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## Defending D-II Champion Grand Valley State University Tabbed 2006 Preseason Favorite By GLIAC Football Coaches

*Lakers Garner 11 First-Place Votes, Outdistance Second-Place SVSU by 12 points*

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Defending NCAA Division II Champion Grand Valley State University was picked to win the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) football title by the head football coaches of the league in preseason balloting.

The Lakers outdistanced Saginaw Valley State University by 12 points in the voting (143-131) and garnered 11 of the 13 first-place votes they were eligible for. SVSU posted a second-place league finish in 2005.

The poll was released in conjunction with the league's football media day luncheon held at the Bay Valley Resort in Bay City, Michigan.

The league's 13 head coaches participated in the balloting, but were not allowed to vote for their team. The first-place team on each ballot received 12 points, while second received 11 points, etc.

Ashland, coming off a 9-2 campaign in 2005, placed third in the balloting with 119 points and garnered two first-place votes. AU narrowly beat out Northwood University (117 points) in the poll. The Eagles and Timberwolves tied for third place in the GLIAC last season. Michigan Technological University claimed fifth place with 93 points. Ferris State University and the University of Indianapolis tied for the sixth spot in the poll, with each team earning 81 points.

Hillsdale College placed eighth in the poll, tallying six more points than Wayne State University, which placed ninth (65-59). The University of Findlay received 49 points and placed tenth in the poll. Northern Michigan University edged out Gannon University for 11th place by just five points (34-29). Mercyhurst College rounded out the poll, earning 23 points.

The 2005 season marked the second consecutive year that three GLIAC teams earned berths in the NCAA Division II playoffs. GVSU claimed the top seed in the Northwest Region after finishing the 2005 regular season undefeated. SVSU garnered the #3 seed in the region and defeated #6 Northwood (31-16) in the first round of the playoffs. The Cardinals then defeated Nebraska-Omaha (24-21) before falling to the Lakers in the regional finals (24-17). Grand Valley claimed victories over North Dakota (17-3), SVSU, and East Stroudsburg, Pa. (55-20) before defeating Northwest Missouri State in the 2005 D-II Championship game, 21-17.

For more information about GLIAC football please check the GLIAC football web page at: [www.gliac.org/](http://www.gliac.org/).

<b>2006 GLIAC Preseason Football Coaches Poll</b>	
<i>School (first-place votes)</i>	<i>Points</i>
1. Grand Valley State (11) .....	143
2. Saginaw Valley State .....	131
3. Ashland (2) .....	119
4. Northwood .....	117
5. Michigan Tech .....	83
6. Ferris State .....	81
Indianapolis .....	81
8. Hillsdale .....	65
9. Wayne State .....	59
10. Findlay .....	49
11. Northern Michigan .....	34
12. Gannon .....	29
13. Mercyhurst .....	23

<b>2005 GLIAC Final Standings</b>				
	<b>GLIAC</b>		<b>Overall</b>	
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
#1 Grand Valley State	9	0	13	0
#3 Saginaw Valley State	9	1	11	2
Ashland	8	2	9	2
#18 Northwood	8	2	9	3
Michigan Tech	6	3	6	3
Indianapolis	5	5	6	5
Hillsdale	4	6	5	6
Wayne State	3	7	3	7
Ferris State	3	7	3	8
Gannon	3	7	3	8
Findlay	2	8	3	8
Mercyhurst	2	8	2	8
Northern Michigan	2	8	2	8
<i># - Ranking in final 2005 AFCA D-II poll</i>				



# 2006 GLIAC Football Composite Schedule

## Saturday, August 26

Findlay at Charleston (W.Va.) 1 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, September 2

Hillsdale at Gannon\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Wayne State at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Northwood at Mercyhurst\* 1:30 pm (EDT)  
Saginaw Valley State at Ashland\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Grand Valley State at Findlay\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Indianapolis at Northern Michigan\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Ferris State at Kentucky State 1 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, September 9

Findlay at Northwood\* Noon (EDT)  
Gannon at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon (EDT)  
Ferris State at Mercyhurst\* 1:30 pm (EDT)  
Northern Michigan at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm (EDT)  
Michigan Tech at Indianapolis\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Ashland at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm (EDT)  
St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Wayne State Noon (EDT)

## Saturday, September 16

Mercyhurst at Wayne State\* Noon (EDT)  
Indianapolis at Gannon\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Northwood at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Hillsdale at Ashland\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Grand Valley State at St. Joseph's (Ind.) 1 pm (EDT)

## Thursday, September 21

Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, September 23

Ashland at Northwood\* Noon (EDT)  
Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon (EDT)  
Gannon at Mercyhurst\* 1:30 pm (EDT)  
Wayne State at Findlay\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Ferris State at Hillsdale\* 7 pm (EDT)  
St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Indianapolis 6 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, September 30

Grand Valley State at Wayne State\* Noon (EDT)  
Northwood at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon (EDT)  
Mercyhurst at Ashland\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Hillsdale at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Ferris State at Northern Michigan\* 5 pm (EDT)  
Findlay at Indianapolis\* 6 pm (EDT)  
Gannon at Tiffin (Ohio) 1:30 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, October 7

Northern Michigan at Northwood\* Noon (EDT)  
Wayne State at Gannon\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Michigan Tech at Ferris State\* 2 pm (EDT)  
Indianapolis at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm (EDT)  
Saginaw Valley State at Findlay\* 4 pm (EDT)  
Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, October 14

Hillsdale at Wayne State\* Noon (EDT)  
Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Ashland at Northern Michigan\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Findlay at Mercyhurst\* 1:30 pm (EDT)  
Gannon at Ferris State\* 2 pm (EDT)  
Grand Valley State at Indianapolis\* 6 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, October 21

Indianapolis at Wayne State\* Noon (EDT)  
Ferris State at Ashland\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Mercyhurst at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm (EDT)  
Northwood at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm (EDT)  
Gannon at Findlay\* 7 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, October 28

Wayne State at Northwood\* Noon (EDT)  
Indianapolis at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon (EDT)  
Findlay at Ashland\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Michigan Tech at Gannon\* 1 pm (EDT)  
Northern Michigan at Mercyhurst\* 1:30 pm (EDT)  
Grand Valley State at Ferris State\* 2 pm (EDT)  
Hillsdale at Tiffin (Ohio) 4 pm (EDT)

## Saturday, November 4

Ashland at Wayne State\* Noon (EST)  
Ferris State at Northwood\* Noon (EST)  
Mercyhurst at Indianapolis\* 1 pm (EST)  
Gannon at Northern Michigan\* 1 pm (EST)  
Findlay at Hillsdale\* 2:30 pm (EST)  
Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State\* 7 pm (EST)

## Saturday, November 11

Hillsdale at Saginaw Valley State\* Noon (EST)  
Grand Valley State at Northern Michigan\* 1 pm (EST)  
Michigan Tech at Findlay\* 1 pm (EST)  
Ashland at Gannon\* 1 pm (EST)  
Northwood at Indianapolis\* 1 pm (EST)  
Wayne State at Ferris State\* 2 pm (EST)

## Saturday, November 18

NCAA Division II First Round Games - campus sites

## Saturday, November 25

NCAA Division II Second Round Games - campus sites

## Saturday, December 2

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals - campus sites

## Saturday, December 9

NCAA Division II Semifinals - campus sites

## Saturday, December 16

NCAA Division II Championship  
Braly Municipal Stadium, Florence, Alabama  
University of North Alabama, host

\* - GLIAC Game

Game Times are subject to change.

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