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Michigan Tech's Mettlach Named 2004 GLIAC Football Player of the Year

2004 GLIAC Football Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Dan Mettlach, Michigan Tech University

Freshman of the Year: Demonte Collins, Grand Valley State University

Offensive Back of the Year: Lee Marana, Michigan Tech University

Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year: Joe Berger, Michigan Tech Univ./Todd Herremans, Saginaw Valley State Univ.

Co-Defensive Back of the Year: Martell Foster, Northwood University/Lucius Hawkins, Grand Valley State University

Defensive Lineman of the Year: Keyonta Marshall, Grand Valley State University

Coach of the Year: Bernie Anderson, Michigan Tech University

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Michigan Tech University senior quarterback **Dan Mettlach** (Gwinn, Mich.) was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Football "Player of the Year" in balloting conducted by the league's head coaches. Grand Valley State University receiver **Demonte Collins** (Muskegon, Mich.) was voted "Freshman of the Year" while Michigan Tech's **Bernie Anderson** garnered "Coach of the Year" honors.

The rest of the GLIAC's postseason awards were chosen as follows: sophomore runningback **Lee Marana** (Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood) of Michigan Tech was named "Offensive Back of the Year;" senior defensive back **Martell Foster** (River Rouge, Mich.) of Northwood University and senior linebacker **Lucius Hawkins** (Inkster, Mich.) of Grand Valley State earned "Co-Defensive Back of the Year" honors; **Joe Berger** (Newaygo, Mich.) of Michigan Tech and **Todd Herremans** (Ravenna, Mich.) of Saginaw Valley State University were named "Offensive Lineman of the Year;" while senior **Keyonta Marshall** (Saginaw, Mich.) of Grand Valley State earned his third straight "Defensive Lineman of the Year" title.

Mettlach efficiently guided Michigan Tech's high-powered offense, which ranked in the nation's top 10 in scoring, rushing and total offense all season. The senior quarterback threw 16 touchdowns with just six interceptions on the season and took fewer sacks than any starter in the league. He completed 102-of-196 passing attempts for 1,683 yards and accounted for 302 rushing yards and five touchdowns on the ground this season. Mettlach is MTU's school record holder with 50 career touchdown passes. A 30-game starter for the Huskies, Mettlach owns a pass efficiency rating of 145.0 ranking him 15th in the nation.

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Collins set GVSU freshman records for receptions (61), yards (832) and consecutive games with a touch-down reception (10) en route to being named GLIAC Freshman of the Year. In addition, Collins set the GVSU single-game receptions record with 13 catches for 217 yards and three scores.

Anderson guided Michigan Tech to its first-ever GLIAC Championship in 2004. The league's longest-tenured coach in his 18th season, Anderson took a program that was eliminated due to budget cuts in March of 2003 and resurrected it to its highest level in 82 years of existence. The Huskies will not only play their first-ever NCAA Playoff game on November 20, but also have the region's top seeding and home field advantage.

Marana rushed for 1,484 yards and tallied 21 touchdowns this season, ranking third in NCAA Division II in scoring (12.6 points per game) and 10th in rushing (148.4 yards per game). He was named National Offensive Player of the Week twice in 2004 and is one of 26 finalists for the Harlon Hill Award. Marana broke MTU's single-season rushing record in his ninth game of the season and owns 2,369 career yards in just 19 games.

Berger, the 2003 GLIAC Offensive Lineman of the Year, is the leader and team captain for the Huskies offense that ranks sixth among Division II teams in rushing offense (288.7 yards per game) and eighth in both scoring offense (39.3 points per game) and total offense (468.4 yards per game). He is a two-time All-GLIAC first team selection and was named to the CoSIDA Academic all-district team in 2003.

Herremans was a four-year letterman and a three-year starter for the Cardinals having started 29 career games, including 21 straight contests to end his career. He started at left tackle in all 10 games this season and anchored an offense that ranked 25th nationally in total offense at 423.1 yards per game. He was a key member of an offensive line that allowed 15 sacks in 10 games and personally allowed just one sack all year. Herremans was named First Team All-Region by D2Football.com in 2003 and was also a First Team All-GLIAC selection last year. He was a member of the 2004 senior class that posted a 40-8 record in four years.

