

## Storm Scoreboard 25-16, 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	%Central	L, 11-9
May 9	%Loras	L, 7-4

#RussMatt Greater Phoenix Invitational  
\*IAC Games  
%IAC Tournament (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

## Simpson College Baseball Season Complete

Central defeated Simpson in the first game of the Iowa Conference Baseball Tournament May 8 in Cedar Rapids. The Dutch batted around in the top of the first to take a 3-0 lead. **Jesse Reis** (Jr., Coon Rapids, Iowa, Coon Rapids-Bayard H.S.) was hit by a pitch to start the bottom of the second. A **Curt Bjork** (Jr., Mt. Vernon, Iowa, Mt. Vernon H.S.) infield singled moved up Reis a base. Both advanced on a Dayton Glasgow wild pitch. **Beau Kaplan** (So., Ankeny, Iowa, North Polk H.S.) reached on a Central error which allowed Reis to score. **Jeff Kinkel-Schuster** (Fr., Indianola, Iowa, Indianola H.S.) singled to left to plate Bjork to make 3-2. **Joe Pogge** (So., Carter Lake, Iowa, Council Bluffs Jefferson H.S.) walked to load the bases.

**Jason McClaffin** (Sr., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) tied the game with a sacrifice fly which scored Kaplan. **Cory Dawson** (Jr., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) put the Storm up with a single to score Kinkel-Schuster. A Storm error in the top of the third led to Dutch runners on the corners with no outs. Jake Jadowski grounded into a double playbut Derek Knutson scored to tie the game 4-4.

With two outs in the bottom of the third, Johnson singled. Kaplan doubled to bring up Kinkel-Schuster who reached on an infield single, allowing Johnson to score to give the Storm a 5-4 lead. Knutson tied the score in the fifth when he tripled in Michael Edwards. Anthony Bazant's scored Knutson to give the Dutch the lead once again at 6-5. Reis opened the bottom of the fifth by reaching on a Central error. He moved up a base on a Kristofer Ozga balk. With one out, **Dave Johnson** (Fr., West Des Moines, Iowa, Valley H.S.) singled to left. Kaplan's sacrifice fly plated Reis to the game at 6-6.

Jared Lackey began the sixth with an infield single. With one out Rangel singled to right to move Lackey to third. Edwards popped out to center for the second out. Knutson was hit by **Keaton Sansgaard** (Sr., Ballard, Iowa, Huxley H.S.) pitch to load the bases. A Sansgaard pitch got away from Bjork, but the ball bounced direct back to Bjork who tagged Lackey for the final out.

With two outs in the bottom of the inning, Dutch pitcher Mike Luce walked the bases loaded to bring up Bjork. Bjork worked the count to 2-0 on Luce who was removed in favor of Ben Gander. Bjork singled to right to score Dawson and Jones as the Storm retook the lead 8-6. Bazant reached on a Simpson error to start the top of the seventh. Jadowski walked to bring up Blake Smith. Smith's sacrifice bunt moved both runners up 90 feet. Justin Owens was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Lackey doubled down the left field line to tie the game 8-8. BenTressel grounded out to second to score Owens to give Central a 9-8 advantage.

With one out in the eighth, **Chris Jones** (Jr., Germantown, Wis., Germantown H.S.) singled to right. Reis was then hit by a Caleb Rangel pitch. Bjork struck out looking to bring up Johnson. The Storm shortstop singled to left to tie the game 9-9. Kaplan flew out to right to end the inning.

Smith began the top of the ninth with a single to left. Owens reached on a Simpson error. Lackey's sacrifice moved the runners up. Tressel reached on a fielder's choice, but Smith scored on a Storm error to give the Dutch a 10-9 lead. Central went up 1-9 on a Simpson wild pitch.

Kinkel-Schuster drew a walk off of Central closer Adam Squires to open the bottom of the ninth. He moved to second on a Pogge fielder's choice. McClafin flew out to left for the second out. Dawson flew out to right to end the game.

