



**2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# ***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 Athletic Complex

The Kuyper Athletic 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.

Directory

Table with 2 columns: Contact Information and Phone Number. Rows include Sports Information Director (Larry Happel), Office, Home, Cell, Fax, E-mail (sportsinfo@central.edu), and Central athletics Web page (www.central.edu/athletics).



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 Assistant director of intramurals Dan Mason  
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 Athletics secretary Tara Jordan  
 Head athletic trainer Leslie Duinink  
 Assistant athletic trainer Greg Gilmore  
 Assistant athletic trainer Chris Viesselman  
 Strength and conditioning coordinator/  
 Ron Schipper Fitness Center director Jake Anderson  
 Kuyper Athletic Complex building and  
 grounds manager Randy Shives  
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**FACULTY ATHLETICS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

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 Dr. Lori Witt, assistant professor of history  
 Dr. Edmond Willis, professor of psychology

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**Baseball**  
 Assistant baseball Adam Stevens  
 Assistant baseball Dan Mason  
 Volunteer assistant Brent Fridley  
 Casey Olney  
**Basketball--Men's**  
 Assistant basketball Mike Boschee  
 Assistant basketball Nic Nelson  
 Assistant basketball Derek Schulte  
**Basketball--Women's**  
 Assistant basketball Natalie Nakic  
 Assistant basketball Jerry Nikkel  
 Assistant basketball Bret Grier  
**Cross country--Men's/women's**  
 Assistant cross country Jeff Bovee  
 Assistant cross country Stephen Fyfe  
 Assistant cross country Guy Mosher  
**Football**  
 Assistant football Jeff McMartin  
 Assistant football Jeff Bollard--tight ends  
 Assistant football Dick Bowzer--receivers  
 Assistant football Don De Waard--  
 def. coordinator/linebackers  
 Assistant football Reid Evans--offensive line  
 Assistant football Matt Paulsen--def. backs  
 Assistant football David Roe--kickers/punters  
 Assistant football Jeff Sanger--stingers  
 Assistant football Kevin Sanger--defensive line

Assistant football  
 Assistant football

**Golf--Men's**

Assistant golf  
 Assistant golf

**Golf--Women's**

**Soccer--Men's**

Assistant soccer  
 Assistant soccer

**Soccer--Women's**

Assistant soccer  
 Assistant soccer

**Softball**

Assistant softball  
 Assistant softball  
 Assistant softball

**Tennis--Men's/women's**

Assistant women's  
 Assistant men's

**Track and field--Men's/women's**

Assistant track and field  
 Assistant track and field  
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Assistant volleyball  
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# Men's basketball

## 2005-06 varsity schedule

Nov. 5	Drake (exhibition)	Des Moines	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 18	+Viterbo (Wis.)	St. Paul, Minn.	6 p.m.
Nov. 19	+Bethel or Finlandia (Mich.)	St. Paul, Minn.	6 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Nov. 22	Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Pella	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Buena Vista	Storm Lake	8 p.m.
Dec. 3	Westminster (Mo.)	Pella	4 p.m.
Dec. 10	William Penn	Oskaloosa	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	MacMurray (Ill.)	Jacksonville, Ill.	3 p.m.
Dec. 30	Waldorf	Forest City	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Dubuque	Pella	8 p.m.
Jan. 7	Simpson	Pella	4 p.m.
Jan. 10	Wartburg	Waverly	8 p.m.
Jan. 13	Coe	Cedar Rapids	8 p.m.
Jan. 14	Loras	Pella	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	Luther	Decorah	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	Simpson	Indianola	4 p.m.
Jan. 24	Wartburg	Pella	8 p.m.
Jan. 27	Cornell	Mt. Vernon	8 p.m.
Jan. 28	Loras	Dubuque	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	Buena Vista	Pella	8 p.m.
Feb. 4	Cornell	Pella	4 p.m.
Feb. 7	Luther	Pella	8 p.m.
Feb. 10	Dubuque	Dubuque	8 p.m.
Feb. 11	Coe	Pella	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Faith Baptist	Pella	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 21-25	Iowa Conference tourn.	TBD	TBD
	+Bethel (Minn.) Invitational		

## Tentative 2005-06 junior varsity schedule

Nov. 18	Bethel (Minn.) Tournament	St. Paul, Minn.	4 p.m.
Nov. 19	Bethel (Minn.) Tournament	St. Paul, Minn.	4 p.m.
Nov. 22	Grand View	Pella	5 p.m.
Nov. 29	Buena Vista	Storm Lake	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Westminster (Mo.)	Pella	2 p.m.
Dec. 8	Wartburg	Waverly	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	William Penn	Oskaloosa	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Coe	Cedar Rapids	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Grand View	Des Moines	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Simpson	Indianola	11:30 am
Jan. 24	Wartburg	Pella	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Buena Vista	Pella	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Simpson	Pella	8 p.m.
Feb. 7	William Penn	Pella	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Coe	Pella	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	William Penn	Pella	5:30 p.m.

## MEN'S BASEKTBALL QUICK FACTS

**2004-05 record:** 7-19 overall, 4-12 Iowa Conference

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 11/3

**Last Iowa Conference tournament appearance:** 2005 (lost, first round)

**Iowa Conference titles:** 15 (most recent, 1995)

**NCAA Div. III playoff berths:** 8 (most recent, 1995)  
14 in past 20 years)

**Returning 2004 all-Iowa Conference players:** none

**Starters returning:** 3 (F-Simeon Lang, C-Clint Driftmier, G-Brett De Hoogh)

**Starters lost:** 2 (F-Scott Huisman, G-Doug Hooker)

**2005-06 captains:** Clint Driftmier, Dustin Feldman, Chris Nelson, Taylor Phipps

### Mike Boschee

#### Head coach

Mike Boschee is in his third season as head men's basketball coach at Central.

