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Marion, IN - - The 2006 NAIA All-Region VIII softball team was announced today at the conclusion of the Region Championship hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University.

Indiana Wesleyan's Britney Froedge (*Crawfordsville, IN*) was named the Player of the Year while Bethel College junior Somer Stiley (*Zion, IL*) earned Pitcher of the Year honors.

Region VIII champion Cornerstone University was represented by a pair of players in sophomore pitcher Leah Gruppen (*Zeeland, MI*) and senior DP Emily Knudson (*Granger, IN*).

Region runner-up Madonna University placed a pair of players as well in senior pitcher Erin Brockert (*Dayton, OH*) and sophomore outfielder Heather Richardson (*Canton, MI*).

Region champion Cornerstone advances to the NAIA National Championship Tournament in Decatur, Alabama, May 19-24, 2006.

2006 NAIA All-Region Softball

Britney Froedge	Indiana Wesleyan	Sr.	SS
Somer Stiley	Bethel	Jr.	P
Tarin Foster	Aquinas	Sr.	UT
Erin Brockert	Madonna	Sr.	UT
Britney Benecker	Bethel	Jr.	SS
A'ana Washington	Indiana Tech	Sr.	OF
Hillary Meals	Indiana Wesleyan	Jr.	UT
Leah Gruppen	Cornerstone	So.	P
Ali White	Marian	Jr.	OF
Emily Knudson	Cornerstone	Sr.	DP
Julie Thomas	Siena Heights	Jr.	OF
Janna Klassen	Spring Arbor	Jr.	DP
Christy Church	Indiana Wesleyan	So.	OF
Kristen Jager	Aquinas	Sr.	SS
Laura Keech	Bethel	Fr.	OF
Heather Richardson	Madonna	So.	OF
Kerrie Schlucecker	Marian	Jr.	SS
McCall Kleinfelt	Aquinas	Jr.	1B

2006 Player of the Year: Britney Froedge, IWU
2006 Pitcher of the Year: Somer Stiley, Bethel

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