

PIONEERS



2006 Softball

GRINNELL COLLEGE





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1 Emily Kolbe '07



2 Kim Durinick '09



3 Jayme Siegel '07



4 Karyn Wieland '06



5 Madison Salander '08



6 Katie Colver '09



7 Bailey Burt '08



8 Emily Stewart '08



9 Gaby Flores '09



11 Kinnear Theobald '08



12 Lee Anne Steinberg '07



13 Megan Plouzek '09



14 Sandra King '08



16 Linda Tovar '09



17 Maddy Raimondo '08



18 Suze Dreeben '08



19 Elizabeth Lewis '06



21 Tess Cohen '09



22 Elizabeth Ward '09



23 Katie Bartlett '09



24 Megan Germer '08

Pioneer Coaching Staff



Tom Sonnichsen
Head Coach
Ninth Season



Barb Waite
Assistant Coach
Third Season

2006 Season Preview

Head Coach Tom Sonnichsen begins his ninth season directing the Grinnell softball program. All but one starter from last year's 13-21 team returns for 2006. The list of returnees includes 2005 Midwest Conference All-South Division First-Team selections Emily Kolbe '07 and Emily Stewart '08, and second-team picks Lee Anne Steinberg '07 and Karyn Wieland '06. Sonnichsen's squad will face a more demanding non-conference schedule this year, in hopes of getting ready for the always competitive Midwest Conference. The South Division winner will host the conference tournament. Sonnichsen says, "We've got the facility, leadership, and a team that would like nothing better than to play in the conference tournament at home this year."

Catchers

Grinnell will be without the services of four-year starter and 2005 Midwest Conference All-South Division Second-Team catcher Annie Beaman '05. First-year player and multi-sport athlete Katie Bartlett '09 hopes to fill that vacancy. Bartlett competes on the volleyball and track and field teams and will need to gain experience quickly as a catcher. Emily Stewart '08, another multi-sport athlete, will play at shortstop and on the pitching mound, but will also serve as a formidable backup for Bartlett.

Pitchers

Stewart and Kolbe, both 2005 MWC All-South Division First-Team pitchers, will headline the pitching staff. With a 3-9 record as a starter in 2005, Stewart pitched 70.1 innings and threw seven complete games, including two shutout wins. She notched 33 strikeouts to go with a 3.68 ERA.

Kolbe compiled a 6-5 pitching record in 2005, while throwing a team-high 70.2 innings, with 43

strikeouts and a 2.97 ERA. Steinberg accumulated a team-high 71 strikeouts en route to a 2-5 pitching record and 1.68 ERA in 2005, while opponents batted just .221 against her in 62.2 innings.

Sandra King '08 missed most of last season due to injury, but the former all-state pitcher is expected to regain her form in 2006. Newcomers Tess Cohen '09 and Gaby Flores '09 will look to make a contribution in their first year in the program.

First Base

Kinnear Theobald '08, a solid fielder and hitter, will return to first base where she logged a majority of the team's innings a year ago. A starter in 21 games, Theobald hit for a .275 average, and her 148 putouts on 169 chances ranked second on the squad. Cohen is expected to serve as a backup to Theobald at first base.

Second Base

Bailey Burt '08 and Maddy Raimondo '08 will split time this season at second base, a position where "the cupboard is full," Sonnichsen says. Burt started 31 games last season and batted for a .220 average with four doubles and eight RBIs. Her 90 putouts at second base ranked third on the squad. Raimondo started 23 games, hit .212, and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage on 52 chances. Newcomers Kim Durinick '09, Linda Tovar '09, and Katie Colver '09 will learn the position and see playing time.

Third Base

Kolbe and Steinberg will split time between pitching and third base, as they did last year. Kolbe, also a basketball player, batted .282 with 12 RBIs and four stolen bases, while starting in all 34 of the team's games. In only 18 at-bats, Steinberg hit for a .278 average.

Shortstop

Stewart and King are expected to split time at short, where Stewart started 32 of 34 games due to King's injury. Stewart led the team with a .394 batting average, and her 39 hits and 15 RBIs were also team-highs. Her .485 slugging percentage was the third-best in the league, and her 14-game hitting streak during one stretch of the season was also a team best. King started in eight of the first nine games before a season-ending injury. First-year Megan Plouzek '09, also a basketball player, will work to see time at shortstop as well.

