



2005 SPRING

SOFTBALL

PRESSBOOK





Founded –1853

Enrollment –1,750

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 1,659 students learning opportunities not only on the Pella campus, but international study sites in Hangzhou, China; London and Colchester, England; Paris, France; Eldoret, Kenya; Leiden, the Netherlands; Merida, Mexico; Granada, Spain; Carmarthen, Wales; and Vienne, 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 Practice Range (2005), cross country course (2003), tennis courts (1992), soccer field (1992) 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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Interim assistant athletic trainer	Denise Barnard
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 Dr. Edmond Willis, professor of psychology
 Dr. Lori Witt, assistant professor of history

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Assistant baseball	Brent Fridley
Volunteer assistant	Casey Olney
Basketball--Men's	Mike Boschee
Assistant basketball	Nic Nelson
Assistant basketball	Joe Steinkamp
Basketball--Women's	Mick Angel
Assistant basketball	Jerry Nikkel
Assistant basketball	Josh Harrington
Volunteer assistant	Cathy Angel
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Assistant cross country	Stephen Fyfe
Assistant cross country	Guy Mosher
Football	Jeff McMartin
Assistant football	Jeff Bollard—offensive line
Assistant football	Dick Bowzer—receivers
Assistant football	Darrell Brand—running backs
Assistant football	Don De Waard—def. 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—quarterbacks
Assistant football	Travis Sterling—player development/LEAD program director

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Assistant golf	Tom Linton
Assistant golf	Jon Hietbrink
Assistant golf	Mike Patzia
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Golf--Women's

	Jodee Schaben
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Soccer--Women's

Assistant soccer	Takis Apostolopoulos
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Softball

2005 schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
March 5	+Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	+Chapman (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 6	+Ithaca (N.Y.)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	+Culver-Stockton (Mo.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 7	+Thomas More (Ky.)	Orange, Calif.	8:30 a.m.
	+Haverford (Pa.)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
March 9	+Dominican (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	+Ithaca (N.Y.)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
March 10	+Lake Erie (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	1 p.m.
	+LaVerne (Calif.)	Orange, Calif.	5:45 p.m.
March 11	Wittenberg (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
	+Mt. St. Joseph (Ohio)	Orange, Calif.	3:30 p.m.
March 18	*\$Texas Lutheran	St. Louis, Mo.	3 p.m.
March 19	\$Augustana (Ill.)	St. Louis, Mo.	9 a.m.
	\$Washington-St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	1 p.m.
March 20	@\$Maryville (Mo.)	St. Louis, Mo.	11 a.m.
	@\$Clarke	St. Louis, Mo.	1 p.m.
March 25	^Nebraska Wesleyan	Cedar Rapids	1:30 p.m.
	^Augustana (Ill.)	Cedar Rapids	4:30 p.m.
March 26	^Wis.-Stout	Cedar Rapids	8 a.m.
	^William Penn	Cedar Rapids	11 a.m.
April 2	*Coe	Pella	1 p.m.
April 6	*Loras	Dubuque	3 p.m.
April 9	*Dubuque	Dubuque	2 p.m.
April 16	*Wartburg	Pella	2 p.m.
April 20	*Buena Vista	Pella	3 p.m.
April 23	*Luther	Pella	2 p.m.
April 25	*Bethel (Minn.)	Pella	1 p.m.
April 30	*Cornell	Mt. Vernon	2 p.m.
May 6	*Simpson	Indianola	3 p.m.
May 13-15	NCAA Div. III regional	TBA	
May 20-24	NCAA Div. III national	Raleigh, N.C.	

*doubleheader

+Sun West Invitational, Orange, Calif.--start times are Pacific Time

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

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

^Coe Invitational, Cedar Rapids

SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

2004 record: 35-9 overall, 13-3 conference (first place)

2004 NCAA Div. III finish: 2nd, regional (19th playoff appearance)

2004 NFCA all-region players: 3 (P-Corrie Schmidt, DP-Tina Shimak, 1st-team; 1B-Anne Legg, 2nd team)

2004 all-Iowa Conference players: 4 (P-Corrie Schmidt, MVP, DP-Tina Shimak, OF-Laura Anderson, 1st team; 1B-Anne Legg, 1st team)

Position starters lost: 3 (C-Stef Miller, SS-Beth Peterson, 3B-Katy Lein)