Foster ranked as the GLIAC leader in both passes defended (19 – 1.73 per game) and interceptions (7 – 0.64 per game) this season. He ranked among national leaders in both categories as well, placing sixth in interceptions and ninth in passes defended. During a two week stretch against Grand Valley and Ferris State, Foster picked off five passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns. Foster finished with 36 tackles (29 solo) from the cornerback position and was the leader of a pass defense that ranks 25th in the nation in pass efficiency (98.0).

Hawkins was the complete defensive player for Grand Valley State en route to being named the GLIAC Defensive Back of the Year. Hawkins notched 57 total tackles (26 solo/31 assists), seven tackles for loss (-30), five interceptions, seven pass deflections and a QB sack. Hawkins, a two-time All-GLIAC performer, ranks third in all-time interceptions (11) at GVSU and has 204 career tackles.

Marshall was named the GLIAC Defensive Lineman of the Year for the third straight year. Marshall is the first-ever GLIAC player to earn Player of the Year honors at his position for three straight years. Marshall, a three-time First-Team All-GLIAC defensive lineman, tallied 49 total tackles (23 solo/26 assisted), a team-high 20 tackles for loss (-59) and 5.0 QB sacks (-27). A two-time All-American, Marshall has 60 tackles for loss and 23 QB sacks during his career.

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2004 GLIAC All-Conference Football Teams

First-Team Offense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Dan Mettlach	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Gwinn, Mich.
RB	Daryl Graham	Michigan Tech	Fr.	Detroit, Mich./St. Martin De Porres
RB	Lee Marana	Michigan Tech	So.	Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood
RB	Michael Simpson	Findlay	So.	Lima, Ohio
H-Back	Keith Recker	Hillsdale	Jr.	Delphos, Ohio/St. John's
WR	Carlton Brewster	Ferris State	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Creston
WR	Demonte Collins	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Muskegon, Mich.
WR	Brandon Langston	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Northville, Mich.
WR	Vincent Mayfield	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood
OL	Mike Anderson	Northwood	Sr.	Flint, Mich./Kearsley
OL	Joe Berger	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Newaygo, Mich.
OL	Mike Brewster	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Port Washington, Wis.
OL	Nick Degg	Northwood	Jr.	Pinconning, Mich.
OL	Todd Herremans	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Ravenna, Mich.
OL	Troy Tinsley	Indianapolis	Sr.	Noblesville, Ind.
PK	Scott Greene	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Hartland, Mich.
Spec.	Brandon Langston	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Northville, Mich.

First-Team Defense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Neil Baumgartner	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Iron River, Mich./West Iron County
DL	Whitney Bell	Ferris State	Sr.	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area
DL	Brian Lepley	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel
DL	Keyonta Marshall	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich.
DL	Chris Wilson	Northwood	Sr.	Flint, Mich./Northern
LB	Devin Conwell	Ashland	Jr.	Baltimore, Md./Montgomery C.C.
LB	John DiGiorgio	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Shelby Twp., Mich./Utica Eisenhower
LB	Lucius Hawkins	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Inkster, Mich.
LB	Kevin Myers	Ferris State	Sr.	Midland, Mich.
LB	Bruce Renner	Indianapolis	Jr.	Delphos, Ohio/Jefferson
DB	Andy Bonk	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Sussex, Wis./Marquette
DB	DeJuane Boone	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Detroit, Mich./Northern
DB	Martell Foster	Northwood	Sr.	River Rouge, Mich.
DB	Harry Garland	Findlay	Sr.	Zanesville, Ohio
DB	Corey Gonzales	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Auburn Hills, Mich./Avondale
P	Jim Schuler	Mercyhurst	Sr.	New Middleton, Ohio/Springfield Local

2004 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team

Ashland: Antwan Hart (Sr./RB), Chris Campbell (Sr./LB), Allen Lattimore (So./LB), Brian Mong (Jr./TE), Aaron O'Reiley (Sr./FS); **Ferris State:** Jesse Schnitker (Sr./DL), Mike Klobucher (So./LB), Rob Mida (Sr./LB), Jim Skodak (Jr./DB), Andy Thwaites (Sr./WR); **Findlay:** Dale Everman (Sr./DT), Melvyn Griffin (Jr./CB), Jeremy Cole (Sr./LB), Nick Notario (So./LB), Matt Berger (Jr./TE); **Ganon:** Darmel Whitfield (Sr./QB), Joe Dipre (So./LB), Mitchell Hanlon (Sr./DE), Ronald Bailey (Jr./RB), Jason Sibley (So./OL); **Grand Valley State:** Marcus Spencer (Sr./DE), Aaron Hein (Sr./DE), Derrick Phillips (Sr./DB), Mike McFadden (So./DT), Brandon Barnes (Fr./OT), **Hillsdale:** Andrew Daugherty (Jr./DL), Phil Martin (So./RB), Ike Dougherty (Jr./OL), Mitch May (Jr./DB), Matt Britton (Jr./LB). (Continued on page 4)