Outfield

A Midwest Conference all-South Division Second Team pick last year, Karyn Wieland '06 will return to centerfield, where she started all 34 games a year ago. Wieland was the team's second-leading hitter with a .304 batting average and nine RBIs. She also stole a team-high six bases on eight tries.

Madison Salander '08 is expected back in left field, where she started 32 games in 2005. Salander hit in the leadoff spot last year with 30 hits, a .262 batting average, and five stolen bases.

Megan Germer '08 will play in right field, where she started 30 games last season. Germer batted .200 with four RBIs and five stolen bases.

Jayne Siegel '07 will back up Salander in left, while Suze Dreeben '08 will back up Germer in right. Newcomers Darcy Ward '09 and Elizabeth Lewis '06 will also see playing time in the outfield this season.

Coach Tom Sonnichsen

Head Coach Tom Sonnichsen came to Grinnell in 1997 to direct women's volleyball and softball. Sonnichsen has a career coaching record of 103-139-2 with the Pioneer softball team, and guided Grinnell to the 1998 MWC championship game and two third-place conference finishes (2003, 2000). His 2003 squad won 21 games, the best in the program's 26-year history.

Before coming to Grinnell, Sonnichsen led a national-caliber team at Baylor University in Texas. He was the Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1991. In 1993, he guided the Bears to a runner-up finish in the program's first post-season tournament.

Sonnichsen earned degrees from the University of Oregon (1974, B.S., political science) and Baylor (1997, M.S. Ed., sport management). Sonnichsen is also an assistant professor of physical education.

Assistant Coach Barb Waite

Barb Waite works primarily with the outfielders. Waite also guided the women's tennis team to a second consecutive MWC title in 2005.

She earned degrees from the University of Arizona (B.A.), and the University of Virginia (M.A., Ph.D.—sports psychology). At the University of Iowa, she directed the Sport Psychology Program and Lab. She taught courses in sport psychology, stress management, theory of coaching, and research methods. Waite is an assistant professor of physical education.

2006 Grinnell College Softball Roster

No.	Name	Position	Yr.	Ht.	B	T	Hometown/High School
1	Emily Kolbe	P/3B	Jr.	5-8	R	R	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
2	Kim Durinick	2B	Fr.	5-3	L	R	Sebastopol, Calif./El Molino
3	Jayne Siegel	OF	Jr.	5-7	R	R	Ann Arbor, Mich./Greenhills
4	Karyn Wieland	CF	Sr.	5-7	R	R	Johnsburg, Ill./Johnsburg
5	Madison Salander	LF	So.	5-6	R	R	Omaha, Neb./Burke
6	Katie Colver	2B	Fr.	5-6	R	R	Waukegan, Ill./Waukegan
7	Bailey Burt	2B	So.	5-8	R	R	Grinnell, Iowa/Grinnell
8	Emily Stewart	P/SS	So.	5-8	R	R	Brentwood, Tenn./Univ. School of Nashville
9	Gaby Flores	P	Fr.	5-7	R	R	Guatemala City, Guatemala/Monte Maria
11	Kinnear Theobald	1B	So.	5-7	R	R	Bloomington, Ind./North
12	Lee Anne Steinberg	P/3B	Jr.	5-3	R	R	Burlingame, Calif./S.F. Univ. High
13	Megan Plouzek	SS	Fr.	5-9	R	R	Hickman, Neb./Norris
14	Sandra King	P/SS	So.	5-9	R	R	Ackley, Iowa/Northern Univ. High
16	Linda Tovar	2B	Fr.	5-3	R	R	Altadena, Calif./Marshall Fundamental
17	Maddy Raimondo	2B	So.	5-7	R	R	Webster Groves, Mo./Webster Groves
18	Suze Dreeben	OF	So.	5-6	R	R	Chicago, Ill./Whitney Young
19	Elizabeth Lewis	OF	Sr.	5-9	R	R	Aurora, Ill./West Aurora
21	Tess Cohen	P/1B	Fr.	5-10	R	R	Riverside, Calif./Riverside Poly
22	Elizabeth Ward	OF	Fr.	5-5	L	R	Eagan, Minn./Eagan
23	Katie Bartlett	C	Fr.	5-7	R	R	Des Moines, Iowa/Roosevelt
24	Megan Germer	RF	So.	5-4	R	R	Bellevue, Neb./Terre Haute North



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2006 Pioneer Softball Team

Front row (l-r): Megan Germer, Suze Dreeben, Linda Tovar, Lee Anne Steinberg, Kim Durinick.