Position starters returning: 6 (1B-Anne Legg, 2B-Kristin Wares, LF-Laura Anderson, CF-Bri Kuyper, RF-Dawn Nissen, DP-Tina Shimak)

Starting pitchers lost: 0

Starting pitchers returning: 2 (Corrie Schmidt, Emily Vaughan)

2005 captains: Anne Legg, Corrie Schmidt

George Wares

Head coach

George Wares is the one of the winningest softball coaches in the U.S. After 20 seasons as Central College head coach, Wares has compiled a 692-220-3 record (.760). On the all-time NCAA Division III charts, he ranks third in career victories (692) and fourth in winning percentage. 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 Zearing, 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 seventh 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.

Denise Barnard

Assistant coach

Denise Barnard is in her second year as assistant coach for the Dutch. Barnard, a 2002 Central graduate, was a four-year letterwinner for the Dutch. She was a member of the 2001 NCAA Division III national runner-up team and participated in four NCAA regional tournaments.

Barnard, an Oskaloosa native, received a master's degree in sport and exercise science with an emphasis in sport psychology from the University of Northern Colorado and also has her athletic training certification. She is serving an interim position as an assistant athletic trainer.

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.

2004 Iowa Conference standings

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Central	13	3	35	9
Simpson	12	4	33	7
Coe	12	4	25	14
Wartburg	11	5	32	8
Buena Vista	8	8	13	23
Luther	7	9	18	21
Loras	4	12	13	26
Cornell	3	13	6	33
Dubuque	2	14	12	24

2004 results

35-9 overall, 13-3 Iowa Conference (first place), second place, NCAA Div. III regional

March 12	Captial (Ohio)	La Grange, Ga.	W, 2-1
	Moravian (Pa.)	La Grange, Ga.	L, 3-0
March 13	#Roanoke (Va.)	La Grange, Ga.	L, 3-1
	#Muhlenberg	La Grange, Ga.	W, 1-0
March 14	#Coe	La Grange, Ga.	W, 4-3
	#Pacific Lutheran (Wa.)	La Grange, Ga.	W, 4-2
March 16	Plattsburg State (N.Y.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 7-2
	Plattsburg State (N.Y.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 5-0
March 17	MacMurray (Ill.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 8-1
	MacMurray (Ill.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 9-0 (6 inn.)
March 18	\$Missouri Southern	Pensacola, Fla.	L, 4-1
	\$Lincoln (Mo.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 5-0
March 19	\$West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 2-1
	\$Dominican (Ohio)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 3-2 (8 inn.)
March 20	\$MacMurray (Ill.)	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 7-3
	\$Missouri Southern	Pensacola, Fla.	W, 3-2
March 27	^Wis.-Eau Claire	Cedar Rapids	W, 8-3
	^Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.)	Cedar Rapids	W, 4-2
March 28	^St. Norbert (Wis.)	Cedar Rapids	W, 5-4
April 3	*Wartburg	Pella	L, 2-1
	*Wartburg	Pella	W, 4-2
April 8	*Buena Vista	Storm Lake	L, 2-1
	*Buena Vista	Storm Lake	W, 5-1
April 10	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	W, 2-0
	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	L, 4-1
April 13	*Cornell	Pella	W, 6-0
	*Cornell	Pella	W, 5-2
April 17	*Dubuque	Pella	W, 10-1 (5 inn.)
	*Dubuque	Pella	W, 8-0 (5 inn.)
April 21	*Loras	Pella	W, 8-0 (6 inn.)
	*Loras	Pella	W, 4-0
April 22	Clarke	Pella	W, 10-0 (5 inn.)
	Clarke	Pella	W, 3-0

April 24	*Luther	Decorah	W, 13-1 (6 inn.)
	*Luther	Decorah	W, 8-3
April 27	Upper Iowa	Fayette	W, 7-1
	Upper Iowa	Fayette	L, 6-5 (8 inn.)
April 30	*Simpson	Pella	W, 3-0
	*Simpson	Pella	W, 6-2
NCAA Div. III regional			
May 7	+Clarke	Pella	W, 7-1
	+Washington (Mo.)	Pella	W, 3-0
May 8	+St. Thomas (Minn.)	Pella	L, 4-1
May 9	+Washington (Mo.)	Pella	W, 4-2
	+St. Thomas (Minn.)	Pella	L, 3-2
*Iowa Conference			
#NFCA Leadoff Classic			
\$West Florida Invitational			
+NCAA Division III playoffs			