A graduate of the University of North Dakota and a Valley City, N.D. native, Boschee was an all-North Central Conference and all-region player. He served as captain of the 1990 North Dakota squad that finished third in the NCAA Div. II national tournament. Boschee earned his master's degree from Northern State University (N.D.) and served as a graduate assistant coach for a team that reached the NAIA national championship game.

From 1993-2003, Boschee was an assistant at Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.), serving as defensive coordinator. The Gusties posted a 221-83 record in that span, and made seven NCAA Division III playoff appearances.

A highly regarded clinician, Boschee has been featured at numerous camps and clinics. Central posted a 13-39 record in Boschee's first two seasons.

### Nic Nelson

#### Assistant coach

Nic Nelson is in his second season as assistant men's basketball coach at Central. Nelson, previously the head boys' basketball coach at Ogden High School, serves as a varsity assistant.

Nelson posted a 39-10 record in two seasons at Ogden, receiving Mid-Iowa Conference coach of the year honors from the Ames Tribune in 2002-03. Earlier he was an assistant high school coach at Bondurant-Farrar and Sioux City West.

A summa cum laude graduate of Morningside College, Nelson was a two-time team MVP and captain in baseball and was named the school's 1999-2000 male scholar-athlete of the year. He went on to play two years of minor league ball. The northwest Iowa native was a four-sport athlete at Central Lyon High School.

### Derek Schulte

#### Assistant coach

Derek Schulte is in his first year as assistant men's basketball coach at Central, working with the junior varsity.

Schulte, an Iowa State University graduate, spent the past two seasons as junior varsity coach at Coe College while there as a graduate assistant. He was a student assistant coach at Iowa State from 2001-03 and served as the ninth-grade boys' coach at Roland-Story High School for one season.

He is a Mediapolis, Iowa native and was a first-team all-conference guard at Mediapolis High School where he also lettered in baseball, football and track and field.

#### Student assistants

Doug Anderson, Grant Tucker

#### Student managers

Caitlyn Johnson, Colby Law

#### Student athletic trainers

Elizabeth Nosbisch, Keith Wrich

### 2004-05 season results

#### 7-19 overall, 4-12 conference

Nov. 19	Bethany Lutheran (Minn.)	Mankato, Minn.	W, 90-84
Nov. 23	Bethel (Minn.)	Pella	L, 82-72
Nov. 30	*Simpson	Pella	W, 78-75 (OT)
Dec. 3	Waldorf	Pella	L, 71-67
Dec 8	William Penn	Pella	L, 69-60

Dec. 11	Grand View	Des Moines	L, 80-61
Dec. 18	MacMurray (Ill.)	Pella	W, 119-92
Dec. 29	\$Cal Lutheran	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	L, 75-56
Dec. 30	\$Gettysburg (Pa.)	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	L, 67-49
Jan. 5	*Luther	Decorah	L, 79-59
Jan. 8	*Coe	Cedar Rapids	L, 79-67
Jan. 11	*Dubuque	Pella	W, 81-73
Jan. 14	*Wartburg	Waverly	L, 76-58
Jan. 15	*Cornell	Mt. Vernon	L, 70-61
Jan. 19	*Loras	Pella	L, 77-53
Jan. 22	*Buena Vista	Pella	L, 75-72
Jan. 25	*Dubuque	Dubuque	L, 72-64
Jan. 28	*Cornell	Pella	L, 54-45
Jan. 29	*Wartburg	Pella	L, 59-54
Feb. 2	*Simpson	Indianola	W, 78-61
Feb. 5	*Buena Vista	Storm Lake	L, 81-65
Feb. 8	*Luther	Pella	L, 71-55
Feb. 11	Faith Baptist	Ankeny	W, 77-64
Feb. 16	*Loras	Dubuque	L, 57-47
Feb. 19	*Coe	Pella	W, 74-70 (OT)
Feb. 22	+Buena Vista	Storm Lake	L, 103-80

\$- Cal. Lutheran tournament  
 \*- Iowa Conference  
 +- Iowa Conference tournament

**2004-05 Iowa Conference standings**

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Wartburg	15	1	23	4
Buena Vista	14	2	24	3
Loras	12	4	18	8
Coe	9	7	14	13
Dubuque	6	10	11	14
Luther	5	11	8	19
Central	4	12	7	19
Simpson	4	12	8	18
Cornell	3	13	6	19

**All-Iowa Conference**

**Second team**-Scott Huisman

**Academic All-Iowa Conference**

Brandon Vos

**Team awards**

**Connie Muyskens Memorial Most Valuable Player Award**-Scott Huisman

**Wassenaar Coaches Award**-Doug Hooker

**Mentink Award**-Clint Driftmier

**Gary Dirksen Achievement Award**-Brandon Vos

**Double-doubles**

**Clint Driftmier (7)**

- Nov. 19 at Bethany Lutheran (Minn.) (22 pts., 10 reb.)
- Nov. 22 vs. Bethel (Minn.) (22 pts., 14 reb.)
- Dec. 3 vs. Waldorf (14 pts., 12 reb.)
- Dec. 29 vs. Cal Lutheran (12 pts., 10 reb.)
- Jan. 22 vs. Buena Vista (11 pts., 11 reb.)
- Jan. 25 vs. Dubuque (16 pts., 12 reb.)
- Feb. 8 vs. Luther (18 pts., 10 reb.)

