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## **Michigan Tech's Josh Buettner Earns Second Straight GLIAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year Award**

**BAY CITY, Mich. --** Senior forward **Josh Buettner** of Michigan Tech University has been selected as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. Rookie center **Callistus Eziukwu** of Grand Valley State University was chosen as Freshman of the Year. University of Findlay head coach **Ron Niekamp** earned his second GLIAC Coach of the Year award. All three were selected by the GLIAC men's basketball coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting.

**Buettner** became one of only three 2,000-point scorers in Michigan Tech history last Thursday in a victory over Grand Valley State. In his career, he has racked up 668 rebounds, 225 assists and 95 blocks to go with 2,032 points. As a junior, he was named GLIAC Player of the Year, Daktronics All-America First Team, NABC All-American, and Division II Bulletin All-American Third Team. In addition, he was selected to the All-GLIAC North Division First Team and GLIAC All-Academic Team while earning the Ken Hamar Award as Team MVP after a season in which he scored 668 points, just seven shy of the Michigan Tech record.

A Shawano, Wisconsin native, **Buettner** currently ranks first in the GLIAC in scoring (19.9 points per game) and is in the top 10 in rebounding, field goal percentage and free throw percentage.

**Eziukwu** averaged 13.7 points, 8.1 rebounds and 4.07 blocked shots per game and was named GLIAC North Division Player of the Week three times this season. In addition, **Eziukwu** set GLIAC single-season records for shooting percentage (74.6) and blocked shots (69), while also establishing a single-game mark with 13 blocked shots at Ferris State. His 114 blocked shots on the year tied current Detroit Piston center Ben Wallace for 14th on the all-time NCAA DII single-season list. **Callistus** recorded nine double-doubles and the Lakers' first-ever triple double with 25 points, 12 rebounds and 13 blocked shots. **Eziukwu** concluded his freshman year leading the nation in field goal percentage (73.7) by making 157-of-213 shots from the floor.

**Niekamp** has now guided the Oilers to 20 straight winning seasons which includes 14, 20-win campaigns. His teams are 242-45 at home and have averaged 21 wins per season during his career. He has a 6-3 record in the GLIAC Tournament and a 4-3 record in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional. Last season, **Niekamp** earned his first GLIAC Tournament championship after defeating Michigan Tech in Croy Gymnasium. **Niekamp** was also recognized during the 2002-03 season as the GLIAC Coach of the Year.

Joining **Buettner** and **Eziukwu** on the All-GLIAC North Division First Team are: Ferris State University senior guard **Carlton Epps**; Northern Michigan University sophomore forward **Ricky Volcy**; and Michigan Tech senior guard **Jason Marcotte**.

The All-GLIAC South Division First Team includes: Findlay junior guard **Dustin Pfeifer**, sophomore center **Chris Commons**, and senior guard **Tyson McGlaughlin**; Wayne State University senior guard **Morris Hall**; and Gannon University junior center **Geoff Husted**.

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# Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

## 2004-05 Men's Basketball All-Conference Teams and Postseason Awards

**Player of the Year:** Josh Buettner - Michigan Tech University (Sr., F, Shawano, Wis.)

**Freshman of the Year:** Callistus Eziukwu - Grand Valley State University (Fr., C, Muskegon, Mich.)

**Coach of the Year:** Ron Niekamp - University of Findlay

### GLIAC North Division All-Conference First Team

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>School</u>                 | <u>Year</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown/High School</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Josh Buettner     | Michigan Tech University      | Sr.         | F           | Shawano, Wis.               |
| Callistus Eziukwu | Grand Valley State University | Fr.         | C           | Muskegon, Mich.             |
| Carlton Epps      | Ferris State University       | Sr.         | G           | Benton Harbor, Mich.        |
| Jason Marcotte    | Michigan Tech University      | Sr.         | G           | Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood   |
| Ricky Volcy       | Northern Michigan University  | So.         | F.          | Montreal, Quebec            |

### GLIAC South Division All-Conference First Team

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>School</u>          | <u>Year</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown/High School</u>   |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Chris Commons    | University of Findlay  | So.         | C           | Toledo, Ohio/Central Catholic |
| Geoff Husted     | Gannon University      | Sr.         | C           | Canton, Ohio/Massillon Perry  |
| Morris Hall      | Wayne State University | Sr.         | G           | Detroit, Mich./Henry Ford     |
| Tyson McGlughlin | University of Findlay  | Sr.         | G           | Ottawa, Ohio/Ottawa-Glandorf  |
| Dustin Pfeifer   | University of Findlay  | Jr.         | G           | Washington Court House, Ohio  |

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|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Jim Clement    | Lake Superior State University  | Sr.         | F           | St. Ignace, Mich.           |
| Scott Jamison  | Lake Superior State University  | Sr.         | F           | Port Huron, Mich./Northern  |
| Anthony Parker | Saginaw Valley State University | Sr.         | F           | Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores |
| Dennis Springs | Ferris State University         | Jr.         | G           | Toledo, Ohio/Scott          |
| Marco Volcy    | Northern Michigan University    | Jr.         | F           | Montreal, Quebec            |

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|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Justin Brown  | Ashland University | Jr.         | C           | Columbus, Ohio/Bishop Ready |
| Cory Coe      | Hillsdale College  | Jr.         | G           | Williamston, Mich.          |
| Tim Homan     | Hillsdale College  | Fr.         | F           | Celina, Ohio                |
| Matt Jones    | Gannon University  | Sr.         | G           | Erie, Pa./East              |
| Shelby Chaney | Gannon University  | So.         | F           | Warren, Ohio/Harding        |

### GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>School</u>                 | <u>Year</u> | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>Hometown/High School</u>        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| Carlton Epps      | Ferris State University       | Sr.         | G           | Benton Harbor, Mich.               |
| Callistus Eziukwu | Grand Valley State University | Fr.         | C           | Muskegon, Mich.                    |
| Jason Marcotte    | Michigan Tech University      | Sr.         | G           | Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood          |
| Radayl Richardson | Michigan Tech University      | So.         | G           | Detroit, Mich./St. Martin DePorres |
| Dennis Springs    | Ferris State University       | Jr.         | G           | Toledo, Ohio/Scott                 |

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| Justin Brown   | Ashland University     | Jr.         | C           | Columbus, Ohio/Bishop Ready  |
| Darrell Evans  | Wayne State University | Sr.         | G           | Detroit, Mich./Redford       |
| Matt Metzger   | University of Findlay  | Sr.         | G           | Fort Jennings, Ohio          |
| Dustin Pfeifer | University of Findlay  | Jr.         | G           | Washington Court House, Ohio |
| Joe Rivera     | Gannon University      | Sr.         | G           | Erie, Pa./Strong Vincent     |