



WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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2008 All-WHAC Men's Basketball Teams Announced

Aquinas College's Pedja Lazic named Player of the Year

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – In a vote of the eight Conference coaches, AQUINAS junior forward **Pedja Lazic** (*Kentwood, Mich.*) has been named the 2007-08 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year, SIENA HEIGHTS center **Brian Champine** (*Temperance, Mich.*) has been named WHAC Newcomer of the Year, CORNERSTONE forward **Caleb Simons** (*Temperance, Mich.*) has been named WHAC Freshman of the Year and **Dave Hammer** of AQUINAS is the WHAC Coach of the Year, the league announced today.

The Complete Conference Honors:

ALL-WHAC FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Pedja Lazic	AQUINAS	F	Jr.	6-6	Kentwood, Mich. (Forest Hills Northern HS)
Matt Kingshott	CORNERSTONE	F	So.	6-5	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland West HS)
Brian Champine	SIENA HEIGHTS	C	Jr.	6-8	Temperance, Mich. (Bedford HS)
John Lierman	AQUINAS	G	So.	6-4	Holt, Mich. (Holt HS)
D.J. Bridges	Madonna	F	Sr.	6-3	Canton, Mich. (Canton HS)

Player of the Year: Pedja Lazic, AQUINAS

Coach of the Year: Dave Hammer, AQUINAS

ALL-WHAC SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Jon Battle	MADONNA	G	Sr.	6-2	Cleveland, Ohio (Indiana Tech)
Tim Browning	INDIANA TECH	F	Jr.	6-5	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park Academy)
Anthony Jones	INDIANA TECH	G	Sr.	6-4	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King HS)
Anthony Bates	CONCORDIA	G	Sr.	6-0	Detroit, Mich. (Finney HS)
John Travis	UM-DEARBORN	C	Sr.	6-3	Taylor, Mich. (Truman HS)

ALL-WHAC THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Charlie Henry	MADONNA	G	Sr.	5-9	Canton, Mich. (Agape Christian Academy)
Jordan Torres	AQUINAS	G	Jr.	6-1	Caledonia, Mich. (South Christian HS)
Nathan Cox	DAVENPORT	F	Fr.	6-6	Flushing, Mich. (Flushing HS)
Curtis Stephens	SIENA HEIGHTS	G	So.	6-0	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King HS)
Caleb Simons	CORNERSTONE	F	Fr.	6-5	Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Sacred Heart HS)
Marquis Turley	CONCORDIA	G	Fr.	6-0	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Catholic Central HS)

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ALL-WHAC DEFENSIVE TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Jeff Wierzbicki	AQUINAS	F	Sr.	6-2	Elk Rapids, Mich. (Grand Valley)
Brian Champine	SIENA HEIGHTS	C	Jr.	6-8	Temperance, Mich. (Bedford HS)
Jordan Torres	AQUINAS	G	Jr.	6-1	Caledonia, Mich. (South Christian HS)
Corbin Donaldson	CORNERSTONE	G	So.	5-11	Petosky, Mich. (Petosky HS)
Sai-Quan Griffith	DAVENPORT	G	So.	6-0	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Ottawa Hills HS)

ALL-WHAC NEWCOMER TEAM

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Brian Champine	SIENA HEIGHTS	C	Jr.	6-8	Temperance, Mich. (Bedford HS)
Anthony Jones	INDIANA TECH	G	Sr.	6-4	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King HS)
Caleb Simons	CORNERSTONE	F	Fr.	6-5	Mt. Pleasant, Mich. (Sacred Heart HS)
Nathan Cox	DAVENPORT	F	Fr.	6-6	Flushing, Mich. (Flushing HS)
Cedric Sims	MADONNA	G	Jr.	6-0	Canton, Mich. (Wayne State)

Newcomer of the Year: Brian Champine, SIENA HEIGHTS

Freshman of the Year: Caleb Simons, CORNERSTONE

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER TEAM *(players who display the NAIA's five core values)*

Name	School	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown (Last School)
Matt Kingshott	CORNERSTONE	C	So.	6-5	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland West HS)
Matt Barczak	DAVENPORT	G	Jr.	6-2	Byron Center, Mich. (Byron Center HS)
William Ashworth	SIENA HEIGHTS	F	Sr.	6-6	Detroit, Mich. (Southwestern HS)
Kyle Thoms	CONCORDIA	G	Sr.	6-3	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Concordia Lutheran HS)
Jeff Wierzbicki	AQUINAS	F	Sr.	6-2	Elk Rapids, Mich. (Grand Valley)
Scott Rutter	UM-DEARBORN	G	Sr.	6-4	Fraser, Mich. (Fraser HS)
Jeff Borchers	INDIANA TECH	C	Sr.	6-11	Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Catholic HS)
Drew Coker	MADONNA	G	Jr.	6-1	Whitmore Lake, Mich. (Whitmore Lake HS)

Coach of Character: Chuck Henry, MADONNA

ACADEMIC ALL-WHAC *(juniors & seniors with a 3.25 or higher cumulative grade point average)*

Name	School	Major	Hometown (Last School)
Jeff Wierzbicki	AQUINAS	Education	Elk Rapids, Mich. (Grand Valley)
Scott Spencer	CONCORDIA	Education	Armada, Mich. (Armada HS)
Matt Barczak	DAVENPORT	Accounting	Byron Center, Mich. (Byron Center HS)
Bryan Austin	INDIANA TECH	Communications	Columbus, Ohio (Hillard Darby HS)
Jeff Borchers	INDIANA TECH	Engineering	Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Catholic HS)
Jordan LeuVoy	INDIANA TECH	Business	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Bath HS)
Sadelle Moore	INDIANA TECH	Business	Eastpointe, Mich. (Southfield Lathrup HS)
Drew Coker	MADONNA	Dietetics	Whitmore Lake, Mich. (Whitmore Lake HS)
Charlie Henry	MADONNA	Journalism	Canton, Mich. (Agape Christian HS)
Chet Hesson	SIENA HEIGHTS	History	Monroe, Mich. (Monroe HS)
Stephen Dunn	SIENA HEIGHTS	Post Grad. Studies	Erie, Mich. (Erie Mason HS)
Matt Ponik	UM-DEARBORN	Business	Posen, Mich. (Alpena CC)
Scott Rutter	UM-DEARBORN	Finance	Fraser, Mich. (Fraser HS)
John Travis	UM-DEARBORN	Business	Taylor, Mich. (Truman HS)

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