2004 statistics--Batting

Name	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB	BB	SO	HBP	OB%
Anne Legg	44	131	4	52	23	14	0	0	1	12	10	0	.448
Abby Frye	16	8	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	.500
Laura Anderson	43	82	10	30	8	8	0	1	1	9	8	2	.441
Tina Shimak	44	124	16	44	39	17	0	8	1	19	9	0	.441
Dawn Nissen	36	68	15	22	11	1	1	0	8	4	8	0	.361
Katy Lein	44	136	7	39	20	5	0	1	2	6	12	1	.317
Jenna Daale	37	33	10	8	0	0	0	0	7	2	4	1	.306
Stef Miller	44	92	18	22	29	4	0	1	9	17	10	10	.412
Kristin Wares	44	114	18	27	16	3	0	0	4	27	28	2	.389
Bri Kuyper	44	129	32	30	7	0	0	0	25	26	12	2	.369
Holly Edwards	44	104	16	6	1	1	0	0	10	8	1	3	.415
Beth Peterson	41	30	11	20	12	2	1	0	9	7	17	1	.250
Kara Hanson	33	15	9	2	1	0	0	0	5	2	4	0	.235
Katie Boyington	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	.500
Rebek R. Ramsey	32	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000
Becky Hedges	44	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	.000
Jamie Sheildedy	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000
Trista Learning	20	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1.000
Amanda Wilson	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Emily Vaughan	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Corrie Schmidt	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Marcy Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
CENTRAL	44	1069	206	305	170	56	2	11	96	144	127	22	.380
Opponents	44	1068	74	223	62	34	1	12	14	62	182	7	.257

2004 statistics--Pitching

Name	G/GS	ERA	W	L	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	WP
Amanda Wilson	21/2	0.67	1	1	0	0	41.2	25	7	4	4	19	3	1
Corrie Schmidt	36/31	1.28	7	7	16	4	175.1	131	46	32	42	121	1	1
Emily Vaughan	24/11	1.64	9	0	1	0	77.0	66	20	18	15	42	3	2
Rebekah Ramsey	1/0	3.00	0	1	0	0	2.1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
CENTRAL	44	1.28	35	9	17	13	296.1	223	74	54	62	182	7	4
Opponents	44	3.52	9	35	29	1	282.2	305	206	142	144	127	22	20

Career statistics--Batting

Holly Edwards	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2003	.193	47	109	22	21	7	2	1	0	4
2004	.200	41	30	16	6	1	0	0	1	10
Total	.194	88	139	38	27	8	2	1	1	14
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
Total	.236	43	55	2	13	8	2	0	0	1
Bri Kuyper	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2002	.301	41	93	34	28	9	1	0	0	16
2003	.273	47	132	35	36	10	1	0	0	30
2004	.233	44	129	32	30	7	0	0	0	25
Total	.266	132	354	101	94	26	2	0	0	71
Anne Legg	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	SB
2002	.372	41	113	13	42	29	9	1	2	1
2003	.356	47	132	14	47	26	13	0	5	10
2004	.397	44	131	4	52	23	14	0	0	1
Total	.375	132	376	31	141	219	36	1	7	12
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
Total	.246	91	228	24	56	28	7	0	0	5

Career statistics--Pitching

Corrie Schmidt	ERA	G	W	L	CG	SH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2002	0.53	23	9	0	6	5	79.2	50	8	6	18	58
2003	1.07	27	9	4	4	3	72.0	52	16	11	17	62
2004	1.28	36	25	7	16	4	175.1	131	46	32	42	121
Total	1.05	86	43	11	26	12	327	233	70	49	77	241
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
Total	0.57	25	2	1	0	0	49	29	8	4	5	21

