



WOLVERINE-HOOSIER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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2008 All-Conference Baseball Teams Announced

Regular Season Champion Crusaders Place Six on First Team

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -- Regular season champion Madonna University accounted for six of the 17 all-conference first team selections as the WHAC baseball coaches selected the 2008 All-Conference teams Wednesday (April 30). The Crusaders - who won their third WHAC Championship in the last four seasons - nabbed three out of four major postseason awards as senior pitcher **Will Kennedy** was named the 2008 WHAC Pitcher of the Year and head coach **Greg Haeger** was named WHAC Coach of the Year. Concordia University senior outfielder **Alex Hoover** and MU junior first baseman **Kevin Zerbo** were selected the 2008 WHAC Co-Player of the Year.

Conference runner-up Indiana Tech notched four first-teamers while third place finisher Concordia tallied three as did Aquinas College. Siena Heights rounded out the group with one first team honoree.

Kennedy, the Crusaders' right-handed pitcher, posted a 6-2 record and a league-leading 1.97 ERA in his final collegiate campaign. His 65 strikeouts was also a conference best as he help opponents to a .202 batting average in just over 59 innings of work. Kennedy also became Madonna's career strikeout record holder, becoming the first MU player to reach 200 for his career.

Hoover and Zerbo both posted impressive seasons for their clubs en route to co-MVP honors. Hoover made his mark on the Concordia record books becoming one of their most prolific offensive threats in school history. This season alone, Hoover led the WHAC with a .439 average while hitting three home runs and driving in 45 runs.

Zerbo hit .386 with a league-leading seven home runs, 11 doubles and WHAC best .689 slugging percentage in the heart of the WHAC championship line up.

Haeger wins his third WHAC Coach of the Year award in the last four seasons after guiding the squad to a 19-5 conference record and a 33-12 overall mark. Madonna, currently ranked 25th in the NAIA national coaches poll, holds the second spot in the NAIA Region VIII rankings and is 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 **John Kolasinski** of Siena Heights. The WHAC Champions of Character team selections were; **Todd Peters** (Aquinas), **Caleb Case** (Concordia), **Shawn Placie** (Indiana Tech), **John McCracken** (Madonna) and **Colin Fricke** (Siena Heights).

2008 WHAC Softball All-Conference First Team

PLAYER	POS.	YR.	TEAM	HOMETOWN
Kevin Zerbo	1B	Jr.	Madonna	Farmington, MI
Aaron Hacias	2B	Jr.	Concordia	Sterling Heights, MI
Patrick Kenny	3B	Sr.	Madonna	Utica, MI
Levi Cheshire	SS	Sr.	Madonna	Troy, MI
Shane Tirey	IF	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Bellbrook, OH
Will Richards	C	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Toronto, Ontario
Drew Oosterhouse	C	Sr.	Aquinas	Grand Rapids, MI
Corey Gross	DH	Jr.	Aquinas	Mount Pleasant, MI
Alex Hoover	OF	Sr.	Concordia	Shelbyville, MI
Dan Cody	OF	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Davis, CA
Mike Sepesy	OF	Sr.	Siena Heights	Ida, MI
Steve Weigle	OF	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Naples, FL
Will Kennedy	P	Sr.	Madonna	Westland, MI
Michael Giddings	P	Sr.	Aquinas	Muskegon, MI
Justin Gauthier	P	Sr.	Concordia	Muskegon, MI
Eric Wendling	P	Sr.	Madonna	New Lothrop, MI
John McCracken	RP	Sr.	Madonna	Pinckney, MI

Player of the Year: Alex Hoover (Concordia)/Kevin Zerbo (Madonna)

Pitcher of the Year: Will Kennedy (Madonna)

Coach of the Year: Greg Haeger (Madonna)