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Second-Team Offense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Mark Radlinski	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central
RB	Justin Adams	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Youngstown, Ohio/Ursuline
RB	Chris Gruse	Northwood	Jr.	Taylor, Mich./Wyandotte Mt. Carmel
RB	Andrew Terry	Ferris State	Sr.	East Kentwood, Mich./Grand Rapids Creston
H-Back	Willie Johnson	Northwood	Sr.	Ypsilanti, Mich./Belleville
WR	Sam Culberth	Gannon	Jr.	Tampa, Fla./Chamberlain
WR	Kirk Williams	Michigan Tech	So.	DeWitt, Mich.
WR	Yared Yearby	Northwood	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Crockett
WR	Mike Hull	Ashland	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Sycamore
OL	Blake Dickson	Ashland	Jr.	North Canton, Ohio/Jackson
OL	David Kopke	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Hancock, Mich.
OL	Kevin Park	Ferris State	Sr.	Goshen, Ind.
OL	Mike Patrick	Findlay	Jr.	Bellevue, Ohio
OL	James Streit	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Sterling Heights, Mich./Warren DeLaSalle
OL	Jake Welch	Hillsdale	Sr.	Eaton, Ohio
PK	Nick Parker	Indianapolis	Jr.	Granger, Ind./Penn
Spec.	Ben Bluemle	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin

Second-Team Defense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Damion DeRosia	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Flint, Mich./E.A. Johnson
DL	John Hazle	Ferris State	Sr.	St. Johns, Mich.
DL	Terrance Patrick	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Bronx, N.Y./Mount St. Michael
DL	Earl Thompson	Northwood	Sr.	Flint, Mich./Southwestern
DL	Leo Wells	Wayne State	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Hamtramck
LB	Dustin Daniels	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Millington, Mich.
LB	Charleston Hughes	Northwood	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich.
LB	Chad Kurian	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Ishpeming, Mich.
LB	Chad Mosher	Northwood	Sr.	Monroe, Mich.
LB	Josh Mott	Hillsdale	Jr.	Sarasota, Fla./Riverview
DB	Dion Brown	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, Ill.
DB	Marvis Bryant	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Miami, Fla./Southridge
DB	Chad Gurica	Hillsdale	Jr.	Adrian, Mich.
DB	Jon Horn	Northwood	Jr.	Battle Creek, Mich./Central
DB	Eugene Padgett	Gannon	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio/Shaw
P	Ryan Wettstein	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Chilton, Wis.

2004 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team (Continued from page 3)

Indianapolis: Matt Kohn (Sr./QB), Donnie McCoy (Sr./RB), Andy Moore (Jr./OG), Carl Lile (Jr./DB), Derenzo Bushrod (Jr./DB); **Mercyhurst:** Jeff Thiel (Sr./TE), Brian Smith (Sr./LB), Mike Krahe (Sr./DE), Neil Harris (So./DB), Mike Cikra (Sr./LB); **Michigan Tech:** Kyle Stewart (Sr./DE), Jackson Emnott (Sr./DL), Antoine Young (So./DL), Brad Schultz (Sr./OL), Brian Klett (So./LB); **Northern Michigan:** Cliff Carter (Sr./OL), Rob Boss (Jr./DL), Jim Couretas (So./LB), Nick Mauthe (Jr./WR), Dahn Bohr (So./RB); **Northwood:** Mike Marko (Jr./OL), Kyle Kolbe (So./QB), Aaron Lambert (Sr./DL), Trevor Howard (Jr./DB), Robert Height (Jr./RB); **Saginaw Valley State:** Pierre Colin (Sr./DL), Nic LaFear (Sr./OL), Nicholas Postma (Sr./DB), Stephanol Santos (Jr./OL), Dustin Esslin (Jr./P); **Wayne State:** Joey Touzin (Sr./DT), Bobby Boyer (Jr./DB), Jerriel Burrus (So./CB), John Rehbarg (Fr./TE), Ron Williams (Fr./WR).