



### Storm Scoreboard 25-14, 14-9 IAC

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Mar. 8	#Calvin	L, 8-5
Mar. 8	#Calvin	L, 13-2
Mar. 9	#Monmouth (Ill.)	W, 9-5
Mar. 9	#Monmouth (Ill.)	W, 9-2
Mar. 11	#Dickinson	W, 14-4
Mar. 11	#Dickinson	L, 6-5
Mar. 12	#Presentation College	W, 4-2
Mar. 13	#Webster (Mo.)	W, 3-0
Mar. 14	#UMASS-Boston	L, 8-1
Mar. 14	#UMASS-Boston	W, 14-6
Mar. 21	at Central*	L, 7-6
Mar. 22	at Central*	L, 3-1
Mar. 22	at Central*	W, 2-0 (10)
Mar. 26	at Graceland	L, 9-2
Mar. 26	at Graceland	W, 9-7
Mar. 28	at Cornell*	W, 16-2
Mar. 29	at Cornell*	W, 6-2
Mar. 29	at Cornell*	W, 8-1
Apr. 1	Luther*	L, 6-3
Apr. 1	Luther*	L, 7-2
Apr. 4	at Dubuque*	L, 9-4
Apr. 5	at Dubuque*	W, 5-2
Apr. 5	at Dubuque*	W, 10-6
Apr. 8	Buena Vista*	L, 4-2
Apr. 8	Buena Vista*	W, 11-10
Apr. 13	Loras*	L, 5-4 (11)
Apr. 13	Loras*	W, 4-3 (9)
Apr. 15	at Grinnell	W, 7-5
Apr. 16	at Luther*	W, 3-2
Apr. 19	at Coe*	W, 9-8 (11)
Apr. 20	at Coe*	W, 7-4
Apr. 20	at Coe*	W, 11-6
Apr. 25	Wartburg*	L, 4-3
Apr. 26	Wartburg*	L, 5-4 (8)
Apr. 26	Wartburg*	W, 5-1
Apr. 29	Grinnell	W, 11-8
Apr. 30	at Buena Vista*	W, 10-3
May 3	at Bethel (Minn.)	W, 21-8
May 3	at Bethel (Minn.)	W, 5-4
May 8-10	%Coe or Central	4 p.m.
May 9-10	at IAC Tournament	

(Dale and Thomas Popcorn Field at Veterans Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Simpson, host)

#RussMatt Greater Phoenix Invitational

\*IAC Games

%IAC Tournament

## Simpson College Baseball Hosts IAC Tournament In Cedar Rapids This Week

**A LOOK AHEAD:** Thursday, May 8-Saturday, May 11, Simpson (25-14, 14-9 IAC) host the Iowa Conference Baseball Tournament, Dale and Thomas Popcorn Field at Veterans Stadium, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Here is the complete tournament schedule;

As of 5/4/08	IAC			All		
	games	W	L	Pct.	W	L
Y-Wartburg	17	3	.850	23	12	.657
X-Simpson	14	9	.609	25	14	.641
X-Coe	13	10	.565	21	18	.538
X-Luther	11	10	.523	17	16	.515
X-Loras	11	12	.478	18	21	.461
X-Central	10	13	.434	20	19	.513
Buena Vista	8	12	.400	17	17	.500
Cornell	7	13	.350	13	16	.433
Dubuque	7	16	.304	14	25	.359
X-Clinched IAC Tournament Berth						
Y-IAC Champion						

### Thursday, May 8

Game 1	No. 4 Luther vs No. 5 Loras*	1 p.m.
Game 2	No. 3 Coe vs No. 6 Central	1 p.m.
Game 3	No. 2 Simpson vs winner Game 2	4 p.m.
Game 4	No. 1 Wartburg vs winner Game 1	7 p.m.

### Friday, May 9

Game 5	Game 1 Loser vs Game 2 Loser	10 a.m.
Game 6	Game 3 Loser vs Game 4 Loser	1 p.m.
Game 7	Game 3 Winner vs Game 4 Winner	4 p.m.
Game 8	Game 5 Winner vs Game 6 Winner	7 p.m.

### Saturday, May 10

Game 9	Game 7 Loser vs Game 8 Winner	10 a.m.
Game 10	Game 9 Winner vs Game 7 Winner	1 p.m.
Game 11	Game 10 Winner vs Game 10 Loser	4 p.m.#

#if necessary

\*at Daniels Park, Cedar Rapids

**THE SERIES:** Wartburg took 2-of-3 from the Storm this season to take a 61-48 all-time series lead.

Simpson swept the three-game series from Coe this season in Cedar Rapids. The Storm lead the all-time series 22-20.

Luther won 2-of-3 against Simpson this season. The Norse swept a doubleheader from the Storm in Indianola Apr. 1 with Simpson winning 3-2 in Decorah Apr. 16.

Due to weather, Simpson only played Loras twice this season with the teams splitting a doubleheader Apr. 13 in Indianola. The Storm lead the all-time series 37-20.

Central won 2-of-3 against Simpson Mar. 21-22 in Pella. The Storm lead the all-time series 82-45-1.

**NCAA STATS:** The NCAA Division III statistical report was released Apr. 30. **Corey Rasmussen** (Jr., West Des Moines, Iowa, Valley H.S.) is 15th in sacrifice bunts per game (0.3) and 19th in sacrifice bunts (9).

**Jared Sass** (Jr., Iowa City, City H.S.) is 86th in victories (6) and 99th in earned runs average (2.58).

**Jake Ritchey** (Sr., Indianola, Iowa, I-35 H.S.) is 69th in earned run average (2.31).

As a team, Simpson is 31st in earned run average (3.81), 85th in double plays per game (0.83), and 90th in fielding percentage (.955).

