



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Iowa Central Softball Office

One Triton Circle

Fort Dodge, Iowa, 50595

(515) 574-1347

sandin@iowacentral.edu

#049

June 3, 2009

Martin, Willard honored by Coaches Association

STARKVILLE, Miss. – The hardware just keeps rolling in for the Iowa Central softball team as freshmen Brittany Martin and Ashley Willard received awards from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Tuesday.

Freshman third baseman Brittany Martin, an Indianola prep, was named a 2009 Louisville Slugger/ NFCA First Team All-American. She is the first Triton to be named to First Team All-American as well as the first Triton to be named to both the NJCAA II and NFCA All-American teams in the same season. She received Second Team honors from the NJCAA last week. Martin led the Tritons in hits (82), runs (68), doubles (23), home runs (12) and RBIs (78) this season breaking the single-season RBI record in the process.

Ashley Willard continued the Iowa Central streak of adidas Golden Spike Award winners as she was named the 2009 award winner. She set a school record with 72 stolen bases in 78 attempts this season. The award is given annually to the nation's top base-stealer. Last season, Samantha Waters won the award for Iowa Central with 52 stolen bases, which was a school record at the time.

Iowa Central finished the season with a 62-8 record and placed fifth at the NJCAA II National Tournament in Normal, Ill. The Tritons also won their first Region XI and District F titles as well as a share of their second ICCAC title.

– end –