letterwinner as a pinch-runner, could also get a look, along with Engholm.

"Ryann (Engholm) has got a very good bat and I think will surprise some people," Wares said.

Designated player/pinch-hitter/pinch-runner

The choice as DP depends on the position competition outcomes. Shimak has handled the role for two seasons and if she's in the field, Engholm could take over.

Despite the lack of the pinch-running crew's traditional footspeed last year, Central compiled an 89-15 edge in stolen bases. Wares thinks the Dutch can improve on that this season. Leaming is among the group leaders.

"Trista's not as speedy as some we've had but she's a very intelligent baserunner," Wares said.

Wares is high on Freese, who's returning to the game after a laying off a season.

"Chelsea could be our best pinch-runner," he said. "She hasn't played since high school but she's working hard to get in shape."

Grant and possibly Swingen could run as well.

Championship hopes

Wares gives Wartburg the favorite's tag in the Iowa Conference.

"They brought in a couple of very strong kids and they have a good nucleus back," he said. "On paper, they look pretty solid. After that, Simpson will be tough again as will (defending champion) Coe. And the others will all be respectable. Every team is capable of beating you."

A six-team conference tournament has been added May 4-6 in Fort Dodge to determine the league's automatic NCAA Division III tourney qualifier. Wares was the lone voice against adding the tourney to what he sees as an already brutal conference schedule, but ironically, the last time the tournament was played-in 1985-Central emerged as the surprise winner. That was Wares' first season with the Dutch, but there was no NCAA berth riding on the outcome in those days.

"Now that we've added it, I'm going to be enthusiastic about playing hard to win it," he said.

The expansion of the NCAA tournament field from 48 to 64 teams opens up several at-large spots, which will benefit teams in strong leagues like the Iowa Conference.

"I believe the team that finishes second in the league is in and even the third-place team has a shot," Wares said.

That's the good news. However Wares points out that the Central Region is among the nation's strongest, making a regional tourney schedule daunting.

"St. Thomas (Minn.) has their pitchers back and it's hard to imagine they won't be ranked No. 1 (in Division III) when the season starts," he said. "Washington (Mo.) has got almost everyone back and will be very strong, Fontbonne (Mo.) is improving, St. Mary's (Minn.) came on strong late in the year and Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.) is going to be better."