**Scott Huisman (3)**

- Jan. 6 vs Luther (18 pts., 11 reb.)
- Jan. 28 vs. Cornell (14pts., 13 reb.)
- Feb. 22 at Buena Vista (21 pts., 11 reb.)

2004-05 statistics

Player	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG-FGA		3FG-FGA		FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	REBOUNDS		PF	FO	A	TO	Bk	Sh	Pis	Avg
				Pct	Pct	Pct	Pct					Tot	Avg								
Scott Huismann	23-19	659	28.7	122-224	.545	2-6	.333	81-97	.835	44	107	151	6.6	39	1	18	46	30	23	327	14.2
Clint Drifftmier	24-21	550	22.9	116-195	.595	2-6	.333	64-90	.711	50	118	168	7.0	73	4	22	50	20	15	298	12.4
Keith Pedersen	25-10	488	19.5	94-159	.591	1-3	.333	29-56	.518	25	70	95	3.8	66	2	24	56	23	17	218	8.7
Simeon Lang	26-19	693	26.7	79-185	.427	22-74	.297	33-46	.717	28	63	91	3.5	54	3	64	65	2	14	213	8.2
Chris Nelson	23-13	574	25.0	72-183	.393	32-99	.323	10-18	.556	9	39	48	2.1	55	0	52	38	5	14	186	8.1
Brett Dehoogh	26-9	687	26.4	37-136	.272	7-42	.167	52-80	.650	8	60	68	2.6	65	3	103	79	4	22	133	5.1
Zak Clark	24-17	426	17.8	29-78	.372	16-41	.390	27-34	.794	5	30	35	1.5	28	0	43	51	0	20	101	4.2
John Carlson	7-7	208	29.7	25-59	.424	8-27	.296	20-33	.606	2	26	28	4.0	16	0	22	27	1	10	78	11.1
Doug Hooker	26-12	477	18.3	22-64	.344	17-46	.370	7-11	.636	9	39	48	1.8	25	0	57	43	2	14	68	2.6
Brandon Vos	24-3	223	9.3	19-42	.452	5-10	.500	16-26	.615	7	23	30	1.3	27	0	6	14	0	7	59	2.5
Jeff Corkrean	19-0	181	9.5	8-21	.381	7-18	.389	0-0	.000	6	11	17	0.9	12	0	8	12	3	6	23	1.2
Dustin Feldman	9-0	29	3.2	6-12	.500	0-0	.000	4-7	.571	2	4	6	0.7	0	0	1	2	0	1	16	1.8
Taylor Phipps	2-0	19	9.5	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	4	6	3.0	4	0	0	2	0	0	9	4.5
Grant Smith	6-0	14	2.3	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	4	0	0	0	9	1.5
Josh Smith	5-0	10	2.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.4
A.J. Meyer	3-0	9	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Jon Haugen	2-0	3	1.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5

Team	Totals	Opponents
	636-1372	684-1526
	.464	.448
	119-372	176-522
	.320	.337
	351-512	372-520
	.686	.715
	29	41
	227	639
	286	594
	880	880
	70	70
	2.7	2.7
	0	0
	33.3	464
	33.8	490
	13	424
	488	390
	488	387
	90	164
	1742	1916
	67.0	73.7

**Men's basketball career statistics**

	<b>G</b>	<b>FG-A</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3FG-A</b>	<b>3FG%</b>	<b>FT-A</b>	<b>FT%</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>REB</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>AST</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>BLK</b>	<b>STL</b>
<b>Jeff Corkrean</b>															
2003-04	16	4-11	0.364	3-8	0.375	0-0	.000	11	.07	11	0.7	7	2	0	0
2004-05	19	8-21	0.381	7-18	0.389	0-0	.000	23	1.2	17	0.9	8	12	3	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12-32</b>	<b>0.375</b>	<b>10-26</b>	<b>0.384</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>.97</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Chris Neilson</b>															
2002-03	3	4-8	0.5	2-4	0.5	2-2	100	12	4	2	0.7	0	0	0	0
2003-04	25	91-220	0.414	57-140	0.407	22-30	0.733	261	10.4	66	2.6	50	70	8	31
2004-2005	23	72-183	0.393	32-99	0.323	10-18	0.556	186	8.1	48	2.1	52	38	5	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>167-411</b>	<b>0.406</b>	<b>91-243</b>	<b>0.374</b>	<b>34-50</b>	<b>0.680</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Clint Driftmier</b>															
2003-04	10	17-33	0.515	2-2	100	7-14	0.5	43	4.3	31	3.1	7	12	3	3
2004-05	24	116-195	0.595	2-6	0.333	64-90	0.711	248	12.4	68	7	22	50	20	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>133-228</b>	<b>0.583</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>71-104</b>	<b>0.682</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Taylor Phipps</b>															
2003-04	6	18-36	0.5	0-3	0.000	8-9	.889	43	3.07	29	2.1	7	12	3	3
2004-05	9	4-7	0.571	0-0	0.000	1-2	0.5	9	3.0	6	3.0	0	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12-32</b>	<b>0.511</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>.818</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Dustin Feldman</b>															
2003-04	6	0-3	0.000	0-0	0.000	3-4	.750	3	0.5	4	0.7	0	0	0	1
2004-05	9	6-12	0.5	0-0	0.000	4-7	0.571	16	1.8	6	0.7	1	2	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6-15</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>.636</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