#### **RITCHEY SETS APPEARANCES RECORD:**

Senior pitcher **Jake Ritchey** (Sr., Indianola, Iowa, I-35 H.S.) has broken the Simpson school record for career appearances with 59. Ritchey broke the old mark of 51 which was set by Terry Beavers (2003-06). Ritchey already holds the school record for most appearance in a season which he set in 2007 with 21.

**THE COACH:** Ben Blake is in his second season as head coach at Simpson and has amassed a 43-38 record (a .531 winning percentage). He served as associate head coach at Simpson in 2006 after serving as an assistant coach for the Storm from 2004-2005.

The son of Simpson pitching coach Joe, Ben began his baseball career at Oral Roberts University before transferring to Simpson in time for the 1992 season. During the 1992 campaign, he was named first team All-Region and second team All-Conference.

Blake played in the Cleveland Indians organization from 1993-94. A 1999 graduate of Simpson, he played football for the Storm in 1998.

**STORM REWIND:** Freshman shortstop **Dave Johnson** (West Des Moines, Iowa, Valley H.S.) was a home run away from hitting for the cycle as the Storm defeated Grinnell 11-8 in a non-conference baseball game Apr. 29 in Indianola. Johnson charted a single, double, and a triple on his way to five RBI's.

The Storm took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of third, but the Pioneers tied the score in the top of the fourth and took a 6-3 lead in the top of the fifth.

Simpson took the back in the bottom of the fifth as **Drew Yarkosky** (Fr., Albia, Iowa, Albia H.S.) and Jeff Kinkel-Schuster (Fr., Indianola, Iowa, Indianola H.S.) each posted two-RBI triples. Simpson added one more run in the sixth and three more in the eighth. Grinnell fired back with three runs in the top of the ninth. The Pioneers loaded the bases with one out before **Cory Dawson** (Jr., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) struck out Jim Malewitz and got Marshall Chavez to fly out to center for his second save of the year. **Joe Pogge** (So., Carter Lake, Iowa, Council Bluffs Jefferson H.S.) went 2-for-4 with two runs scored for the Storm.

**Chris Jones** (Jr., Germantown, Wis., Germantown

Probable Starters		
C	Curt Bjork	.248, 1 HR, 19 RBI
1B	Cory Dawson	.378, 1 HR, 23 RBI
2B	Jesse Reis	.346, 1 HR, 22 RBI
SS	Corey Rasmussen	.316, 1 HR, 15 RBI
3B	Jason McClafin	.380, 4 HR, 30 RBI
LF	Chris Jones	.313, 4 HR, 34 RBI
CF	Jeff Kinkel-Schuster	.324, 10 RBI, 8-8 SB
RF	Beau Kaplan	.248, 1 HR, 15 RBI
DH	Joe Pogge	.298, 1 HR, 8 RBI
P	Jake Ritchey	6-1, 2.45 ERA, 43 K
	Jared Sass	7-1, 3.22 ERA, 40 K
	Trent Kain	3-4, 3.77 ERA, 40 K

H.S.) went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI's to lead Simpson past Buena Vista 10-3 Apr. 30 in Storm Lake. The Storm struck for three runs in the first, and five in the third to break the game open. **Jeff Kinkel-Schuster** (Fr., Indianola, Iowa, Indianola H.S.) was 3-for-4 with three runs scored. Pogge posted two hits and a RBI.

On three days rest, Storm pitcher **Trent Kain** (Sr., Prairie City, Iowa, Prairie City-Monroe H.S.) struck out eight over the first seven innings before giving way to **Jake Ritchey** (Sr., Indianola, Iowa, I-35 H.S.) in the eighth.

Simpson swept Bethel to end the 2008 regular season May 3 in Arden Hills, Minn. The Storm won the opener 21-8 as the squad smacked five home runs and recorded 20 hits. **Jason McClafin** (Sr., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) tied the school record for most hits in a game as he went 5-for-5 with two home runs and six RBI's. McClafin also scored four runs. McClafin is now 1-of-3 Storm batters to record five hits in a game joining Kyle Meyer (vs Coe 3/25/07) and James Brown (vs Luther, 5/11/06) in the Simpson record book.

Kinkel-Schuster pounded out three hits (3-for-4) and two RBI's. Jones was 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI's. Dawson and Pogge each had two hits. Pogge opened the game with a home run. **Curt Bjork** (Jr., Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Mt. Vernon H.S.) and **Beau Kaplan** (So., Ankeny, Iowa, North Polk H.S.) both hit their first home runs of the year. Bjork's shot was a grand slam while Kaplan's was a three-run job. **Jared Sass** (Jr, Iowa City, Iowa, City H.S.) won his seventh game of the year (7-1) as he went the first five innings for the Storm.

Simpson ended the day with a 5-4 victory. Dawson put the Storm into the lead in the top of the first as he hit a two-run home run. The Royals got one back in the bottom of the inning when Brandon Carr homered. **McClafin** home in the third for a two-run Storm advantage, but Rob Lang tied the game with a two-run home run in the bottom of the inning.

Simpson went ahead for good in the fifth with two runs. **Jesse Reis** (Jr., Coon Rapids, Iowa, Coon Rapids-Bayard H.S.) singled in Pogge for the go-ahead run. A Bjork sacrifice fly plated McClafin later in the inning. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Tyler Kramer drove in Lang with a ground out to short for the final run of the game. Slick grounded out to short to end the game.

Ritchey improved to 6-1 as he went the first six innings. **Keaton Sansgaard** (Sr., Huxley, Iowa, Ballard H.S.) got the save as he pitched the seventh. Pogge, Dawson, and Reis each tallied two hits.