2004 statistics-Fielding

Name	PO	A	E	FLD%
Bri Kuyper	53	1	0	1.000
Abby Frye	44	0	0	1.000
Holly Edwards	9	0	0	1.000
Katie Boyington	4	0	0	1.000
Tina Shimak	2	2	0	1.000
Kara Hanson	2	1	0	1.000
Stef Miller	198	33	2	.991
Anne Legg	328	8	5	.985
Emily Vaughan	3	27	1	.968
Dawn Nissen	16	9	1	.962
Beth Peterson	55	86	7	.953
Laura Anderson	17	2	1	.950
Kristin Wares	96	79	10	.946
Katy Lein	28	90	8	.937
Corrie Schmidt	8	41	5	.907
Jenna Daale	20	3	3	.885
Amanda Wilson	2	28	4	.882
Becky Hedges	0	0	0	.000
Marcy Davis	0	0	0	.000
Jamie Shelledy	0	0	0	.000
Rebekah Ramsey	0	0	0	.000
Trista Leaming	0	0	0	.000
Libby Hysell	2	26	3	.927
Bri Kuyper	37	0	3	.925
Corrie Schmidt	1	18	2	.905
Abby Frye	8	0	1	.889

2004 NCAA Div. III statistical rankings

Individual

Earned run average – 74. Corrie Schmidt, 1.28

Victories – 7. tie, Corrie Schmidt, 25 (25-7)

Team

Fielding – 16. Central, .965

Stolen bases – 17. Central, 2.18 per game

Win-loss pct. – 21. .795 (35-9)

2004 team awards

LeRoy Timmer MVP Award-Corrie Schmidt

Hustle Award-Bri Kuyper

LeRoy Timmer Most Inspirational Player Award-Becky Hedges

Most Improved Player Award-Dawn Nissen

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. Annie Van Wetzlinga	184	190	1998-2001
4. (tie) Kris Hughes	156	189	2000-2003
Kelly MacDonald	156	173	1990-93
6. Julie Nelson	146	165	1989-92
7. Michele Magill	144	175	1985-88
8. (tie) Kristie Pennington	143	167	1990-93
Heather Nevitt	143	173	1995-98
10. Wendy Walton	142	180	1996-99
11. (tie) Lea Ann Morgan	141	191	1986-89
Christi Van Werden	141	147	1988-91
Anne Legg	141	132	2002-
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. Sarah Street	118	185	1994-97
24. Holly Hartsock	113	154	1996-99
25. Brenda Glasnapp	107	165	1985-88

Highest average

Season — .531, Jenny Semler, 1993

Career — .371, Christi Van Werden (141-380), 1988-91

Career batting average leaders

Christi Van Werden	.371	1988-91
Lynette Mullen	.368	1993-96
Donell Hotze	.367	1997-00
Molly Parrott	.354	1999-02
Annie Van Wetzlinga	.351	1998-01
Julie Nelson	.344	1989-92
Annie Van Wetzlinga	.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 — 40, Annie Van Wetzlinga, 1998-2001

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 – 11, Annie Van Wetzlinga, 1998-2001

Highest slugging percentage

Season — .719, Jenny Semler, 1993

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

Most walks

Season — 31, Anne Legg, 2003

Career — 88, Stacey Sonnek, 1994-97

Most times hit by pitch

Game — 2, Annie Van Wetzlinga vs. Wheaton (Mass.), 2001

Season — 10, Stef Miller, 2004

Career — 22, Stef Miller, 2001-04

Most times on base

Game — 5, Julie Nelson vs. Grand View, 1991

Season — 83, Donell Hotze, 1998

Career — 261, Kelly MacDonald, 1990-93

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	1998-01
Kris Hughes	84	2000-03
Shannon Merkle	84	1992-95
Wendy Walton	81	1996-99
Donell Hotze	78	1997-00
Heather Nevitt	77	1995-98
Staci Van Arendonk	75	1991-94
Kris Thompson	73	1984-87
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 — 41, Mindi Remsburg, 1993

Career — 93, Donell Hotze, 1997-2000

Most stolen bases

Game — 5, Mindi Remsburg vs. Wis.-Oshkosh, 1993

Season —37, Daniela Grob, 2000

Career — 77, Daniela Grob, 1997

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	71	1999-02
Bri Kuyper	71	2002-
Kim Pickett	69	1993-96
Mandy Jens	65	1998-01
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 — 529, Kris Hughes, 2003

Most games

Season — 56, tie, Lea Ann Morgan, Kris Thompson, Michele Magill, Jo Schmidt, 1986

Career — 189, Kris Hughes, 2000-03

Career games played leaders

Lea Ann Morgan	191	1986-89
Annie Van Wetzlinga	190	1998-01
Kris Hughes	189	2000-03
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
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 — 1,265, Kris Thompson, 1984-87