## All-time records

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS 1,000-point club

Player	Years	Points	Games
1. Jeff Verhoef	1976-80	1,621	103
2. Tosh Dillinger	1996-00	1,498	100
3. Denny Van Wyk	1973-77	1,453	92
4. Vern Den Herder	1967-71	1,426	92
5. Mike Valster	1992-96	1,350	99
6. Harold De Bie	1961-65	1,311	80
7. Eugene Loomans	1961-64	1,275	90
8. Pat Rangel	1984-88	1,274	94
9. Matt Melvin	1986-90	1,142	92
10. Arnie Verhoef	1951-55	1,140	80
11. Ken Borgman	1967-71	1,117	75
12. Dana Snoap	1971-73	1,107	45
13. John Carle	1957-60	1,091	55
14. Steve Muller	1981-85	1,082	98
15. John Slinkman	1974-78	1,081	97
16. Nate Hart	1988-92	1,050	69
17. Wade Vander Molen	1997-00	1,045	63
18. Randy Smid	1992-95	1,043	74
19. Steve Kraayenbrink	1978-81	1,030	75
20. Virgil Dykstra	1955-58	1,024	66
21. Tony Polito	1999-03	1,023	99
22. Ed McMahon	1985-89	1,017	91
22. Randy Schulteijans	1987-91	1,013	71

### Most points

**Game** – 45, tie, Jeff Verhoef vs. Wartburg, 1978-79; Steve Kraayenbrink vs. Upper Iowa, 1980-81

**Season** – 666, John Carle, 1959-60

**Season avg.** – 29.0, John Carle, 1959-60

**Career** – 1,621, Jeff Verhoef, 1976-80

**Career avg.** – 24.6, Dana Snoap, 1971-73

### Most free throws

**Game** – 18, Dana Snoap vs. Buena Vista, 1971-72

**Season** – 162, John Carle, 1959-60

**Career** – 391, Jeff Verhoef, 1976-80

**Consecutive** – 31, Chad Ryan, Dec. 3, 1994-Jan. 14, 1995

### Most field goals

**Game** – 18, Steve Kraayenbrink vs. Upper Iowa, 1980-81

**Season** – 252, John Carle, 1959-60

**Career** – 592, Jeff Verhoef, 1976-80

### Most three-point goals

**Consecutive** – 9, Kevin Carlson, Jan. 6-13, 1996

**Game** – 9, Wade Vander Molen vs. Coe, Dec. 7, 1999

**Season** – 70, Wade Vander Molen, 1999-2000

**Career** – 147, Tony Polito, 1999-2003

### Highest field goal percentage

**Game** – 100 percent (9-9), Ken Korver vs. Illinois College, 1980-81

**Season** – 62.4 percent (136-218), Kent Van Vark, 1976-80

**Career** – 60.4 percent (316-523), Kent Van Vark, 1976-80

**Highest free throw percentage**

**Game (10 min.)** – 100 percent, (11-11), tie, Joe Jaspers vs. William Penn, 1986-87; Bruce Hanson vs. Calvin, 1980-81; (16-16) Mike Valster, vs. Loras, 1994-95

**Season** – 91.1 percent (41-45), Bruce Hanson, 1981-82

**Career** – 84.8 percent (112-132), Bruce Hanson, 1978-82

**Highest three-point percentage**

**Season** – 49.4 percent (38-77), Pat Rangel, 1985-86

**Career** – 47.4 percent (141-297), Pat Rangel, 1984-88

**Most rebounds**

**Game** – 29, Vern Den Herder vs. St. Mary's, 1970-71

**Season** – 397, Vern Den Herder, 1970-71

**Season avg.** – 16.5, Vern Den Herder, 1970-71

**Career** – 1,144, Vern Den Herder, 1967-71

**Career avg.** – 12.4, Vern Den Herder, 1967-71

**Career rebounding leaders**

Player	No.	Years
1. Vern Den Herder	1,144	1967-71
2. Jeff Verhoef	771	1976-80
3. Mike Valster	661	1992-96
4. Matt Melvin	637	1986-90
5. Denny Van Wyk	620	1973-77
6. Tosh Dillinger	615	1996-00
7. Steve Muller	577	1981-85
8. Ed McMahon	531	1985-89
9. Lyle Kooiker	482	1964-67
10. Dana Snoop	442	1971-73
11. Steve Kraayenbrink	441	1978-81

**Most blocks**

**Game** – 8, Jeff Verhoef vs. Macalester, 1978-79

**Season** – 54, Jeff Verhoef, 1978-79

**Most steals**

**Career** – 136, Tony Polito, 1999-2003

**Most assists**

**Game** – 12, tie, Brett De Hoogh vs. MacMurray (Ill.), Dec. 18, 2004; vs. Simpson, Feb. 2, 2005

**Season** – 117, Kevin Lowary, 1983-84

**Career** – 279, Jeff Verhoef, 1976-80

**Career assists**

Player	No.	Years
1. Jeff Verhoef	279	1976-80
2. Kevin Lowary	269	1981-84
3. Chris Robertson	264	1989-92
4. Randy Smid	227	1992-95
5. Matt Tanis	225	1988-92

**Triple double**

**Game** – 23 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists, Jeff Verhoef, vs. Dubuque, 1977-78

**TEAM RECORDS**

**Most points**

**Half** – 67, vs. Iowa Wesleyan, 1990-91  
**Game** – 124, vs. Coe, 1991-92  
**Season** – 2,145, 1990-91  
**Season average** – 93.3, 1990-91  
**Most games over 100 points** – 7, 1990-91

**Most points allowed**

**Game** – 127, vs. Hope, 1990-91  
**Season average** – 86.7, 1997-98

**Most free throws**

**Game** – 37, vs. Buena Vista, 1984-85  
**Most consecutive made** – 22, vs. Redlands, 1984-85  
**Season** – 469, 1990-91

