

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) embarks on its fourth year in the 2002-03 athletics season after the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (MIFC) merged into the GLIAC effective July 1, 1999. The MIFC had been in existence for nine years as one of the nation's leading NCAA Division II football conferences.

The merger was approved by the conference's Executive Council on May 18, 1999, and ratified by the President's Council.

The University of Indianapolis is currently the only institution in the conference which isn't officially a GLIAC member, but is an associate member as a football-only school. As part of the merger agreement, the GLIAC Executive Council granted Gannon University of Erie, Pa., a waiver until 2004 to play a full football schedule in the GLIAC. Gannon presently fields a non-scholarship football program.

A season ago, second-ranked Grand Valley State (GVSU) advanced to the NCAA-II Championship game (Dec. 8) where the Lakers suffered a 17-14 loss to North Dakota at Florence, Ala. Saginaw Valley State joined GVSU as playoff qualifiers and the Lakers notched a 33-30 home win over the Cardinals in quarterfinal-round action (Nov. 24).

In 2000, Northwood and Saginaw Valley State both qualified for the playoffs. Northwood won its first-round contest and advanced to the quarterfinals. Grand Valley State was the GLIAC's lone playoff participant in 1998, which at the time marked the ninth straight year a conference member had competed in NCAA post-season action. Ferris State holds the conference record for most playoff appearances with five (1992-96), which includes a 1995 semifinal appearance.

Following the 1989 season, the GLIAC dropped football as a conference-sponsored sport, and the Heartland Collegiate Conference (HCC), already a football-only conference, went out of existence as the MIFC was formed between the merger of the two conferences.

On February 8, 1989, at Grand Valley State's Eberhard Center, formal commitments were submitted by the six GLIAC institutions sponsoring football – Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Hillsdale, Northern Michigan, Saginaw Valley State and Wayne State – and the five HCC teams – Ashland, Butler, Indianapolis, St. Joseph's (Ind.), and Valparaiso, to form the now defunct MIFC.

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2001 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	GLIAC					OVERALL							
		W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
1.	Grand Valley State	9	0	1.000	528	154	13	1	.929	707	231	9-0	4-0	0-1
2.	Saginaw Valley State	9	1	.900	287	170	11	2	.846	381	256	7-0	4-2	0-0
3.	Ferris State	7	3	.700	250	214	7	4	.636	274	248	4-1	3-3	0-0
4.	Indianapolis	6	4	.600	244	210	7	4	.636	254	210	2-3	5-1	0-0
5T.	Ashland	5	5	.500	265	256	6	5	.545	292	265	4-2	2-3	0-0
	Michigan Tech	5	5	.500	297	350	5	5	.500	297	350	2-3	3-2	0-0
7T.	Northwood	3	6	.333	250	251	3	6	.333	250	251	2-2	1-4	0-0
	Wayne State	3	6	.333	203	355	3	7	.300	217	389	1-3	2-4	0-0
9T.	Northern Michigan	3	7	.300	188	278	4	7	.364	215	302	4-2	0-5	0-0
	Hillsdale	3	7	.300	251	289	3	8	.273	272	320	3-2	0-6	0-0
	Findlay	3	7	.300	200	314	3	8	.273	210	345	2-3	1-5	0-0
12.	Mercyhurst	2	7	.222	177	299	2	7	.200	177	299	2-3	0-4	0-0

2002 GLIAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 29

Indiana (Pa.) at Findlay, 6 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Northern Iowa, 8:05 p.m. EDT

Saturday, August 31

St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Indianapolis, 2 p.m. EDT
Michigan Tech at Ashland*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 7

Ashland at Edinboro (Pa.), 1 p.m. EDT
West Virginia Wesleyan at Mercyhurst, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at St. Cloud State, 2 p.m. EDT
California-Davis at Grand Valley State, 7 p.m. EDT
Hillsdale at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Northwood, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 14

Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m. EDT
Grand Valley State at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Ashland*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 21

Grand Valley State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Findlay at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT
Ashland at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 28

Michigan Tech at Findlay*, 1 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT
Hillsdale at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 5

Ferris State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT
Ashland at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Hillsdale at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EDT
Findlay at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 12

Mercyhurst at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Michigan Tech at Ferris State*, 2 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT

Saginaw Valley State at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 19

Hillsdale at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Grand Valley State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EDT
Ashland at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 26

Northern Michigan at Wayne State*, 1 p.m. EDT
Findlay at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Michigan Tech at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, November 2

Hillsdale at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EST
Wayne State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EST
Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EST
Ashland at Indianapolis*, 1 p.m. EST
Ferris State at Findlay*, 1 p.m. EST
Grand Valley State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EST

Saturday, November 9

Northwood at Michigan Tech*, 12 p.m. EST
Mercyhurst at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EST
Saginaw Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EST
Ashland at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m. EST
Findlay at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EST
Indianapolis at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EST

Saturday, November 16

Northern Michigan at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EST
Saginaw Valley State at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EST
Findlay at Grand Valley State*, 1 p.m. EST
Ferris State at Indianapolis*, 1 p.m. EST
Hillsdale at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EST

Saturday, November 23

NCAA Division II First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, November 30

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 7

NCAA Division II Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 14

NCAA Division II National Championship (Florence, Ala.)

PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

- 2001 – Grand Valley State (9-0)
- 2000 – Northwood (9-1), Saginaw Valley State (9-1)
- 1999 – Ferris State (7-2), Northwood (7-2)
- 1998 – Grand Valley State (9-1)
- 1997 – Ashland (9-1), Grand Valley State (9-1)
- 1996 – Ferris State (9-1)
- 1995 – Ferris State (10-0)

- 1994 – Ferris State (10-0)
- 1993 – Ferris State (8-0-2)
- 1992 – Ferris State (8-2), Butler (8-2), Grand Valley State (8-2), Hillsdale (8-2)
- 1991 – Butler (9-1)
- 1990 – Grand Valley State (9-1)