Honorable Mention

PLAYER	POS.	YR.	TEAM	HOMETOWN
Tony Pounders	SS	So.	Concordia	Livonia, MI
Ben Sprague	3B	Jr.	Concordia	DeWitt, MI
Nate Pepper	OF	Sr.	Siena Heights	Michigan Center, MI
Brent Cork	IF	So.	Siena Heights	Saginaw, MI
Aaron Gowell	IF	Sr.	Aquinas	Shelby, MI
Kennen Less	OF	Fr.	Aquinas	Rockford, MI
Brent Serba	OF	Jr.	Aquinas	Grand Rapids, MI
Tim Stoddard	1B	Jr.	Siena Heights	Monroe, MI
Ryan Morrow	2B	Jr.	Madonna	Taylor, MI
John Paul Akers	RP	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Naples, FL
Alex Maynard	P	So.	Siena Heights	Southgate, MI
Kris Begley	P	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Somerset, KY
Dan Collar	P	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Hortonville, WI
Drew Linder	P	Sr.	Concordia	Bellevue, OH
Brent McNeil	P	So.	Concordia	Springboro, OH
Brad Roettger	P	Fr.	Concordia	Sterling Heights, MI
Carl McDevitt	P	Sr.	Madonna	Canton, MI
Richard Lindquist	P	Sr.	Madonna	Tecumseh, Ontario

WHAC Gold Glove Award Winners

PLAYER	POS.	YR.	TEAM	HOMETOWN
Johnny Crane	C	Jr.	Indiana Tech	Flushing, Mich.
Shawn Placie	1B	Sr.	Indiana Tech	Crydersville, Ohio
Ryan Morrow	2B	Jr.	Madonna	Taylor, Mich.
Tony Pounders	SS	So.	Concordia	Livonia, Mich.
Patrick Kenny	3B	Sr.	Madonna	Utica, Mich.
Mark Pauwels	LF	So.	Siena Heights	Algonac, Mich.
Mike Sepesy	CF	Sr.	Siena Heights	Ida, Mich.
Brent Serba	RF	Jr.	Aquinas	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Michael Giddings	P	Sr.	Aquinas	Muskegon, Mich.

Academic All-WHAC

PLAYER	SCHOOL	YR.	MAJOR
Chris Atkin	Aquinas	Jr.	Psychology
Will Eberle	Aquinas	Jr.	Political Science/History/English
Earl Clover	Aquinas	Jr.	Secondary Education
Dan Salvati	Aquinas	Jr.	Business Administration
Michael Giddings	Aquinas	Sr.	Education
Brandon Marrs	Aquinas	Sr.	Business Admin./Marketing
Todd Peters	Aquinas	Sr.	Business Communications
Kevin Scholten	Aquinas	Sr.	Business Admin./Accounting
Zach Johnston	Concordia	Jr.	Pre-Law/Communications
Ben Sprague	Concordia	Jr.	Business
Caleb Case	Concordia	Sr.	Education
Tyler Maxey	Concordia	Jr.	Criminal Justice
Cory Loubier	Indiana Tech	Jr.	Criminal Justice
Jason Ferens	Indiana Tech	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering
Steve Dowding	Indiana Tech	Jr.	Marketing
Josh Pheils	Indiana Tech	Jr.	Business Management
Jeremy Sheeks	Indiana Tech	Jr.	Criminal Justice
Elijah Chee	Indiana Tech	Jr.	Business Management
Ryan Bardoni	Madonna	Sr.	Criminal Justice
Mike Cauzillo	Madonna	Sr.	Graphic Design
Richard Hammer	Madonna	Jr.	Sport Management
John McCracken	Madonna	Sr.	Psychology
Conner Brady	Siena Heights	Jr.	Education
David Fraser	Siena Heights	Jr.	Criminal Justice
Kevin Harrington	Siena Heights	Jr.	Criminal Justice
Steve Campbell	Siena Heights	Sr.	Criminal Justice
Colin Fricke	Siena Heights	Sr.	Mathematics
Nelson Holliday	Siena Heights	Jr.	Education