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Tianna Drahn and KyLeigh Becker had a good time in the Iowa Women's Softball League last season.

Now they are returning for Year 2.

Drahn, an outfielder at the University of Northern Iowa, and Becker, a pitcher and outfielder at Loras, submitted their registration forms for the 2018 IWSL season over the weekend.

Tiffany Barr, a catcher at Southwestern Community College, also has joined the league. Southwestern has canceled its entire schedule this year due to a lack of players, but Barr and several of her teammates will be playing in the IWSL to stay sharp.

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A total of 39 players have now joined the league for this season, with 27 players in the Eastern Division in Cedar Rapids and 12 players for the new Central Division in Ames and Indianola.



Drahn hit .230 as a freshman at UNI last season, but she's raised that mark nearly 100 points to .324 in 16 games for the Panthers this season. Northern Iowa has a 13-7 record so far. Drahn, who was an all-state outfielder at Cedar Rapids Kennedy, has four RBIs.

Becker has picked up a victory in relief at Loras, which is off to a 3-1 start. Becker was an

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all-state selection at West Liberty High School.

Barr, who is a sophomore at Southwestern, did not play softball in high school at Indianola, but she was a state qualifier in track and an all-academic selection as well. She appeared in seven games for Southwestern last year as a freshman.

The Iowa Women's Softball League was created by the Metro Sports Report last year and is the only summer college league in Iowa. All current and former college players are eligible, including graduating seniors.



The IWSL will play a 16-game schedule this season, with a series of eight Sunday doubleheaders in June and July. The player fee is \$100 and includes a jersey and league T-shirt. Scholarships are available.

Contact Metro Sports Report president Jim Ecker with any questions at 319-390-4236, Jim.Ecker@MetroSportsReport.com.

The entire registration process can be handled on-line at MetroSportsReport.com. Click on "MSR summer softball" at the top of the home page. That takes you to all the softball stories. Click on the registration link that accompanies each story. Have a credit card to pay the \$100 through PayPal.

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