



Head Coach Steve Anson is 17th among active coaches and 28th all-time in NCAA Division II history with 647 career victories

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STEVE ANSON

647-548-3 (OVERALL)
26 SEASONS
624-526-3 (AT WASHBURN)
25 SEASONS
KANSAS STATE ('76)

Now entering his 26th season with the Ichabod baseball program, Steve Anson has guided the Ichabods to eight 30-win seasons, five consecutive NAIA District 10 playoff appearances, a Central States Intercollegiate Conference (CSIC) crown and six bids in the MIAA postseason tournament.

In 2004, Anson picked up his 600th win as the Ichabod skipper March 7 against North Dakota. He became the 30th NCAA Division II coach to reach the 600-win mark overall in 2002.

He was named the CSIC coach of the year after his team won the conference championship in 1989 and the MIAA Coach of the Year in 1994 after Washburn went 37-13. His 1991 squad won the MIAA North Division title and finished runner-up at the conference postseason tournament.

2000 was a banner year for the Ichabods as they finished the season 37-21. The 37 wins tied a school record for wins in one season. The Ichabods also set numerous school records for hits, triples, doubles and at-bats.

At Washburn, Anson has coached the Ichabods to a 598-503-3 (.543) record making him the winningest coach in team history. His overall career record is 621-525-3 through 25 seasons. He ranks 20th on the active NCAA Division II victory list and is 29th in all-time wins in Division II. He is second in active MIAA coaches in victories.

Anson joined the Washburn staff in 1979 after one season as head coach at Wayne State College in Nebraska. While at Wayne State, the Wildcats were 23-22 and Anson was picked as NAIA Area III Coach of the Year.

As a member of the Washburn athletics staff, Anson has also served as men's basketball assistant coach and assistant athletics director.

A native of Mishawaka, Ind., Anson was a true "student-athlete" for Kansas State University.

On the field, he was a four-year letterman who won the Big Eight batting title in 1974 (.439) and earned first-team all-conference honors.

In the classroom, Anson graduated cum laude in 1976 with a bachelor's in physical education. He earned his master's in education in 1978.

During the 2000 season, Anson received additional honors from his playing days at Kansas State after he was named to the Wildcats' All-Century team, one of 21 former players to be named to the team.

Anson lives in Topeka with his wife, Dena.

Wayne State (Neb.)	
1979	23-22 (.511)
Washburn	
1980	10-20 (.333)
1981	13-15 (.464)
1982	10-21-1 (.333)
1983	26-14 (.650)
1984	26-18 (.591)
1985	33-20 (.623)
1986	36-20 (.643)
1987	36-17 (.679)
1988	37-23 (.617)
1989	31-27-1 (.530)
1990	30-19-1 (.610)
1991	25-22 (.532)
1992	16-27 (.372)
1993	7-19 (.269)
1994	37-13 (.740)
1995	27-19 (.587)
1996	29-24 (.547)
1997	25-23 (.521)
1998	22-20 (.524)
1999	26-17 (.604)
2000	37-21 (.638)
2001	22-25 (.468)
2002	16-32 (.333)
2003	21-27 (.438)
2004	26-23 (.531)



ANSON VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Adams State	2-0
Augustana (S.D.)	1-0
Avila	4-0
Baker	23-8-1
Bellevue College (Neb.)	6-0
Bemidji St.	5-3
Benedictine	26-20-1
Bethany	24-6
Briar Cliff (Ia.)	0-2
Cameron	1-1
Central Arkansas	1-0
Central Iowa	1-0
Central Missouri St.	12-46
Central Oklahoma	11-14
Concordia (Neb.)	2-0
Dakota St. (S. Dak.)	2-0
Dana (Neb.)	2-0
Doane	4-1
East Central (Okla.)	6-3-1
Emporia St.	25-68
Fort Hays St.	30-45
Friends	6-0
Harris-Stowe	1-0
Hastings (Neb.)	5-0
Indiana-Purdue	1-1
Indianapolis	1-0
Jamestown (N. Dak.)	1-1
Kansas Newman	15-16

