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# All-Conference Men's Soccer Teams

## *Cornerstone's Skilling Named WHAC Player of the Year*

**Grand Rapids, MI --** After helping lead his team to their second ever WHAC regular season men's soccer championship, Cornerstone University senior mid-fielder **Tom Skilling** has been named WHAC men's soccer Player-of-the-Year by conference coaches. Skilling scored eight goals on the year and was second in the league in points and assists.

In all, Cornerstone has two players selected to the WHAC first team while runner-up Madonna also boasts a pair of selections in seniors **Darrel Quinn** and **Pat Griffin**.

Third place finisher Siena Heights boasted the most first-team selections with three. **Matt Konopinski**, **Aaron Chmiel** and **Jason Blickensdorf** who was named the first team goalkeeper.

Golden Eagle head coach **Mark Bell** was named the conference Coach of the Year after guiding his team to the league title and an 8-1-3 record in conference play, Bell's squad is the top-seed heading into the league tournament this week.

Aquinas College coach Joe Veal was recognized by his peers as the WHAC Coach of Character. In the first season of the award, it is presented to the coach who best exemplifies the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character Initiative; respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

For more information, visit the WHAC website at [www.whac.net](http://www.whac.net).

### 2006 All-WHAC Men's Soccer 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Tom Skilling	Cornerstone	MF	Sr.	Rockford, MI
Pat Griffin	Madonna	F	Sr.	Redford, MI
Matt Konopinski	Siena Heights	MF	Sr.	Farmington Hills, MI
Chris Graham	Aquinas	MF	Sr.	Everett, Ontario
Doug Smelker	Indiana Tech	MF	Sr.	Delaware, OH
Aaron Chmiel	Siena Heights	D	Sr.	Fraser, MI
Tony Deakin	Davenport	D	So.	Manchester, Eng.
David Juzwiak	Aquinas	D	Sr.	Kalamazoo, MI
Patrick Wilson	Cornerstone	D	Jr.	Mississauga, ON
Darrel Quinn	Madonna	D	Jr.	Fowlerville, MI
Jason Blickensdorf	Siena Heights	GK	Sr.	Madison Hts., MI

**Player of the Year:** Tom Skilling, Cornerstone

**Newcomer of the Year:** Chike Taylor Phillips, Cornerstone

**Coach of the Year:** Mark Bell, Cornerstone

### 2006 All-WHAC Men's Soccer 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Name	School	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown
Erich Jackson	Aquinas	F	So.	Petoskey, MI
Elfid Kovacevic	Davenport	MF	So.	Kentwood, MI
Ryan Emerson	Siena Heights	MF	Jr.	Holland, MI
Joe Ventimiglia	Concordia	MF	Jr.	Macomb, MI
Jarod Wolf	Indiana Tech	MF	Jr.	Jasper, IN
Doron Draï	Madonna	MF	So.	Kfar-Yona, Israel
Jeremy Romer	Siena Heights	D	Jr.	Canton, MI
Trevor Sutton	Concordia	D	Jr.	Commerce, MI
Juha Pahkala	Davenport	D	Sr.	Caledonia, MI
Trevor Christie	Cornerstone	MF	Jr.	Traverse City, MI
Brent Grube	Cornerstone	GK	Jr.	Hudsonville, MI

\* All-Academic and Champions of Character team selections on next page.

## 2006 Men's Soccer Champions of Character Team

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Matt Konopinski	Siena Heights
Josh Birdsall	Davenport
Doug Smelker	Indiana Tech
Chris Smith	Aquinas
Trevor Christie	Cornerstone
Darrel Quinn	Madonna

**Coach of Character:** Joe Veal, Aquinas

## 2006 Men's Soccer Academic All-Conference

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Academic Major</b>
Goran Guzina	Aquinas	Jr.	Accounting/German
Chris Roof	Aquinas	Sr.	History/Political Science
Trevor Christie	Cornerstone	Jr.	Business/Marketing
Tom Skilling	Cornerstone	Sr.	Divinity
Juha Pahkala	Davenport	Sr.	Accounting
Carl Whitehouse	Davenport	Sr.	Management
Josh Anderson	Indiana Tech	Jr.	--
Shaun Ryan	Indiana Tech	Jr.	--
Jarod Wolf	Indiana Tech	Jr.	--
Darrel Quinn	Madonna	Jr.	International Business
Jason Blickensdorf	Siena Heights	Sr.	Criminal Justice
Matt Konopinski	Siena Heights	Sr.	Art/Graphic Design
Jeremy Romer	Siena Heights	Jr.	Philosophy