**Most field goals**

**Game** – 46, vs. Coe, 1991-92  
**Season** – 750, 1990-91

**Most three-point goals**

**Game** – 18, vs. Hope, 1990-91  
**Season** – 204, 2002-03

**Most three-point attempts**

**Game** – 35, vs. Hope, 1990-91  
**Season** – 596, 2002-03

**Most players scoring three-point goals**

**Game** – 8, vs. Iowa Wesleyan, 1990-91  
**Season** – 14, 1997-98

**Most assists**

**Game** – 35, vs. Coe, 1991-92  
**Season** – 436, 1990-91

**Most wins**

**Season** – 21, tie, 28 games, 1976-77; 25 games, 1977-78  
**Longest winning streak** – 35, 1929-32

**Season records**

Year	Record	Coach	Year	Record	Coach
1909-10	10-5	Black	1945-46	12-7	Richard Tysseling
1910-11	4-3	Johnson	1946-47	11-9	Richard Tysseling
1911-12	4-5	Firth	1947-48	11-9	Richard Tysseling
1912-13	8-1	Elbert Warren	1948-49	9-13	Wendell Hill
1913-14	4-4	Elbert Warren	1949-50	0-17	Wendell Hill
1914-15		Elbert Warren	1950-51	6-14	Wendell Hill
1915-16	8-2	Mark McWilliams	1951-52	7-10	Marinus Kregel
1916-17	6-5	Mark McWilliams	1952-53	12-9	Marinus Kregel
1917-18	1-6	Joe Rhynsburger	1953-54	12-7	Marinus Kregel
1918-19	3-4	Joe Rhynsburger	1954-55	15-7	Marinus Kregel
1919-20	3-4	Fred Rhynsburger	1955-56	9-13	Marinus Kregel
1920-21	4-6	Harry DeCook	1956-57	9-13	Marinus Kregel
1921-22	2-12	J. Ottipoby	<b>1957-58</b>	<b>18-5</b>	<b>Marinus Kregel</b>
1922-23	2-13	William Cruse	1958-59	7-13	Marinus Kregel
1923-24	6-6		1959-60	9-14	Marinus Kregel
1924-25	6-7		1960-61	6-15	Marinus Kregel
1925-26	10-5	John Pence	1961-62	9-13	Marinus Kregel
1926-27	11-3	John Pence	1962-63	16-7	Marinus Kregel
1927-28	2-15	Wm. Douthirt	1963-64	19-6	Marinus Kregel
1928-29	7-9	Len Winter	1964-65	18-7	Marinus Kregel
<b>1929-30</b>	<b>14-1</b>	<b>Len Winter</b>	1965-66	5-17	Jack Walvoord
<b>1930-31</b>	<b>16-0</b>	<b>Len Winter</b>	1966-67	13-9	Jack Walvoord
<b>1931-32</b>	<b>15-2</b>	<b>Len Winter</b>	1967-68	10-12	Jack Walvoord
1932-33	2-10	Len Winter	1968-69	12-11	Jack Walvoord
1933-34	3-11	Len Winter	1969-70	15-10	Jack Walvoord
1934-35	9-9	Len Winter	<b>1970-71</b>	<b>15-9</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
<b>1935-36</b>	<b>12-5</b>	<b>Len Winter</b>	1971-72	13-10	Jack Walvoord
1936-37	5-12	Len Winter	1972-73	11-11	Jack Walvoord
1937-38	9-10	Richard Tysseling	1973-74	9-14	Rudy Thies
1938-39	12-7	Richard Tysseling	1974-75	6-17	Jack Walvoord
1939-40	9-12	Richard Tysseling	1975-76	10-13	Jack Walvoord
1940-41	8-12	Richard Tysseling	<b>1976-77</b>	<b>21-7</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
1941-42	4-14	Richard Tysseling	<b>1977-78</b>	<b>21-4</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
1942-43	6-5	Richard Tysseling	<b>1978-79</b>	<b>20-5</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
1943-44	8-1	Richard Tysseling	<b>1979-80</b>	<b>18-8</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
1944-45	3-13	Richard Tysseling	1980-81	8-16	Jack Walvoord

<b>Year</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Coach</b>
1981-82	9-15	Jack Walvoord	<b>1994-95</b>	<b>15-11</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>
1982-83	13-12	Jack Walvoord	1995-96	11-14	Lionel Sinn
1983-84	11-13	Jack Walvoord	1996-97	12-13	Lionel Sinn
<b>1984-85</b>	<b>16-9</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>	1997-98	7-18	Dan Mason
1985-86	10-13	Jack Walvoord	1998-99	9-16	Dan Mason
1986-87	15-7	Jack Walvoord	1999-2000	9-16	Dan Mason
1987-88	14-10	Jack Walvoord	2000-01	9-16	Dan Mason
1988-89	6-18	Jack Walvoord	2001-02	5-21	Dan Mason
1989-90	13-11	Jack Walvoord	2002-03	5-21	Dan Mason
<b>1990-91</b>	<b>16-7</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>	2003-04	6-20	Mike Boschee
<b>1991-92</b>	<b>16-7</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>	2004-05	7-19	Mike Boschee
1992-93	10-15	Jack Walvoord	Iowa Conference champions in <b>bold</b>		
<b>1993-94</b>	<b>13-10</b>	<b>Jack Walvoord</b>			

**NCAA Div. III playoff history**

**All-time playoff record: 5-9**

**1976-77 : Midwest Regional, Rock Island, Ill.**

Central 73, Augustana (Ill.) 69  
Hamline (Minn.) 53, Central 50

**1977-78: Midwest Regional, Pella, Iowa**

Minnesota-Morris 62, Central 59  
Central 81, Ripon (Wis.) 66 (consolation)