Most double plays

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

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

Most runners picked off

Season—12 (tie), Annie Van Wetzlinga, 2000; Stef Miller, 2003

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

Game, in relief — 16, Missey Allen, vs. Alma, 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	455	2000-03
Jamie Mahnke	375	1989-92
Emily Grimes	363	1991-94
April Miller	321	2000-03
Laurie Suttan	284	1985-88
Corrie Schmidt	241	2002-
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 — .820, Emily Grimes (64-14), 1991-94

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

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
Corrie Schmidt	43-11	86	2002-
Shelley Weiss	27-15	46	1984-86

Career winning percentage

Name	W-L	Pct.	Years
Emily Grimes	64-14	.820	1991-94
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

Libby Hysell	0.69	2000-03
Laurie Suttan	0.76	1985-88
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
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

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, 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 Suttten	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

Most saves

Season—5, Corrie Schmidt, 2003

Career—9, tie, Libby Hysell, 2000-03; Corrie Schmidt, 2002-

Career saves

Corrie Schmidt	10	2002-
Libby Hysell	9	2000-03
Missey Allen	6	1993-96
Emily Grimes	5	1991-94
Laurie Suttten	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 Suttten	85	1985-88
Missey Allen	78	1993-96
Emily Grimes	69	1991-94
Brenda Vigness	62	1986-89
Katie Shelley	60	1997-99
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
Most batters struck out—24, vs. Alma (Mich.), May 19, 1994
Most errors—7, vs. Neb.-Omaha, March 6, 1998

NCAA DIV. III 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 Suttan	2002 — Molly Parrott
1987 — Kris Thompson	2003 — Libby Hysell
1988 — Laurie Suttan	2004 — Corrie Schmidt
1989 — Lori Ellwood	

Central's Iowa Conference MVPs

1987 — Laurie Suttin-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 Suttin-P, 1st team
1988 Laurie Suttin-P, 2nd team
1989 Brenda Vigness-P, 1st team
1991 Christi Van Werden-2B, 1st team
Jamie Mahnke-P, 1st team
1992 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 Wetzlinga-C, 2nd team
2001 Annie Van Wetzlinga-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

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

*Iowa Conference champions

Career coaching records

Coach	Yrs.	W-L-T	Pct.	Playoff app.
George Wares	20	692-220-3	.760	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

Willimantic, 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
Allegheny (Pa.)	44	29	.602	0
Ithaca (N.Y.)	40	38	.512	0
Montclair St. (N.J.)	39	32	.549	0
Chapman (Calif.)	38	16	.703	1

NCAA Division III coaching records

Winningest active NCAA Division III coaches, by victories

(Minimum five years as a head coach)

Coach, team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Donna Newberry, Muskingum	30	693	346	1	.667
2. George Wares, Central	20	692	218	3	.760
3. Bob Timmons, Coe	19	575	246	0	.700
4. Karla Wolters, Hope	26	538	304	0	.639
5. Marge Willadsen, Buena Vista	24	524	358	2	.594
6. Charlotte Slocum, Misericordia	24	521	237	0	.687
7. Denny Griffin, Alma	16	496	159	0	.757
8. Jan Forsty, Bethany (W.V.)	22	467	258	3	.644
9. Hallie Cohen, Wm. Paterson	25	448	294	2	.603
10. Anita Kubicka, Montclair St.	14	445	171	1	.722

Winningest NCAA Division III coaches all-time, by percentage

(Minimum 10 years as a Division III head coach)

Coach, team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *John Tschida (St. Thomas [Minn.] 1995-04)	10	358	72	0	.831
2. June Walker (TCNJ 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
3. *Rick Noren (Pacific Lutheran 1995-04)	10	320	79	1	.801
4. *George Wares (Central 1985-04)	20	692	218	4	.760
5. *Denny Griffin (Alma 1989-04)	16	496	159	0	.757
6. *Gina Loudenburg (Wheaton [Mass.]1990-04)	15	428	142	2	.750
7. *Janet Lloyd (Chapman 1995-04)	10	334	112	0	.749
8. *John Bryne (Moravian 1994-04)	11	333	117	0	.740
9. Kathy Tropp Veronesi (Mount Holyoke1979-84; Nichols 1985-92)	14	188	71	0	.726
10. *Anita Kubicka (Montclair St. 1991-04)	14	445	171	1	.722