Kansas State	0-9
Kansas University	3-18
Kansas Wesleyan	22-1
Lincoln (Mo.)	9-7
Mankato St. (Minn.)	1-3
Marymount (Kan.)	19-1
Metro (Colo.) State	0-1
Mid-America Nazarene	22-4
Midland-Lutheran (Neb.)	2-0
Minnesota-Crookston	5-0
Minnesota-Morris	1-0
Minot St. (Minn.)	1-1
Missouri Southern	17-22
Missouri Valley	2-0
Missouri Western	37-22
Missouri-Rolla	18-6
Missouri-St. Louis	1-4
Morningside (Ia.)	0-2
Mount Mercy College (Ia.)	2-0
Nebraska-Kearney	1-4
Nebraska-Omaha	4-9
North Dakota	2-2
Northeastern St.	3-3
Northern Iowa	1-0
Northern State (S. Dak.)	1-0
Northwest Missouri St.	27-35
Northwestern (Ia.)	2-0
Oklahoma Baptist	0-2
Oklahoma City	1-2

Oral Roberts	0-6
Peru St. (Neb.)	7-0
Pittsburg St.	19-19
Quincy	0-2
Regis	2-1
Rockhurst	7-11
School of the Ozarks (Mo.)	2-0
Sioux Falls (S. Dak.)	4-0
South Dakota	1-1
South Dakota State	3-0
Southern Colorado	2-1
Southwest Baptist	16-8
St. Ambrose (Ia.)	2-0
St. Johns (Kan.)	2-0
St. Louis	0-1
St. Mary of the Plains (Kan.)	3-1
Sterling	1-1
Tabor	8-1
Tarkio (Mo.)	4-0
Truman St.	32-14
Valley City St. (N. Dak.)	2-0
Wayne St. (Neb.)	3-2
Western Illinois	0-1
Westmar College (Iowa)	4-0
Wichita St.	0-9
Winona St. (Minn.)	3-4
Wisconsin-Superior	1-0



CHRIS TIBBETS

FIRST SEASON
FLORIDA SOUTHERN (2002)

Chris Tibbetts is in his first season as an assistant coach at Washburn after coaching at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Fla. He will be the Ichabod pitching coach after a successful pitching career in the high school and collegiate ranks.

Tibbetts, a Florida native, was a four-year letterman at Lake Brantley High School in Altamonte Springs, Fla. He was selected to the Florida High School All-Star game and received recognition on the 1995 Mizuno All-American team.

He started his collegiate pitching career at Brevard Community College, where he was named to the all-state team and was the conference pitcher of the year.

He completed his college career at Florida Southern College, where he played in two regional tournaments and was a part of a conference championship team.

He graduated from Florida Southern with a bachelor's of arts degree in Sports Management in 2002.



MIKE KOONTZ

FIRST SEASON

Mike Koontz is entering his first season as a student assistant coach after playing two seasons on the Ichabod infield.

Koontz was a second team All-MIAA third baseman for the Ichabods in 2004 with a .408 batting average. He collected 62 hits in 152 at-bats, including 13 doubles and four home runs to drive in 43 runs. He had two homers in a game at Northwest Missouri State.

He batted .279 his junior season with 19 hits. He finished his career with 81 hits and a .368 batting average.

Koontz transferred to Washburn from Highland Community College, where he played two seasons. He is a 1999 graduate of Leavenworth High School, where he played basketball and baseball. Koontz is majoring in physical education.

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After falling just short of the MIAA tournament last season, the Washburn baseball team is looking to return to the MIAA finals this season with a solid nucleus of players returning.

The Ichabods, coming off a 26-23 record in 2004, hope to build off a strong finish which included four victories in the final five games over MIAA Tournament competitors.

Washburn coach Steve Anson, who has posted 624 victories at Washburn and 647 wins overall, added several new players to the roster this season to compliment a talented core group returning from last season.

RETURNEES

The Ichabods return six starting position players from last year's team, including three all-conference selections. The Ichabods also return two All-MIAA starting pitchers.

Junior shortstop Jerad Head earned second team All-MIAA honors after joining the Ichabods after basketball season. Head batted .419 with a league-high 27 stolen bases and drove in 36 runs.

Junior Sam Sissom, who earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors, will return as the starting centerfielder this season. Sissom batted .345 with a team-high 55 runs scored and 26 stolen bases.

Randy Wild, an honorable mention All-MIAA designated hitter, batted .372 with four homers and 22 runs batted in.

