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2008 All-Conference Softball Teams Announced

Crusaders, Warriors Headline All-WHAC Selections

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Madonna University and Indiana Institute of Technology accounted for eight of the 18 all-conference first team selections, with each team garnering four as the WHAC softball coaches selected the 2008 All-Conference teams Tuesday (April 29). The Crusaders - who won the 2008 WHAC Regular Season Championship - nabbed two out of three major postseason awards as freshman pitcher **Jess Irwin** was named the 2008 WHAC Pitcher of the Year and head coach **Al White** was named WHAC Coach of the Year. Junior outfielder **Ashley Aspinall** of Aquinas College was selected the 2008 WHAC Player of the Year.

Conference runner-up Aquinas notched three first-teamers as did Cornerstone University. Michigan-Dearborn saw a pair of player earn first team honors as did Siena Heights.

Irwin, the Crusaders' right-handed pitcher, overpowered hitters in her freshman campaign as she led the WHAC in wins (19), strikeouts (213) and ERA (1.20) and set numerous Madonna school records while tossing a pair of no-hitters this season. Irwin held opponents to a mere .170 batting average in 151.1 innings of work.

Aspinall was helped lead Aquinas to a second place conference finish, hitting .440 (44-for-100) on the season with 11 doubles, a triple and four home runs. Aspinall has also knocked in 38 runs with a .496 on-base percentage and made just one error in 35 chances in the field.

White wins his fourth WHAC Coach of the Year award for the Crusaders, who captured their sixth WHAC title this season. He led the Crusaders to a 20-4 conference record and has guided the squad to a 32-12-1 overall mark. Madonna currently holds the second spot in the NAIA Region VIII rankings and are the top seed in the WHAC Tournament as they vie for the top WHAC seed in next week's Region VIII Championship.

The WHAC coaches also named a player from each team as the Champions of Character representative, highlighted by Coach of Character **Robin Santiago** of Concordia. The WHAC Champions of Character team selections were; **Katie Faucher** (Aquinas), **Kristine Dolunt** (Concordia), **Jill Peterson** (Cornerstone), **Jessica Shaffer** (Indiana Tech), **Stephanie Miller** (UM-Dearborn), **Cat Sidor** (Madonna) and **Mariah Welke** (Siena Heights).

2008 WHAC Softball All-Conference First Team

PLAYER	POS.	YR.	TEAM	HOMETOWN
Jess Irwin	P	Fr.	Madonna	Monroe, MI
Ashley Aspinall	OF	Jr.	Aquinas	Freeport, MI
Jessica Williams	P/1B	So.	Indiana Tech	Seattle, WA
Emily Brown	SS	Jr.	Cornerstone	Zeeland, MI
Cat Sidor	1B	So.	Madonna	Livonia, MI
Taylor Janus	C	Fr.	UM-Dearborn	Taylor, MI
Courtney Miles	1B	Jr.	Aquinas	Grand Rapids, MI
Stephanie Miller	P/IF	Jr.	UM-Dearborn	Carleton, MI
Jenn Anderson	C	Fr.	Indiana Tech	St. Louis, MO
Tedi Johnston	SS	So.	Madonna	New Boston, MI
Mallory Harris	2B	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Greenfield, IN
Jessica Singletary	C	So.	Siena Heights	Warren, MI
Danielle Richardson	C	Jr.	Madonna	Flint, MI
Melanie Creager	UT	Fr.	Cornerstone	Grand Rapids, MI
Marnie Spitzley	SS	So.	Aquinas	Lansing, MI
Jessica Dood	C	Sr.	Cornerstone	Jenison, MI
Monique Crowe	OF	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Logansport, IN
Liz Harrison	3B	Sr.	Siena Heights	Clinton, MI

Honorable Mention

PLAYER	POS.	YR.	TEAM	HOMETOWN
Kristi Labinski	OF	Jr.	Aquinas	Grand Rapids, MI
Alyssa Fleser	P	So.	Aquinas	Haslett, MI
Laura Brabaw	P	Fr.	Concordia	Paris, MI
Katie Gallan	OF	Fr.	Concordia	LaSalle, MI
Leah Gruppen	P	Sr.	Cornerstone	Zeeland, MI
Mandee Michielsen	3B	So.	Cornerstone	Zeeland, MI
Brittany Miller	P/3B	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Spencerville, IN
Brittany Scero	2B	So.	Madonna	Canton, MI
Kady Cooper	IF/P	So.	UM-Dearborn	Garden City, MI
Mackenzie Irvine	IF	Fr.	UM-Dearborn	Rochester, MI
Julie Glowiak	IF/P	Jr.	UM-Dearborn	Bay City, MI
Tawny McSweeney	P	So.	Siena Heights	Chelsea, MI
Chelsea Slovinski	2B	Fr.	Siena Heights	Lincoln, MI
Mariah Welke	OF	So.	Siena Heights	Coldwater, MI

Academic All-WHAC

PLAYER	MAJOR
Ashley Aspinall (Aquinas)	Athletic Training
Kristi Labinski (Aquinas)	Accounting
Mallory Schrauben (Aquinas)	Business Admin./Communication
Terra Donovan (Concordia)	Criminal Justice
Leah Gruppen (Cornerstone)	Physical Education
Allison Glover (Indiana Tech)	Public Relations/Advertising
Mallory Harris (Indiana Tech)	Business Management
Brittany Miller (Indiana Tech)	Psychology
Liz Ballinger (Madonna)	Mathematics
Christina Finch (Madonna)	Psychology
Tedi Johnston (Madonna)	Education
Mary Kate Setta (Madonna)	English
Stephanie Miller (UM-Dearborn)	Special Education/Biology
Sarah Beaubien (Siena Heights)	English Communications
Tina DePew (Siena Heights)	Child Development
Ashley Wrobel (Siena Heights)	Sport Management/Psychology