Winningest NCAA Division III coaches all-time, by victories

Coach, team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. June Walker (TCNJ 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
2. *Donna Newberry (Muskingum 1975-04)	30	693	346	1	.667
3. *George Wares (Central 1985-04)	20	692	218	4	.760
4. *Karla Wolters (Calvin 1975-87; Hope 1988-04)	26	538	304	0	.639
5. *Marge Willadsen (Buena Vista 1981-04)	23	524	358	2	.594
6. *Dee Dee Enabenter-Omidiji (Bridgewater St. 1984-91, 93-00; San Jose St. 2001-04)	20	522	308	3	.628
7. *Charlotte Slocum (Misericordia 1981-04)	24	521	237	0	.687
8. Betty Hoff (Luther 1969-01)	33	520	349	1	.598
9. *Denny Griffin (Alma 1989-04)	16	496	159	0	.757
10. *Jan Forsty (Wheeling Jesuit 1982-86; Bethany [W.V.] 1988-04)	22	467	258	3	.643

*active

2005 varsity roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown	High school
*Laura Anderson	OF	5'8	So.	R/R	Fairfield, Iowa	Fairfield
Katie Boyington	C	5'4	Jr.	R/R	Sac City, Iowa	Sac Community
Lisa Dean	OF	5'10	Fr.	R/R	Elmwood Park, Ill.	Elmwood Park
**Holly Edwards	OF	5'9	Sr.	R/R	Pella, Iowa	Pella
Kristen Friedrichs	3B	5'6	So.	R/R	Ogden, Iowa	Ogden
**Abby Frye	3B	5'10	Jr.	R/R	Charles City, Iowa	Charles City
Kelly Harris	C	5'8	Fr.	R/R	Le Claire, Iowa	Pleasant Valley
Sarah Jens	OF	5'6	Fr.	R/R	Glenwood, Iowa	Glenwood
***Bri Kuyper	OF	5'1	Sr.	L/R	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
*Trista Leaming	OF	5'2	Jr.	R/R	Altoona, Iowa	Southeast Polk
***Anne Legg	1B	5'9	Sr.	L/L	Ames, Iowa	Ames
*Dawn Nissen	SS	5'5	So.	R/R	Princeton, Ill.	Princeton
***Corrie Schmidt	P	5'9	Sr.	R/R	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny
*Tina Shimak	DP-1B	5'5	So.	R/R	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
Tara Sorensen	IF	5'5	Fr.	R/R	Pella, Iowa	Pella
*Emily Vaughan	P	5'8	So.	R/R	Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
**Kristin Wares	2B	5'9	Jr.	R/R	Pella, Iowa	Pella
**Amanda Wilson	P	5'8	Jr.	L/L	Delavan, Ill.	Olympia
Amy Zellmer	P	5'3	Fr.	R/R	North Mankato, Minn.	Loyola

*letters earned

Outlook

The ingredients to the trademarked formula that has produced 19 straight NCAA Division III softball tournament berths may have been slightly altered, but coach George Wares thinks his Central College squad has the makings of another playoff contender.

The winningest active coach in Division III (692-218-3 record in 20 seasons, .759 winning percentage), Wares has helped bring the school four national titles, including the 2003 crown, by sweating out victories with pitching, defense and an offense that was often an afterthought, somehow scratching out a run or two in rallies where the ball sometimes never reached the outfield grass.

But last year's 35-9 club put up some uncharacteristic power numbers by small-ball Dutch standards, with 56 doubles and 11 home runs. While Wares admits that's a less stressful way to produce runs, don't look for him to sit back Earl Weaver-style and wait for the long ball.

"I have a hard time even saying it, but we could be very good offensively," Wares laughed. "We should be pretty solid in the middle of the lineup. But we know from past experience that if that's what you rely on, you're going to get in trouble eventually. Our emphasis the first month will be making sure our pitching is where it needs to be and that our defense-particularly the left side and behind the plate-is where it needs to be."

The left side and behind the plate are the areas hit by graduation as the Dutch lost skilled veteran defenders Beth Peterson at shortstop, Katy Lein at third base and Stef Miller at catcher.

But there are starters back everywhere else and, most importantly, in the pitcher's circle with Iowa Conference MVP Corrie Schmidt.

"Pitching and defense are still our strengths," Wares said.

