

Ten more players have joined the Iowa Women's Softball League in the past week, lifting the program to 75 players with the season opener on June 3 still six weeks away.

The IWSL began the season last year with 52 players, so the league has grown by 44 percent in a short period of time.

The 75 players are from 36 different colleges in Iowa, Minnesota, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Florida. They represent a blend from NCAA, NAIA and Junior College institutions at all levels of DI, DII and DIII.



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The 10 new players who recently joined the summer league are:



Lauren Kuch, an outfielder for Kirkwood who is hitting .523 with 11 homers, 15 doubles and 56 RBIs. Kuch is from Cedar Rapids Prairie.

Lizzy VanManen, a catcher at Northeast Mississippi Community College who is hitting .390 with two homers and 20 RBIs. VanManen is from Pella Christian.











