

Storm Scoreboard
28-10, 13-3 IIAC

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Time/Result</i>
Mar. 8	#Muskingum	L, 7-0
Mar. 8	#Geneva College	W, 12-1
Mar. 9	#Rhode Island College	W, 8-3
Mar. 9	#Emmanuel	W, 7-0
Mar. 10	#Marietta	W, 14-0
Mar. 10	#Benedictine (Ill.)	W, 6-1
Mar. 11	#Mt. Union	W, 6-2
Mar. 11	#Hiram	W, 2-0
Mar. 13	#Defiance	W, 5-1
Mar. 13	#Heidelberg	L, 4-1
Mar. 14	#Anderson	W, 1-0
Mar. 14	#Marian (Ind.)	L, 6-2
Mar. 15	#Ramapo	L, 4-2
Mar. 15	#Montclair State	W, 4-0
Mar. 20	Northwestern (Iowa)	L, 1-0
Mar. 20	Northwestern (Iowa)	W, 8-0
Mar. 26	at Neb. Wesleyan	W, 5-1
Mar. 26	at Neb. Wesleyan	W, 6-0
Mar. 29	at Loras*	W, 5-0
Mar. 29	at Loras*	W, 5-2
Apr. 1	Crown College	W, 25-0
Apr. 1	Crown College	W, 37-0
Apr. 2	Wartburg*	L, 11-3
Apr. 2	Wartburg*	L, 2-1
Apr. 5	Luther*	W, 3-2 (11)
Apr. 5	Luther*	W, 2-1 (9)
Apr. 9	at Central*	W, 7-0
Apr. 9	at Central*	W, 11-6
Apr. 14	Coe*	W, 1-0
Apr. 14	Coe*	W, 2-0
Apr. 16	at Cornell*	L, 6-5 (9)
Apr. 16	at Cornell*	W, 5-1
Apr. 19	Buena Vista*	W, 3-0
Apr. 19	Buena Vista*	W, 1-0
Apr. 26	at Dubuque*	W, 5-1
Apr. 26	at Dubuque*	W, 7-5
May 1	%Coe	L, 2-1
May 2	%Central	L, 9-4
May 8	&Ill. Wesleyan	2 p.m.
May 9-12	at NCAA Region Tournament (Gelein Field @Carson Park, Eau Claire, Wis., UW-Eau Claire, host)	

#at Rebel Spring Games (Kissimmee, Fla.)

*IIAC Games

%IIAC Tournament (Waverly, Wartburg, host)

&NCAA Seed No. 3 Regional (UW-Eau Claire, host)

**No. 21 Simpson Softball Selected For
NCAA Tournament; Storm To Play No.
23 Illinois Wesleyan Thursday**

A LOOK AHEAD: Thursday, May 8-Saturday, May 10, No. 21 Simpson (28-10) at the Seed No. 3 Regional, NCAA Division III Softball Tournament, Gelein Field, Eau Claire, Wis.

Simpson has been awarded an at-large berth in the 2008 NCAA Division III Softball Tournament. The Storm will play the fifth seed, Illinois Wesleyan (29-9) in the first round at a time to be determined on Thursday, May 8. The Titans (29-9) are ranked 23rd in the current NFCA Top 25 poll.

Seeded first in the regional is St. Thomas, Minn. (40-3), the second seed is UW-Oshkosh (27-8), followed by North Central, Ill. (29-11). The sixth seed is the host, UW-Eau Claire (28-11) followed by Aurora (35-6) and Ripon (20-12). StThomas is ranked No. 3 in the NFCA Top 25 while Oshkosh is ranked 14th. Eau Claire is ranked 25th in the NFCA poll.

Here is the complete tournament schedule

Thursday, May 8

Game 1	No. 1 St. Thomas vs No. 8 Ripon	12 p.m.
Game 2	No. 4 Simpson vs No. 5 Ill. Wesleyan	2 p.m.
Game 3	No. 3 North Central vs No. 6 UW-Eau Claire	4 p.m.
Game 4	No. 2 UW-Oshkosh vs No. 7 Aurora	6 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Game 5	Loser Game 1 vs Loser Game 2	12 p.m.
Game 6	Loser Game 3 vs Loser Game 4	2 p.m.
Game 7	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2	4 p.m.
Game 8	Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4	6 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Game 9	Winner Game 6 vs Loser Game 7	12 p.m.
Game 10	Winner Game 5 vs Loser Game 8	2 p.m.
Game 11	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 8	4 p.m.
Game 12	Winner Game 9 vs Winner Game 10	6 p.m.

