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For the second straight busy week, eight new players have joined the Iowa Women's Softball League for the 2018 campaign.

The IWSL now has 65 college softball players in the program with the season opener June 3 still seven weeks away.

Amron Born and Madison Yacko of Simpson, excited about playing on their own college field in Indianola, joined the league this past week in the Central Division. That makes seven players from Simpson in the IWSL.

Megan Bonnett of Luther, Abby Carlin of Western Illinois, Sam Koehn of Marshall University in West Virginia, Makinna Fitzgerald of Southwestern Community College, Hannah Onken of Wartburg and Emma Hartman of Cornell College also have submitted their registration forms.

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The Iowa Women's Softball League lost one player this past week, but it was for a good reason. April Brown, a pitcher from Des Moines East High School and Utah State, will be playing professional softball in Germany during the



IWSL season.

Born, a center fielder from Norwalk, is a freshman at Simpson. She made the all-state and academic all-state teams in high school and is hitting .333 with three RBIs at Simpson.

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Yacko, a first baseman from Mediapolis, is a sophomore at Simpson. She was an all-conference performer in high school and has four RBIs for the Storm this season.

Bonnett, an outfielder from Iowa City Regina, is a senior at Luther. She is hitting .323 with 12 RBIs for Luther and was a two-time all-state selection at Regina. The Norse are ranked No. 5 in NCAA Division III softball with a 24-2 record.



Carlin, a pitcher and first baseman from Ballard, is a freshman at Western Illinois. She was named to the Class 4A state tournament team at Ballard last year and also was named all-state. She is hitting .444 at Western Illinois and has won a game in the circle.

Koehn, an infielder and outfielder from Bondurant-Farrar, is a freshman at Marshall University. She was named to the all-tournament team at the state tournament in high school and has been playing regularly at Marshall.



Fitzgerald, an outfielder and catcher from Lenox High School, is a freshman at Southwestern Community College. She is the fourth player to join the IWSL from Southwestern, which canceled its season this year due to a lack of players. She was an all-conference player in high school and was on the varsity all five years.

Onken, a first baseman from Greene County High School, is a junior at Wartburg. She was an all-conference performer in high school and helped Green County finish third in the Class 3A state tournament two times. She is hitting .226 with eight RBIs for Wartburg.



Hartman, a second baseman from Bettendorf, is a freshman at Cornell College. She is hitting .333 in limited action this year.

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There are now 39 players in the Eastern Division of the IWSL in Cedar Rapids and 26 players in the Central Division in Indianola. The league has set a "soft" registration deadline of Sunday, April 22 to begin forming the teams and order uniforms. New players will be admitted into the league after April 22 as space permits.



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



The entire registration process can be handled on-line by clicking on the link that accompanies this story. Have a credit card handy to pay the \$100 fee through PayPal. Scholarships are available.

The IWSL will feature a 16-game season this summer with all the games on eight Sundays in June and July.