Loras eliminated Simpson 7-4 in the loser's bracket of the Iowa Conference Baseball Tournament May 9 in Cedar Rapids.

Don Pirkle drove in Adam Gross with an RBI single in the top of the first to break the seal for the Duhawks. The Storm threatened in the bottom of the first, but with the bases loaded, Johnson grounded out to end the inning.

Dawson doubled with two outs in the bottom of the third. Jones (Jr. Germantown, Wis., Germantown H.S.) tripled to right field to drive Dawson for the tying run. Jones came around to score on a Tim Carty wild pitch.

With two outs in the top of the fourth, Tim Andrews and John Schroeder put back-to-back hits. Storm starting pitcher **Jake Ritchey** (Sr., Indianola, Iowa, I-35 H.S.) ran a 3-0 count to Alex Milko, but Ritchey came back to strike out the Loras second baseman to quash the Duhawks' threat.

**Joe Pogge** (So., Carter Lake, Iowa, Council Bluffs Jefferson H.S.) singled home Kinkel-Schuster in the fourth to put the Storm up by two.

Ben Kuebel opened the fifth with a bunt single. With one out, Kuebel stole second. Nick Olberding walked to bring up Clark Egdorf. Egdorf grounded into a fielder's choice to force Olberding at second. Pirkle lined out to Dawson at first to end the inning.

McClafin singled with one out in the seventh. He moved second on a Dawson single. Jones popped out to right. Reis singled to left to plate McClafin, but Dawson was thrown out trying to advance to third.

Ritchey hit Egdorf with a pitch to start the eighth. Pirkle singled to left. Brock Schneden walked to load the bases. Tim Andrews reached on an infield single which scored Egdorf. Schroeder grounded out short, but Pirkle scored to make it 4-3. Nate Roling came up to pinch hit for Miklo. Roling's sacrifice fly plated Schneden to tie the game at four. Kuebel grounded out to short to end the inning.

Johnson doubled off Loras reliever Brian Kearns to get the bottom of the eighth underway. Bjork walked. Kinkel-Schuster fouled off strike three in his attempt to sacrifice the runners over. Kaplan flew out to left for the second out. Pogge grounded out to first to complete the inning.

#### **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 60. Ritchey broke the old mark of 51 which was set by Terry Beavers (2003-06). Richey already holds the school record for most appearance in a season which he set in 2007 with 21.

<i>As of</i> 5/4/08	IIAC			All		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Y-Wartburg	17	3	.850	26	13	.667
X-Simpson	14	9	.609	25	16	.610
X-Coe	13	10	.565	22	20	.524
X-Luther	11	10	.523	17	18	.486
X-Loras	11	12	.478	23	23	.500
X-Central	10	13	.434	22	21	.512
Buena Vista	8	12	.400	17	17	.500
Cornell	7	13	.350	13	16	.433
Dubuque	7	16	.304	14	25	.359
X-Clinched IIAC Tournament Berth						
Y-IIAC Champion						
<b>2008 Iowa Conference Tournament</b>						
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>						
Game 1	No. 5 Loras 6, No. 4 Luther 3					
Game 2	No. 6 Central 5, No. 3 Coe 0					
Game 3	No. 6 Central 11, No. 2 Simpson 9					
Game 4	No. 1 Wartburg 5, No. 5 Loras 2					
<b>Friday, May 9</b>						
Game 5	Coe 6, Luther 2 (Luther Elim)					
Game 6	Loras 7, Simpson 4 (Simpson Elim)					
Game 7	Wartburg 7, Central 1					
Game 8	Loras 16, Coe 3 (7, Coe Elim)					
<b>Saturday, May 10</b>						
Game 9	Loras 10, Central 3 (Central Elim)					
Game 10	Loras 4, Wartburg 2					
Game 11	Wartburg 10, Loras 2 (Wartburg Elim)					

**THE COACH:** Ben Blake is in his second season as head coach at Simpson and has amassed a 43-40 record (a .518 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.