**1978-79: Midwest Regional, Chicago, Ill.**

Central 85, Minnesota-Morris 57  
North Park (Ill.) 81, Central 66

**1979-80: Midwest Regional, Chicago, Ill.**

Augustana (Ill.) 76, Central 74  
Ripon 81, Central 71 (consolation)

**1984-85: West Regional, Lincoln, Neb.**

Central 72, Redlands (Calif.) 64  
Nebraska Wesleyan 76, Central 54

**1990-91: Pella, Iowa**

Central 88, Bethel (Minn.) 77  
Wartburg 75, Central 73

**1993-94, St. Paul, Minn.**

St. Thomas (Minn.) 73, Central 62

**1994-95, St. Paul, Minn.**

St. Thomas (Minn.) 62, Central 58

**Past Iowa Conference champions**

1924	Parsons	1952	Wartburg	<b>1980</b>	<b>Central</b>
1925	Iowa Teachers	1953	St. Ambrose	1981	William Penn
1926	Buena Vista	1954	Luther	1982	Luther
1927	Parsons	1955	Wartburg	1983	Wartburg, Wm. Penn
1928	St. Ambrose	1956	Parsons	1984	Luther
1929	Iowa Teachers	1957	Upper Iowa	<b>1985</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>1930</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>Upper Iowa, Central</b>	1986	Dubuque
<b>1931</b>	<b>Central</b>	1959	Wartburg	1987	Wartburg
<b>1932</b>	<b>Central</b>	1960	Wartburg	1988	Dubuque
1933	St. Ambrose	1961	Parsons	1989	Wartburg
1934	Iowa Wesleyan	1962	Buena Vista	1990	Dubuque
1935	St. Ambrose	1963	Parsons, Upper Iowa	<b>1991</b>	<b>Wartburg, Central</b>
<b>1936</b>	<b>Central</b>	1964	Upper Iowa	<b>1992</b>	<b>Central, Simpson</b>
1937	Luther	1965	Upper Iowa	1993	Wartburg
1938	St. Ambrose	1966	Upper Iowa	<b>1994</b>	<b>Central, Upper Iowa</b>
1939	St. Ambrose	1967	Wartburg, Luther	<b>1995</b>	<b>Central, Simpson</b>
1940	Simpson	1968	Wartburg	1996	Upper Iowa
1941	Dubuque	1969	Wartburg	1997	Buena Vista
1942	Simpson	1970	Wartburg	1998	Simpson
1943	Luther	<b>1971</b>	<b>Wartburg, Central, Luther</b>	1999	Upper Iowa
1944	Loras, Dubuque	1972	Wartburg	2000	Buena Vista
1945	Loras	1973	Wartburg	2001	Wartburg
1946	Loras	1974	Wartburg, Wm. Penn	2002	Buena Vista
1947	Dubuque	1975	Wartburg	2003	Buena Vista
1948	Dubuque	1976	Buena Vista	2004	Buena Vista
1949	Luther	<b>1977</b>	<b>Central</b>	2005	Wartburg
1950	Loras	<b>1978</b>	<b>Central</b>		
1951	Loras	<b>1979</b>	<b>Central</b>		

### Central's Iowa Conference MVPs

1976-77 – Denny Van Wyk  
 1978-79 – Jeff Verhoef  
 1979-80 – Jeff Verhoef  
 1984-85 – Steve Muller  
 1991-92 – Nate Hart

### Muyskens team MVPs

1961-62 – Ed Rathmell	1976-77 – Dennis Van Wyk	1991-92 – Nate Hart
1962-63 – Harold DeBie	1977-78 – Jim Weir	1992-93 – Woody Klyn
1963-64 – Eugene Loomans	1978-79 – Jeff Verhoef	1993-94 – Woody Klyn
1965-66 – Jim Stone	1979-80 – Jeff Verhoef	1994-95 – Mike Valster – Randy Smid
1966-67 – Lyle Kooiker	1980-81 – Steve Kraayenbrink	1995-96 – Mike Valster
1967-68 – Merlin Berkenpas	1981-82 – Scott Smart	1996-97 – Brandon Hoch
1968-69 – Vern Den Herder	1982-83 – Kevin Lowary	1997-98 – Tosh Dillinger
1969-70 – Vern Den Herder	1983-84 – Kevin Lowary	1998-99 – Tosh Dillinger
1970-71 – Vern Den Herder	1984-85 – Steve Muller	1999-00 – Tosh Dillinger
1971-72 – Dana Snoap	1985-86 – Pat Rangel	2000-01 – Tim Brand
1972-73 – Dana Snoap	1986-87 – Pat Rangel	2001-02 – Tony Polito
1973-74 – Dave Swanson	1987-88 – Pat Rangel	2002-03 – Scott Huisman
1974-75 – Dennis Van Wyk	1988-89 – Ed McMahon	2003-04 -- Scott Veldhuizen
1975-76 – Mark Gosselink – Dennis Van Wyk	1989-90 – Randy Schulteijans	2004-05 -- Scott Huisman
	1990-91 – Randy Schulteijans	