Sunday, May 11

Game 13	Winner Game 12 vs Loser Game 11	12 p.m.
Game 14	Winner Game 11 vs Winner Game 13	2 p.m.

Monday, May 12

Game 15	Winner Game 14 vs Loser Game 14*	10 a.m.
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*IF NECESSARY

NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY: This is the 13th time that Simpson has been selected to play in NCAA Division III Tournament and has a 35-22 record. Simpson has won both of hits national championships (1997, 1999) in Eau Claire at Gelein Field. This is the first time the Storm have played in the NCAA Tournament since 2006.

THE SERIES: Simpson is playing Illinois Wesleyan for the first time since the 1996 season when the Storm defeated the Titans 5-0 during the Rebel Spring Games. Simpson leads the all-time series 3-0.

The Storm lead the all-time series against St. Thomas 2-1. The teams split a pair of games during the 2000 NCAA Tournament in Eau Claire with the Tommies winning 7-5 in the winner's bracket. The Storm returned the favor 2-1 to eliminate St. Thomas in the loser's bracket.

UW-Oshkosh defeated Simpson 3-1 at the 2006 Coe Classic in the last meeting between the two teams. The Storm lead the all-time series 5-1.

The Storm and UW-Eau Claire have played six times with the series tied 3-3. The Blu Golds beat Simpson 8-3 at the 2004 Simpson Classic in the last contest between the two schools.

Aurora defeated Simpson 11-5 during the 1990 NCAA Tournament in the only ever meeting between the two schools.

Simpson has never played North Central or Ripon

SIMPSON RANKED: For the second time this season, Simpson is ranked in the NFCA Division III Top 25 poll. The Storm are No. 21. The complete poll can be found later in this release.

STORM REWIND: Coe, the third seed defeated Simpson, the second seed, 2-1 in the first round of the Iowa Conference Softball Tournament May 1 in Waverly. The Kohawks took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Chelsea Zaugg doubled in April Kalmes.

Simpson tied the score when pinch-runner **Amanda Enochs** (Fr., Des Moines, Iowa, East H.S.) scored on a Coe error. A Zaugg single in the top of the fifth plated Krystal Kopp for the game winning run. The Storm threatened in the sixth. **Carlye Owens** (Jr., Norwalk, Iowa, Norwalk H.S.) and **Julie O'Neal** (Fr., West Des Moines, Iowa, Valley H.S.) both singled to open the inning. Coe pitcher Ellie Schultz go **Jessica Barkley** (So., Mitchellville, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) to fly out to center for the first out. **Amanda Armstrong** (Jr., Indianola, Iowa, Indianola H.S.) grounded into a fielder's choice that forced Owens out at third. **Allie Hock** (Fr., Lawrence, Kan., Free State H.S.) grounded out to end the inning.

Schultz limited the Storm to four hits with Owens earning two of those tallies. **Calie Hohneke** (Sr., Indianola, Iowa, Indianola H.S.) started for the Storm and went the first 5 1/3 innings before leaving due to a knee injury. **Whitney Oviatt** (So., Carnation, Wash., Cedarcrest H.S.) went the final 1 2/3's. The duo combined on a five-hitter.

Central eliminated Simpson 9-4 in the loser's bracket of the tournament May 2 in Waverly. Oviatt hit the first two Dutch batters of the game. Afton Nelson appeared to have hit it into a triple play, but the ruling on