Juniors Jesse Schmidt and Michael Hammersmith return to the Ichabod infield. Schmidt led WU with seven homers and will start at first again, while Hammersmith moves from second to third base after driving in 23 runs in 2004.

Sophomore catcher Brian Martinek, whose freshman campaign was reduced by an injury, batted .388 with 19 runs and 24 runs batted in.

Senior Nolan Deitrich will likely move into the starting spot at second base after getting 12 starts last season.

Senior Dustin Stos, junior Jake Lenherr and sophomore Jake Loveless are the top returning pitchers for the Ichabods in 2004.

Stos, who went 45 innings, went 5-4 in 10 starts for the Ichabods and posted a 5.40 ERA.

Loveless, an honorable mention All-MIAA selection, led the squad with a 3.20 ERA and went 6-1 in nine starts. He had three complete games including a shutout.

Lenherr, also an honorable mention All-MIAA selection, went 7-2 with a 5.25 ERA. He had four complete games, including a one-hit shutout against Wayne State.

Senior Kenny Howard and sophomores Jeff LaCerte, Keith Barkemeyer and Tyler Frazee also return to the Ichabod bullpen. Sam Keim pitched four games but received a medical redshirt and will be a freshman again this season. Sophomore Brett Unrein, who redshirted the 2004 season, will return to the Ichabod rotation after a solid freshman

season in 2003.

NEWCOMERS

The Ichabods added 14 players, including five pitchers to contribute this season with a mix of junior college and high school talent.

Junior college transfer Josh Ray will contend for a spot in the starting rotation after a solid two-year career at Cloud County. He worked 57.1 innings last season with 38 strikeouts.

Freshman Chris Contee (Highland Park HS), Lindsey Prestia (Rockhurst (Mo.) HS) and Matt Traxler (Jefferson West HS) will add depth to the Ichabod rotation. Traxler redshirted at Fort Scott Community College last season.

Sophomore lefthander Ian Hammons will join the team as a sophomore from Wichita North High School.

Transfers Chris Atkins, Luke Manners, Larry Froelich and Shane Miles will look to get in the Ichabod lineup quickly.

Atkins, who played two seasons at Cloud County, batted .305 with 40 hits and 29 runs as a team captain in 2004. He made 44 starts and had a .392 on-base percentage.

Manners, a transfer from Labette Community College, was a second team All-Jayhawk East selection with a .360 batting average and eight home runs.

Froelich, also a transfer from Labette, played outfield and pitched two seasons after a solid high school career at Rossville.

Miles, a transfer that redshirted at the University of Utah, had a .427 batting average in his high school career at Santa Fe Trail.

Freshman Tyler Blankenship (Lawrence Free State HS), Craig Cochran (Washburn Rural), Kyle Cochran (Washburn Rural), Joe Crane (Lawrence HS) and Bryce Wood (Seaman HS) will all vie for time in the Ichabod lineup.

OUTLOOK

After failing to start quickly the past few seasons, the Ichabods need to do just that in 2005. The Ichabods will get a quick barometer of the season's forecast when they host Central Regional qualifiers from a season ago against Wayne State and North Dakota. The Ichabods also face other tough non-conference foes in Nebraska-Omaha, Rockhurst and Fort Hays State before getting into league play.

The Ichabods plan to compete for a spot in the MIAA tournament again with a balance of improved pitching and a solid nucleus of veterans in the lineup. The first test is when the season opens Feb. 19 at Arkansas Tech.