### 2004-05 alphabetical roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High school
Ben Barnett	G	5'11	175	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus
Nate Cardin	C	6'5	220	So.	Ankeny, Iowa/Ankeny
Michael Chauvin	G	6'	160	Fr.	Malvern, Iowa/Malvern
* Zak Clark	G	6'	165	So.	Fort Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond
* * Jeff Corkrean	G	6'3	185	Jr.	Winterset, Iowa/Winterset
* Brett DeHoogh	G	6'	180	So.	Clive, Iowa/WDM Valley
* * Clint Driftmier	C	6'10	200	Sr.	Clarinda, Iowa/South Page
* * Dustin Feldman	C	6'5	220	Sr.	Clarksville, Iowa/Nashua-Plainfield
Kyle Gapp	F	6'3	200	So.	Fort Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond
Jonathan Hershberger	C	6'4	220	Fr.	Kalona, Iowa/Iowa Mennonite
+Nino Hertogs	F	6'7	190	Jr.	Geldrop, Brabant/Sint Joris College the Netherlands
Reid Jansonius	F	6'2	195	So.	Ackley, Iowa/AGWSR
Dane Jensen	G	6'1	170	Fr.	Massena, Iowa/CAM
Danny Keller	G	5'11	140	Fr.	Kings, Ill./Rochelle Township
* Simeon Lang	F	6'3	205	So.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
Chay Lewis	G	6'1	180	Fr.	New Sharon, Iowa/North Mahaska
Taylor Lind	G	6'3	170	Fr.	Pella, Iowa/Pella
Joel Martenson	C	6'5	195	Fr.	Winfield, Iowa/Winfield-Mt. Union
Thad Nelson	F	6'1	180	Jr.	Exira, Iowa
* A.J. Meyer	G	6'	165	So.	De Soto, Iowa/ADM
Matt Miller	G	6'3	150	Fr.	Jackson, Wis./Milwaukee Lutheran
* * Chris Nelson	G	6'2	160	Sr.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
* Keith Pedersen	F	6'6	175	So.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
Taylor Phipps	F	6'4	215	Jr.	Cherokee, Iowa/Northern Univ. Lab
David Poetting	F	6'5	190	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Lincoln
Derek Townsend	G	6'2	170	Fr.	Perry, Iowa/Perry
Matt VerMeer	F	6'3	180	Fr.	Montezuma, Iowa/Montezuma
Dakota Waide	F	6'2	190	Jr.	Parker, Colo./Chaparral
Blair Whitaker	F	6'4	185	So.	Littleton, Colo./Arapahoe
Aaron Zuspahn	F	6'4	165	So.	Winfield, Iowa/Winfield-Mt. Union

\*letters earned

**2005-06 numerical varsity basketball roster**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Hometown/High school</b>
4	Chris Nelson	G	6'2	160	Sr.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
10	Zak Clark	G	6'	165	So.	Fort Dodge, Iowa/St. Edmond
12	Ben Barnett	G	5'11	175	Fr.	Waterloo, Iowa/Columbus
20	Jeff Corkrean	G	6'3	185	Jr.	Winterset, Iowa/Winterset
22	Brett DeHoogh	G	6'	180	So.	Clive, Iowa/WDM Valley
23	A.J. Meyer	G	6'	165	So.	De Soto, Iowa/ADM
24	Clint Driftmier	C	6'10	200	Sr.	Clarinda, Iowa/South Page
33	Taylor Lind	G	6'3	170	Fr.	Pella, Iowa/Pella
34	Keith Pedersen	F	6'6	175	So.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
35	Simeon Lang	F	6'3	205	So.	Jefferson, Iowa/Jefferson-Scranton
40	Taylor Phipps	F	6'4	215	Jr.	Cherokee, Iowa/Northern Univ. Lab
42	David Poetting	F	6'5	190	Fr.	Des Moines, Iowa/Lincoln
43	Dane Jenson	G	6'1	170	Fr.	Massena, Iowa/CAM
44	+Nino Hertogs	F	6'7	190	Jr.	Geldrop, Brabant, the Netherlands/Sint Joris College
52	Derek Townsend	G	6'2	170	Fr.	Perry, Iowa/Perry
53	Dustin Feldman	C	6'5	220	Sr.	Clarksville, Iowa/Nashua-Plainfield

+transfer from Green Mountain College (Vt.)

### **Outlook**

The kind of Central College men's basketball team Mike Boschee envisioned when he made his first trip to Pella three years ago is finally taking shape.

Boschee is no fan of rebuilding seasons and five-year plans, but he was patient enough to nurse an outmanned club to a 6-20 record in his first year as Central's head coach, then brought in his first recruiting class and endured a 7-19 campaign last year as several talented newcomers got their collegiate hoops baptism.

That year of experience, combined with another talented batch of reinforcements, should translate into more impressive numbers in 2005-06.

Two starters were lost to graduation and Boschee still has plenty of concerns, but the foundation is firm.

"Things are much more settled than they were a year ago," Boschee said. "A big part of that is having our top assistant back (Nic Nelson). Nic does a great job and that's making everything much easier this year.

"We've got more returning players this year and they understand a lot of the things we're doing because they've got a year under their belts. This team knows more about what to expect in the Iowa Conference and knows more about what we're trying to do."

### **Point guard**

Experience is most critical at point guard and the Dutch are in better shape there. Last year Boschee was forced to move a pair of incoming off guards, Brett De Hoogh and Zak Clark, to the point. Clark proved more effective as a shooting guard and will play there full-time as a sophomore but Boschee thinks De Hoogh has found his niche as the team floor leader. He averaged 5.1 points and 3.9 assists in his first season.

"We asked him to do a lot last year and he did a fine job, but I think he will be much more comfortable this year," Boschee said. "You can tell he's really worked on his game in the off-season and is shooting the ball much better. There's still a lot of improving he needs to do, but I think he's excited about being the team's point guard and the responsibilities that go with that."