<i>As of</i> 5/1/08	IIAC			All		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
XY-Wartburg	15	1	.938	27	6	.818
X-Simpson	13	3	.813	28	8	.778
X-Coe	11	5	.688	29	12	.707
X-Luther	10	6	.625	28	11	.717
X-Central	8	8	.500	23	15	.605
X-Cornell	7	9	.438	18	16	.529
Loras	5	11	.312	11	15	.423
Buena Vista	2	14	.125	8	26	.235
Dubuque	1	15	.062	14	20	.412
X-Clinched IIAC Tournament Berth						
Y-IIAC Champion						
2008 Iowa Conference Tournament						
Thursday, May 1						
Game 1	No. 4 Luther 6, No. 5 Central 4					
Game 2	No. 3 Coe 8, No. 6 Cornell 0					
Game 3	No. 1 Wartburg 5, Luther 0					
Game 4	No. 2 Simpson vs Coe					
Friday, May 2						
Game 5	Luther 3, Cornell 2 (Cornell Elim)					
Game 6	Central 9, Simpson 4 (Simpson Elim)					
Game 7	Wartburg 4, Coe 3					
Saturday, May 3						
Game 8	Luther 2, Central 1 (Central Elim)					
Game 9	Coe 1, Luther 0 (Luther Elim)					
Game 10	Wartburg 6, Coe 1 (Coe Elim)					

the field was for only one out. With runners on first and second, Keatie Tenboer came up next and hit a three-run home run. Hannah Weindruch reached on a Storm error and stole second. Rann Engholm struck out for out No. 2. Trisha Shimak struck out to end the inning.

The Dutch made it 4-0 in the third. Bethany Koskamp opened the frame with an infield single. Nelson recorded a bunt single to move Koskamp up a base. Tenboer grounded into a fielder's choice for the first out. Weindruch loaded the bases with an infield single. Engholm singled to left to score Koskamp. Pinch-hitter Brittany Becker struck out. A second Central pinch-hitter Melanie Anderson, grounded back to Oviatt to end the inning.

Shyann Warrick (Sr., Monroe, Iowa, Prairie City-Monroe H.S.) singled up the middle with one out in the bottom of the fourth. **Kelsie Host** (So., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) singled to second base, both Warrick and Host moved up a base on a Dutch error. Tenboer moved from third base to pitch to Owens who loaded the bases with an infield single. O'Neal was hit by a pitch to make it 4-1. With a 2-0 count on Barkle, Central starting pitcher Amy Zellmer re-entered as pitcher. She struck out Barkley looking. Armstrong singled to left to score Host,

but pinch-runner **Amanda Esdohr** (So., Coon Rapids, Iowa, Coon Rapids-Bayard H.S.) was thrown out at the plate to end the inning.

Nelson began the fifth inning with an infield single. Tenboer reached on an error. Weindruch grounded into a fielders choice for the first out, she stole second. Engholm singled to left to drive in Nelson. Becker grounded into a fielders choice for the second out. Engholm scored on a wild pitch to make it 6-2. Laura Braun grounded out to end the inning.

Owens was hit by a Kiley Lythberg pitch to open the bottom of the fifth. O'Neal struck out to bring up Barkley who also struck out. Armstrong singled to left to bring up Hock. Hock singled up the middle to plate Owens. Both Armstrong and Hock moved up a base on the throw into the infield. **Chelsey Benoit** (So., Winterset, Iowa, Winterset H.S.) struck out to end the fifth.

Alysha Overturf started the sixth with a singled and moved to third on a Harris double. A Koskamp ground out scored Overturf for a four-run Central advantage. Nelson plated Harris with a ground out. Tenboer hit her second home run of the game to make it 9-3.

Host singled to left with two outs in the bottom of the sixth. Owens doubled home Host. Owens moved to third on a Dutch passed ball. O'Neal popped up to third to end the inning.

The game was delayed in the seventh 1:57 due to rain. The Storm went down in the order in the bottom of the seventh to end the game. Host, Owens, Armstrong,

HOST TRIPLES UP THE RECORD BOOK:

Kelsie Host (So., Altoona, Iowa, Southeast Polk H.S.) has broken the Simpson school records for most triples in a season and most triples in a career this season.

Host broke the school record for most triples in a season with eight during the Storm 14-game stay at the Rebel Spring Games Mar. 8-15. The old record was seven set by Julie Kostner in 2000. Host has recorded 11 triples this season. Her total has tied her with 20 others for the 11th most triples in a season by a Division III player.

Her 11 career triples broke the Kostner's (1997-200) previous mark of 10. Host tied the school record (with three others) for most triples in a game with two against Mt. Union Mar. 11.

Host is now tied for the school mark with three other players. Host was named Iowa Conference Women's Athlete of the Week and Iowa Conference Softball Player of the Week ending Mar. 16.