Another memorable season could produce still more milestone moments for the Dutch mentor. He's just eight wins shy of becoming the second coach in Division III history to top the 700 career victories mark, and he's closing in on the all-time Division III wins lead as well. The late Dr. June Walker recorded 721 victories, 29 more than Wares has entering the season. Under Wares, Central has logged 18 30-win seasons in the past 19 years, including four 40-victory campaigns.

Pitchers

The feisty Schmidt, a senior three-time letterwinner and team co-captain, racked up a 25-7 record last year for the second-highest season win total in school history. She posted a 1.28 earned run average in 175.3 innings, striking out 121.

"Corrie obviously had a big year last year and we're very high on her," Wares said. "She's a big part of everything we've accomplished the last three years. She works as hard as any pitcher we've ever had.

"Just like last year, we'll try very hard to not use her too much early. But when we start the conference season, she's definitely the kid we look to."

Sophomore Emily Vaughan is back after a promising freshman season. She was 9-0 with a 1.64 ERA while fanning 42 batters in 77 innings.

"Emily put up some very good stats, although we were obviously selective in when we would use her," Wares said. "But we're going to count on her a lot this year. Emily's grown up quite a bit and can become a very good pitcher, we just

need to convince her of that. She's got some tools and she can throw it hard. If she comes along the way we think she can, she could be a surprise."

Lefthander Amanda Wilson, a junior, was 1-1 with a 0.67 ERA in short duty last season, throwing 41.7 innings.

"Amanda has the same role she's had since her freshman year," Wares said. "We'll use her in spot situations. She uses a different kind of style and is left-handed, so she gets some different movement that makes her effective. She'll be very important in our early games in California."

The Dutch have added an arm with freshman Amy Zellmer from highly successful Loyola High School in Mankato, Minn.

"She's got some talent," Wares said. "She's not very big and she's not very strong yet, so we'll be pretty choosy in how we use her in the early going."

Infield

While the catcher's job is open, the Dutch have some great options. Sophomore Tina Shimak, who played a huge role in Central's sudden power surge at the plate last year, will likely see more action on the field after serving primarily as the designated player last season. Shimak hit .355, shattering school records by belting 17 doubles and eight homers with a record 39 runs batted in.

"Tina had a terrific year at the plate," Wares said. "She was a very good catcher in high school, but because she developed lupus, we weren't able to use her much defensively."

While Shimak has adjusted to the medical malady, it will continue to plague her and limit her durability.

"We're not going to have her catch every game and she doesn't have to," Wares said.

That's because the Dutch have another promising catcher in freshman Kelly Harris of Le Claire, an all-stater at Pleasant Valley High School. Harris suffered a knee injury a year ago and was limited to duty at first base and in the outfield last summer.

"Kelly's very athletic, runs very well and has a strong arm," Wares said. "She also has a real good bat."

Even with the health questions surrounding Shimak and Harris, Wares isn't overly concerned because of his confidence in junior Katie Boyington, a veteran backup.

"Katie has really improved," he said. "I feel very comfortable that if we put her back there, she can give us some quality innings."

Senior co-captain Anne Legg returns at first base. Another key to Central's offensive attack, Legg pounded out 52 hits last year and has already climbed into a tie for 10th on Central's career hits list with 141. She had 14 doubles and 23 RBI.

"We're looking for big things from Anne," Wares said. "She adds so much to the middle of our lineup. There are still some things we want her to get better at defensively, and I think she will."

Junior Abby Frye is a capable backup as well as a potential late-inning defensive replacement.

Junior Kristin Wares enters her third year as a starter at second base. A steady defensive player, Wares hit .237 last season.

"Kristin will have to show more leadership with a new shortstop just as (graduated shortstop) Beth Peterson did with her two years ago," Wares said. "She really understands her role offensively. We'll probably use her at the number two spot in the lineup again because she's good at taking a lot of pitches and finding ways to move the runner along."

Freshman Tara Sorenson will provide backup and Frye could help out if necessary as well.

"Tara looked good in the fall," Wares said.

Sophomore Dawn Nissen inherits the shortstop job after emerging as the starting right fielder last season. She had a great debut season at the plate, hitting .324 with 11 RBI.

"We're high on Dawn and we want her to be high on herself," Wares said. "She's very athletic and has very good range, we just have to get her to believe in herself. We want to get to the point where she understands an error doesn't have to snowball into more. She had a lot of success throwing runners out from right field and is a big part of our offense. She's probably the fastest player on the team from home to first."