Boschee likes his other options at the point as well, sophomore A.J. Meyer and Waterloo freshman Ben Barnett. Meyer, also a standout on Central's nationally ranked men's golf team, was the surprise of the early pre-season, Boschee said.

"He was one of the best players on the JV last year," he said. "What I like is that he's a very heady player. He's smart with the basketball, he makes good decisions and he knocks down shots. He definitely has a chance to play."

Barnett gives the Dutch a natural point guard.

"He's got a lot of speed and has played point guard his whole life," Boschee said. "He's a pass-first kind of player. He's continuing to work on being a perimeter shooter, but if he gets our offense moving, gets us into our sets and defends the way I hope he does, playing time could be in his future sooner rather than later."

### **Off guard**

Senior Chris Nelson averaged 8.1 points last year and was Central's top 3-point shooter with 32. He hit 39.3 percent from the floor and Boschee thinks that number will climb.

"Hopefully he'll shoot in the low to mid 40s range this year," Boschee said. "We need Chris to do that, to be one of those guys we can count on to hit shots. He's doing a good job of showing some leadership this year, and showing the young guys what hard work is."

Clark averaged 4.2 points as a part-time starter, but erupted for 33 points in what Boschee hopes was a breakout performance in Central's final game.

"Zak's more of a natural off guard," he said. "He doesn't have to have the ball in his hands all the time. He can look for opportunities to score and make plays. He needs to be a more consistent perimeter shooter but he's showing signs that he worked on that a lot in the off-season."

Jeff Corkrean, a 6-foot-3 junior, saw limited action late in the year but is making a strong case for more playing time.

"Jeff's worked extremely hard," Boschee said. "He's more confident in his play and able to give us more on the offensive end. We look for Jeff to play a much more significant role this year."

Derek Townsend, a 6-2 freshman from Perry, could earn a varsity spot as a combo guard.

"He's a pretty heady player with a good outside shot," Boschee said. "He has the opportunity to help us down the road."

Another freshman, 6-1 Dane Jensen of Massena, is competing for a varsity berth as well.

"Dane really works his tail off," Boschee said. "And he's got a good outside jumper."

### **Small forward**

The Dutch appear to have found a gem in 6-3 sophomore Simeon Lang, who started 19 games as a freshman, averaging 8.2 points and 3.5 rebounds while quickly establishing a reputation as a tireless worker and team leader.

"Simeon's improved a lot," Boschee said. "He's a tough, hard-nosed player who can play inside or outside and may

do both."

Three newcomers are pushing hard for significant minutes as well. Nino Hertogs, a 6-7 junior transfer, is a native of the Netherlands and lives up to European basketball's reputation for accurate outside shooters.

"He's got a good perimeter shot," Boschee said. "He needs to also be able to rebound more consistently and defend with more intensity on a regular basis."

Boschee lists 6-5 David Poetting, a Des Moines Lincoln High School grad, as one of Central's top freshmen.

"He's a long, lanky inside-outside player who can shoot the 3 extremely well," Boschee said. "He needs to continue getting better on the defensive end."

Another rookie, 6-3 Taylor Lind of Pella, could be a surprise, floating between the off-guard and small forward spots.

"He's a really good athlete and is working hard on both ends," Boschee said. "He could see a few minutes."

#### **Power forward**

Among the most talented of last year's newcomers, 6-6 sophomore Keith Pedersen appears poised for a good season after averaging 8.7 points and 3.8 rebounds while shooting 59.1 percent from the floor as a rookie. He and Lang were high school teammates at Jefferson.

"Keith had surgery on both his knees after the season and seems to be much more comfortable this year," Boschee said. "He's got the ability to score. We hope he can continue improving on the defensive end, too."

Central got hurt last year by an inability to play physical basketball inside. Boschee hopes that deficiency will be at least partially addressed by a healthier, quicker Taylor Phipps. A 6-4 junior, Phipps previously was a football player as well and was a part-time starter in the middle for Boschee in 2003-04, but was sidelined early last season by a foot injury. He's given up football to better prepare for basketball and dropped his weight to 215 without sacrificing muscle.

"He's got the ability to play the perimeter more than he did when he played two years ago," Boschee said. "And he has the inside savvy we need. He has the ability to make good strong moves inside even though he's a little undersized."

#### **Post**

Also stronger is 6-10 junior Clint Driftmier. He was Central's second-leading scorer with 12.4 points a game last year while shooting a team-high 59.5 percent from the floor and topping the rebound column with 7.0. He's still a lean 200 pounds, but a more effective post player this year, Boschee said.

"He seems much more relaxed and patient in the post," he said. "He's making better post moves. Clint needs to give us a strong presence on both the offensive and defensive end and stay out of foul trouble."

Boschee can also call on 6'5, 220-pound senior Dustin Feldman, who appeared in nine games last season.

"Dustin's a good 15-foot shooter and one of our bigger players," he said. "He can give us more of a big-man presence and go out there and bang around a little bit, even though he hasn't had much playing time."

#### **The Iowa Conference and beyond**

Boschee calls Wartburg the Iowa Conference favorite with Buena Vista contending again, but is hoping that the Dutch can start again becoming a factor in the race. Boschee knows what that will take.

"More than anything, I want us to become a better unit defensively," he said. "I want us to be more intent on getting stops on a possession by possession basis."

"For us to be successful, we need to be a smart, intelligent basketball team that plays extremely hard."

Boschee won't use numbers to define that desired improvement, but in the third year of his tenure he clearly is after more than intangibles. He wants to see wins.

"It's safe to say that we want to continue making progress in the Iowa Conference standings, and keep making steps forward," he said. "I think that's the mindset of this group."