O'NEAL RESETS HOME RUN RECORD:

Julie O'Neal (Fr., West Des Moines, Iowa, Valley H.S.) reset the Simpson school record for most home runs in a season when she hit her eighth home run of the year in game two of the Apr. 16 Cornell College doubleheader. O'Neal broke the old record of seven which was set in 2001 by Karen Smith. O'Neal, who plays both third base and catcher, leads the team in RBI's with 33. She is hitting .333 for the year.

Probable Starters

C	Allie Hock	.429, 1 HR, 12 RBI
1B	Carlye Owens	.261, 3 HR, 26 RBI
2B	Chelsey Benoit	.233, 1 HR, 7 RBI
SS	Amanda Armstrong	.292, 13 RBI
3B	Julie O'Neal	.333, 8 HR, 33 RBI
LF	Kelsie Host	.474, 2 HR, 18 RBI
CF	Kelsey Castenson	.300, 10 RBI
RF	Shyann Warrick	.362, 2 HR, 17 RBI
DP	Calie Hohneke	.276, 1 HR, 16 RBI
or	Jessica Barkley	.294, 3 HR, 12 RBI
P	Calie Hoheneke	14-5, 0.89 ERA, 3 SV, 125 K
	Whitney Oviatt	13-5, 1.35 ERA, 85 K

NFCA Division III Top 25, released Apr. 30 (records as of Apr. 27)

Rank	Team	Record	Pts.	LW
1	DePauw (6)	36-1	197	1
2	Louisiana College (1)	36-4	187	5
3	St. Thomas (1)	33-3	185	4
4	Linfield	35-3	179	3
5	Montclair State	37-3	162	6
6	Lynchburg	35-4	159	7
7	Redlands	31-8	139	12
8	Wartburg	26-6	136	8
9	UT-Tyler	35-5	129	2
10	Ithaca	26-8	115	9
11	Muskingum	31-7	113	13
12	Chapman	27-9	96	10
13	Ramapo	32-8	84	15
14	UW-Oshkosh	24-8	82	23
15	Endicott	35-4	74	20
16	Washington (Mo.)	23-10	65	14
17	UW-Whitewater	28-6	60	NR
18	Christopher Newport	29-8-1	57	18
19	Rowan	31-7	55	16
20	Mount Union	33-7	51	21
21	Simpson	28-8	47	NR
22	Cortland State	30-10	38	17
23	Illinois Wesleyan	28-7	31	19
24	Plattsburgh State	29-11	29	NR
25	UW-Eau Claire	25-9	27	11

Others receiving votes: Tufts (26); Willamette (22); Methodist (21); Mary Hardin-Baylor (15); Moravian (7); six others received votes but appeared on only one ballot.

Dropped out:

No. 22 Wellesley, No. 24 Willamette, No. 25 Methodist

CHRISTOWSKI WINS #400: Simpson Head Coach Henry Christowski won his 400th game at Simpson on Mar. 10, 2008 when the Storm defeated Marietta College 14-0. In his 13th season at the helm, Christowski has compiled a 422-111-2 record (a .791 winning percentage) at Simpson.

Christowski's winning percentage is the fourth best among active Division III coaches and is fourth in the history of Division III coaching. His winning percentage is the 10th best in the history of softball in all divisions. Christowski's win total is the 30th best in the history of D3 softball and he is 35th among active coaches in victories. Christowski was inducted into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame in December of 2007. The induction is the NFCA's highest honor.

Christowski is the only coach in NCAA softball history (all divisions) to win at least 200 games in his first five years as a head coach (201). He became the all-time winningest coach at Simpson on Mar29, 2002 when the Storm defeated Webster (Mo.) 2-0. When Simpson defeated Dubuque in game one of their Apr. 7, 2004 doubleheader, Christowski reached the 300-win plateau faster than any other Division III coach in history (362 games). StThomas (Minn.) head coach John Tschida is believed to have held the old record as Tschida won his 300th game in 2003 in his 366th career game.

Christowski's charges have appeared in six NCAA Division III national tournaments (1996-2000, 2006), won four Division III regional titles (1996-99), won four Iowa Conference championships (1997-00), and have won two NCAA Division III National Championships (1997, 1999). Christowski and his coaching staff were named 1999 National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Coaching Staff of the Year. The Simpson coaching staff earned the NFCA Midwest Region Coaching Staff of the Year award in 1998 and 1999. Christowski was named 1997 NFCA Division III National Coach of the Year.