

4 Illinois State players join IWSL

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The softball team at Illinois State University hopes to battle for the Missouri Valley Conference title again this season after tying for the championship last year.

When their season is over, four of the Redbirds will be heading to Cedar Rapids to compete in the Iowa Women's Softball League this summer.

Alyssa Wiebel, a shortstop and left fielder from Benton Community, and Morgan Christner, a pitcher from New London, played in the inaugural season of the IWSL last summer.

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Brittni LaFountaine, a catcher from East Moline, Ill., and Stephanie Thulen, a center fielder from Fenton, Ill., will be playing in IWSL for the first time this season.

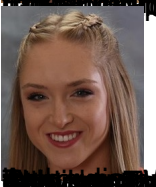
A total of 36 players have now registered for the summer league, including 25 players for the Eastern Division in Cedar Rapids and 11 players for the new Central Division in Indianola and Ames.

Wiebel hit .259 with eight homers and 27 RBIs for Illinois State as a freshman last season. She was the Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year in 2016 as a senior at Benton Community.

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