The answer isn't as clear cut at third base. Frye will get the first look.

"I think everybody involved in the program would love to see Abby make it as our third baseman," Wares said. "She got better in the fall. She understands the game well and has a nice arm. The question is how much offense we'll get from her, but right now I'm more concerned about defense."

Sorenson can also play third and Wares has also contemplated using Shimak there.

"Tina played quite a bit at third base in high school and she might be an option if her health holds up," he said.

Outfield

Sophomore Laura Anderson made steady progress last season and took over the starting left field job. She was Central's second-leading hitter with a .366 mark and drove in eight runs.

"Laura's pretty solid," Wares said. "She's one of the best pure hitters we have. She played shortstop in high school so she's still learning to do some things in the outfield, but she's gotten better."

Senior Holly Edwards also has more than a year of starting experience in left but Wares has found her increasingly valuable as a pinch-runner.

"We did a lot of rotating with her in the outfield last year and we know we can go with Holly out there if we need to," Wares said.

Senior Bri Kuyper enters her fourth year of tracking down balls in center field. The 5-foot-1 speedster saw her batting average slip a bit to .233 last season after hitting .273 in 2003, but she was still Central's top run producer, drawing 26 walks and scoring 32 times while batting leadoff. Kuyper swiped a team-high 25 bases last season and ranks third on Central's career stolen base charts with 71.

"Defensively, Bri's one of the best outfielders around," Wares said. "Hopefully she'll increase her on-base percentage this year and I think she will. She's just a solid player and can help out our left and right fielders a lot. She gives us a strong leader out there."

With Nissen moving to shortstop, the right field job is open. A familiar name may provide an answer. Freshman Sarah Jens, younger sister of former Dutch center fielder Mandy Jens, who graduated in 2001, was a first-team all-stater at Glenwood High School.

"I like what Sarah showed in the fall," Wares said. "She's got a nice arm and comes to the ball well. Offensively, she's had very good stats, so we know the potential is there."

Harris spent much of her senior high school season in right field and Edwards is capable as well. Another possibility is freshman Lisa Dean of Elmwood Park, Ill.

"She was a very good center fielder in high school, but had a stress fracture in the fall, so she's just getting back into shape," Wares said.

Designated player/pinch-runner

Wares' initial impulse is to rotate catchers' Shimak and Harris as the designated player since neither may be able to withstand the rigors of catching every game, yet both possess bats he wants in the lineup.

Harris heads the all-important high school season in right field and Edwards is capable as well. Another possibility is freshman Lisa Dean of Elmwood Park, Ill.

"Holly's got a great attitude and she's pretty knowledgeable on the bases," Wares said.

Wares is also impressed by junior Trista Leaming's development on the basepaths.

"Trista is not blessed with quite as much speed, but she's extremely intelligent," he said.

Wares coached Sorenson in the early stages of her Pella High School career.

"Tara runs very well," he said. "And from high school and from seeing our games, she has a good understanding of what we're all about on the bases."

And if Jens doesn't get the nod in the outfield, she'd likely see extensive pinch-running duty.

The road ahead

Central again opens the season with a spring-break trip to the highly competitive Sun West Classic in Orange, Calif., playing 12 games from March 5-11. The Dutch then play several games against top regional foes in March tournaments in St. Louis and Cedar Rapids which will have an impact on Central's playoff hopes.

The Iowa Conference remains arguably the nation's best for Division III softball. Wares views Wartburg, Coe and Simpson as strong title and playoff threats, with perennial contenders Buena Vista and Luther expected to show significant improvement.

"There's nothing real easy on the conference schedule," Wares said.

Despite the league's strength, the limited number of NCAA at-large berths will make it difficult for more than the conference champion to gain a spot, although Wares is hopeful that at least two conference teams will make the cut. Expansion of the NCAA tournament field in 2006 will make life a bit less stressful for league coaches.

With the NCAA's emphasis on regional play in determining tournament teams, on-field results on the California trip may not be pivotal, yet they are important to Wares.

"They're critical from the standpoint of improving and giving your new players a grasp of what it's all about," he said.

That starts with a challenging opening day. After a month of indoor practices, Central will have to take on NAIA powerhouse Azusa Pacific (Calif.) and tournament host Chapman (Calif.) March 5.