2005 ROSTER



PLAYER	POS	B/T	HT	WT	YEAR	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1 Joe Crane	2B/SS	R-R	6-0	160	Fr-HS	Lawrence, Kan.	Lawrence HS
2 Jake Loveless	P	R-R	5-10	155	So-1L	Lyndon, Kan.	Lyndon HS
3 Jerad Head	SS	B-R	6-1	195	Jr-2L	Topeka, Kan.	Kansas State
4 A.J. Mallinckrodt	2B	R-R	5-8	158	Fr-HS	Overland Park, Kan.	Blue Valley West HS
7 Michael Hammersmith	2B/3B	R-R	5-10	185	Jr-1L	White City, Kan.	Garden City CC
8 Brett Unrein	P	R-R	6-2	170	So-1L	Hays, Kan.	Hays HS
9 Jake Lenherr	P	R-R	6-0	170	Jr-2L	St. Marys, Kan.	St. Marys HS
10 Brian Martinek	C	R-R	5-11	180	So-1L	Silver Lake, Kan.	Silver Lake HS
11 Tyler Blankenship	SS/3B	R-R	6-0	170	Fr-HS	Lawrence, Kan.	Lawrence Free State HS
14 Sam Sissom	OF/IF	B-R	5-11	185	Jr-2L	Kansas City, Mo.	Winnetonka HS
15 Larry Froelich	OF/P	R-R	6-2	190	Jr-TR	Rossville, Kan.	Labette CC
17 Josh Ray	P	R-R	6-2	190	Jr-TR	Topeka, Kan.	Cloud County CC
18 Kenny Howard	P	R-R	6-0	195	Sr-1L	Goddard, Kan.	Kansas City CC
20 Randy Wild	1B/P	L-R	6-2	205	So-1L	Maple Hill, Kan.	St. Marys HS
21 Nolan Deitrich	2B/SS	R-R	5-10	175	Sr-1L	Overbrook, Kan.	Cloud County CC
23 Matt Traxler	P	L-L	6-1	195	Fr-TR	Meriden, Kan.	Fort Scott CC
24 Dustin Stos	P	R-R	6-4	215	Sr-1L	McPherson, Kan.	Neosho County CC
25 Lindsey Prestia	P	L-L	6-3	185	Fr-HS	Prairie Village, Kan.	Rockhurst HS
26 Chris Contee	P	R-R	6-1	190	Fr-HS	Topeka, Kan.	Highland Park HS
27 Bryce Wood	2B	R-R	6-0	155	Fr-HS	Topeka, Kan.	Seaman HS
28 Kyle Cochran	3B/2B	R-R	5-10	180	Fr-HS	Topeka, Kan.	Washburn Rural HS
29 Luke Manners	1B	L-L	5-11	185	Jr-TR	Parsons, Kan.	Labette CC
30 Sam Keim	P	R-R	6-0	185	Fr-RS	Sabetha, Kan.	Sabetha HS
31 Keith Barkemeyer	P	R-R	6-1	185	So-1L	Topeka, Kan.	Hayden HS
32 Craig Cochran	OF	R-R	5-10	170	Fr-HS	Topeka, Kan.	Washburn Rural HS
34 Jeff LaCerte	P	R-R	6-1	190	So-1L	Topeka, Kan.	Seaman HS
35 Chris Atkins	IF/OF	R-R	6-2	175	Jr-TR	Berryton, Kan.	Cloud County CC
36 Jesse Schmidt	1B	R-R	6-6	200	Jr-2L	Topeka, Kan.	Shawnee Heights HS
37 Tyler Frazee	P	R-R	6-3	235	So-1L	Topeka, Kan.	Topeka West HS
44 Ian Hammons	P	L-L	6-4	240	So-HS	Wichita, Kan.	Wichita North HS
45 Shane Miles	OF/C	R-R	6-2	205	Fr-RS	Carbondale, Kan.	Univ. of Utah

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS	Juniors (9)	Sophomores (8)	Freshman (11)
Seniors (3)	3 Jerad Head	2 Jake Loveless	1 Joe Crane
18 Kenny Howard	7 . Michael Hammersmith	20 Randy Wild	4 A.J. Mallinckrodt
21 Nolan Deitrich	9 Jake Lenherr	27 Brian Martinek	11 Tyler Blankenship
24 Dustin Stos	14 Sam Sissom	31 Keith Barkemeyer	23 Matt Traxler
	15 Larry Froelich	34 Jeff LaCerte	25 Lindsey Prestia
	17 Josh Ray	37 Tyler Frazee	26 Chris Contee
	29 Luke Manners	44 Ian Hammons	27 Bryce Wood
	35 Chris Atkins	46 Brett Unrein	28 Kyle Cochran
	36 Jesse Schmidt		30 Sam Keim
			32 Craig Cochran
			45 Shane Miles

PRONUNCIATIONS	
Martinek -	LaCerte - (La - Cert)
(Marr-tin-eck)	Frazee- (Fray-z)
Deitrich - (Dee-trick)	Unrein (Un-Rine)
Barkemeyer	Prestia (Press-tee-uh)
(Bark-meyer)	

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