Middle row: Jayme Siegel, Kinnear Theobald, Katie Bartlett, Katie Colver, Darcy Ward, Maddy Raimondo, Madison Salander.

Back row: Assistant Coach Barb Waite, Sandra King, Gaby Flores, Tess Cohen, Elizabeth Lewis, Emily Stewart, Bailey Burt, Megan Plouzek, Emily Kolbe, Karyn Wieland, Head Coach Tom Sonnichsen.

2006 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent/Site	Time
Mar 19	vs. Cardinal Stritch *	9 a.m.
Mar 19	vs. Mt. Mercy *	1 p.m.
Mar 20	vs. Hamline *	9 a.m.
Mar 20	vs. University of Chicago *	11 a.m.
Mar 22	vs. North Central *	9 a.m.
Mar 22	vs. Smith College *	11 a.m.
Mar 24	vs. Babson College *	11 a.m.
Mar 24	vs. Lasell College *	1 p.m.
Apr 1	vs. Augustana \$	11 a.m.
Apr 1	vs. UW- LaCrosse \$	3 p.m.
Apr 2	vs. Ripon \$	Noon
Apr 4	MT. MERCY	3 p.m.
Apr 8	vs. St. Norbert +	11 a.m.
Apr 8	vs. Beloit +	2 p.m.
Apr 8	vs. Carroll +	4 p.m.
Apr 9	vs. Lawrence +	11 a.m.
Apr 9	vs. Ripon +	1 p.m.
Apr 12	CORNELL	3 p.m.
Apr 14	at Knox #	3 p.m.
Apr 15	at Lake Forest #	2 p.m.
Apr 18	CLARKE	3 p.m.
Apr 18	CENTRAL	5 p.m.
Apr 20	LUTHER	3 p.m.
Apr 22	ILLINOIS COLLEGE #	1 p.m.
Apr 27	BUENA VISTA	3 p.m.
Apr 29	at Monmouth #	1 p.m.
May 5-6	MWC Championship hosted by South Division Winner	TBA

* Gene Cusic Classic Tournament at Ft. Myers, Fla.
\$ Augustana College Tournament at Rock Island, Ill.
+ MWC Classic Tournament in Janesville, Wis.
Midwest Conference game
Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

2005 Season Results

Date	Opponent/Site	Time
Mar 20	vs. Palm Beach Atlantic	L, 0-9
Mar 20	vs. Chicago	L, 3-8
Mar 21	vs. Heidelberg	L, 1-3
Mar 21	vs. Trinity e (CT)	L, 2-3
Mar 23	vs. St. Joseph's (ME)	W, 9-3
Mar 23	vs. Cardinal Stritch	W, 2-0
Mar 25	vs. St. Thomas (FL)	W, 5-4
Apr 2	Crown	W, 8-0
Apr 2	Simpson	L, 0-5
Apr 3	Simpson	W, 3-2
Apr 3	Crown	W, 6-1
Apr 6	at Cornell	W, 6-5
Apr 6	at Cornell	L, 2-5
Apr 9	vs. Ripon #	L, 1-4
Apr 9	vs. St. Norbert #	L, 0-9
Apr 9	vs. Beloit #	L, 2-4
Apr 10	vs. Carroll #	L, 3-4
Apr 10	vs. Lawrence #	L, 1-2
Apr 14	at Simpson	L, 0-5
Apr 14	at Simpson	L, 0-7
Apr 16	Knox #	L, 0-2
Apr 16	Knox #	W, 5-2
Apr 19	at Mount Mercy	W, 2-0
Apr 19	at Mount Mercy	W, 2-1
Apr 21	Monmouth #	W, 7-0
Apr 21	Monmouth #	W, 8-0
Apr 23	Lake Forest #	L, 3-4
Apr 23	Lake Forest #	L, 1-13
Apr 24	at Luther	L, 2-7
Apr 24	at Luther	L, 0-3
Apr 27	at Coe	L, 0-4
Apr 27	at Coe	L, 0-6
Apr 28	Illinois College #	W, 4-3
Apr 28	Illinois College #	L, 5-6

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