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## **Michigan Tech's Andrea Novak Named 2003-04 GLIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year**

**BAY CITY, Mich. --** Senior forward **Andrea Novak** of Michigan Tech University has been selected as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's basketball Player of the Year. Rookie guard **Amber Rall** of Ashland University was chosen as Freshman of the Year. Coach of the Year honors went to Ferris State University head coach **Tracey Fisk**. All three were selected by the GLIAC women's basketball coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting.

**Novak** earned her third selection to the All-GLIAC North Division First Team this year after averaging 19.0 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. She ranked third in the GLIAC in scoring and fourth in free throw percentage (85.1), helping the Huskies to their record 14th consecutive league tournament appearance. The 6-0 senior forward sits in second on MTU's all-time scoring chart with 1,710 career points. Novak, a native of Brown Deer, Wis., is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection with a 3.53 grade point average in biological sciences.

**Rall** has thrived coming off the bench for the Eagles this season. Even though she hasn't started a game, Rall is the Ashland's leading scorer, averaging 13.7 points per game. Over the last two weeks she's averaged 19.5 points per game, leading the Eagles to the GLIAC South Division championship and a fifth-place ranking in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region poll. The rookie guard is eighth in the GLIAC in field goal percentage (.543) and 12th in scoring. A native of Bucyrus, Ohio, Rall is fourth on the team in steals (29).

**Fisk**, in her sixth-year at Ferris State, guided the Bulldogs to their fifth consecutive GLIAC Tournament appearance this season. In addition, Ferris' 14 league victories this campaign are its most since the 1999-00 squad claimed the school's only league championship with a 16-3 record in Fisk's second season at the helm. She presently ranks as Ferris' all-time winningest coach with a current 104-59 (.638) career record. A 1996 graduate of Western Michigan, Fisk also helped Ferris State to a 22-7 mark and the school's first NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional Tournament appearance in 1999-00. Under Fisk, the Bulldogs have ranked among the nation's top 25 academic teams four consecutive seasons and recorded the nation's highest grade point average in 1999-00.

Joining Novak on the All-GLIAC North Division First Team are: Ferris State senior guard **Lucy DeMartin** and sophomore guard **Erin Miller**; Northern Michigan University junior guard **Tiffany Grubaugh**; and Lake Superior State University junior guard **Randi Johnson**.

The All-GLIAC South Division First Team includes: Wayne State University senior guards **Ebony Vincent** and **Jodi Young**; Ashland senior forward **Alanna Buurma**; Gannon University junior guard **Jen Gwin**; and University of Findlay senior center **Zsofia Horvath**.

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**Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference  
2003-04 Women's Basketball All-Conference Teams and Postseason Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Andrea Novak - Michigan Tech University (Sr., F, Brown Deer, Wis./Divine Savior)

**Freshman of the Year:** Amber Rall - Ashland University (Fr., G, Bucyrus, Ohio/Wynford)

**Coach of the Year:** Tracey Fisk - Ferris State University

**GLIAC North Division All-Conference First Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Lucy DeMartin	Ferris State University	Sr.	G	Mason, Mich.
Tiffany Grubaugh	Northern Michigan University	Jr.	G	Canton, Mich./Plymouth Salem
Randi Johnson	Lake Superior State University	Jr.	G	St. Ignace, Mich.
Erin Miller	Ferris State University	So.	G	Niles, Mich.
Andrea Novak	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	F	Brown Deer, Wis./Divine Savior

**GLIAC South Division All-Conference First Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Alanna Buurma	Ashland University	Sr.	F	Willard, Ohio
Jen Gwin	Gannon University	Jr.	PG	Marietta, Ohio
Zsofia Horvath	University of Findlay	Sr.	C	Budapest, Hungary
Ebony Vincent	Wayne State University	Sr.	PG	Oak Park, Mich./Royal Oak Shrine
Jodi Young	Wayne State University	Sr.	G	Flushing, Mich.

**GLIAC North Division All-Conference Second Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jennifer Brogger	Saginaw Valley State University	Sr.	G	Harbor Springs, Mich.
Allyson Conaway	Lake Superior State University	Sr.	F	Esanaba, Mich.
Emily Samuelson	Northern Michigan University	Sr.	G	Reed City, Mich.
Maria Schneider	Michigan Tech University	So.	G	Kaukauna, Wis.
Julie Zeff	Grand Valley State University	Sr.	C	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central

**GLIAC South Division All-Conference Second Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Isolina Brescia	Ashland University	Sr.	G	Lima, Peru/Sir Isaac Newton
Cassie Seth	Mercyhurst College	So.	G	Waterford, Pa./Ft. LeBoeuf
Emily Thornbury	Gannon University	Jr.	F	Trumbull, Conn./Bunnell
Michelle Vorst	University of Findlay	So.	G	Ottoville, Ohio
Nikki Wustman	Hillsdale College	Fr.	F	Grandville, Mich./Calvin Christian

**GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Sarah Duesing	Ferris State University	Jr.	F	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area
Randi Johnson	Lake Superior State University	Jr.	G	St. Ignace, Mich.
Randi Miller	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	F	Hudson, Wis.
Emily Samuelson	Northern Michigan University	Sr.	G	Reed City, Mich.
Julie Zeff	Grand Valley State University	Sr.	C	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central

**GLIAC South Division All-Defensive Team**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jen Gwin	Gannon University	Jr.	PG	Marietta, Ohio
Zsofia Horvath	University of Findlay	Sr.	C	Budapest, Hungary
Jackie Mason	Ashland University	Jr.	F	Olmsted Falls, Ohio
Ebony Vincent	Wayne State University	Sr.	PG	Oak Park, Mich./Royal Oak Shrine
Jennifer Winwright	University of Findlay	So.	G	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mother of Mercy