

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) will embark on its fifth year in the 2003-04 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. With the merger, the University of Indianapolis became 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.

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 as a result of the two conferences merging.

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.

This past season (Dec. 14), nationally top-ranked Grand Valley State made its second consecutive trip to Florence, Ala., the site of the NCAA-II National Championship game. The Lakers proceeded to claim their first-ever NCAA-II National Championship title with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta (Ga.) State. In 2001 (Dec. 8), GVSU suffered a 17-14 loss to North Dakota in was the Lakers' initial championship game appearance.

Overall, the GLIAC conducts championships in 20 sports – 10 for men and 10 for women. Tom Brown will begin his 12th season as the conference's fifth commissioner this fall.

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2002 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	431	149	14	0	1.000	654	231	9-0	4-0	1-0
2T.	Findlay	8	2	.800	257	261	9	2	.818	294	295	5-1	4-1	0-0
	Saginaw Valley State	8	2	.800	409	184	9	3	.750	479	224	4-1	4-2	1-0
4.	Northwood	7	3	.700	337	263	7	4	.636	350	310	4-1	3-2	0-1
5.	Northern Michigan	6	4	.600	270	280	6	5	.545	287	325	4-1	2-4	0-0
6.	Ferris State	4	5	.444	177	177	5	5	.500	210	198	4-1	1-4	0-0
7T.	Indianapolis	4	6	.400	235	284	5	6	.455	276	287	4-2	1-4	0-0
	Hillsdale	4	6	.400	291	273	4	7	.364	312	306	3-2	1-5	0-0
9T.	Michigan Tech	3	7	.300	229	312	3	7	.300	229	312	2-3	1-4	0-0
	Wayne State	3	7	.300	279	260	3	8	.273	279	394	1-4	2-4	0-0
11.	Ashland	2	8	.300	165	305	2	9	.182	191	334	1-4	1-5	0-0
12.	Mercyhurst	1	9	.100	143	375	2	9	.182	159	388	2-4	0-5	0-0

2003 GLIAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 30

Gannon at Wayne State, 12 p.m. EDT
Ashland at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m. EDT
Tiffin (Ohio) at Findlay, 6 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 6

Northwood at Saginaw Valley State, 12 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at West Virginia Wesleyan, 1 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Northern Iowa, 5 p.m. EDT
Edinboro (Pa.) at Ashland, 7 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Hillsdale, 7 p.m. EDT
Grand Valley State at California-Davis, 9 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 20

Hillsdale at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Michigan Tech at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 27

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

Saturday, October 4

Wayne State at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Hillsdale*, 2 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT
Michigan Tech at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 11

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

Ashland at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 18

Michigan Tech at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m. EDT
Mercyhurst at Ferris State*, 2 p.m. EDT
Findlay at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT
Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 25

Ferris State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Grand Valley State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Hillsdale at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Ashland at Findlay*, 6 p.m. EDT
Wayne State at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, November 1

Northwood at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EST
Indianapolis at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m. EST
Findlay at Ferris State*, 1:30 p.m. EST
Saginaw Valley State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EST
Mercyhurst at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EST
Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EST

Saturday, November 8

Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EST
Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EST
Hillsdale at Findlay*, 1 p.m. EST
Grand Valley State at Indianapolis*, 1 p.m. EST
Ferris State at Ashland*, 1:25 p.m. EST
Wayne State at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EST

Saturday, November 15

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

Saturday, November 22

NCAA Division II First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, November 29

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 6

NCAA Division II Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 13

NCAA Division II National Championship (Florence, Ala.)

PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

- 2002 – Grand Valley State (9-0)
- 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)

