

## GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), which features 13 member NCAA Division II institutions, will embark on its sixth year in the 2004 football season and is presently regarded as one of the nation's top grid-iron conferences. Formerly known as the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (MIFC), the MIFC merged into the GLIAC effective July 1, 1999. The MIFC had been in existence for nine years.

The merger was approved by the conference's Executive Council on May 18, 1999, and ratified by the President's Council. As a result, Indianapolis became an associate member as a football-only school. As part of the merger agreement, the GLIAC Executive Council granted Gannon a waiver until 2004 and this season represents the Golden Knights' inaugural GLIAC campaign.

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.

The GLIAC currently boasts the two-time defending national champions, Grand Valley State. GVSU captured its second straight national crown this last season by besting North Dakota, 10-3, in the 2003 NCAA-II National Championship game held Dec. 13 at Florence, Ala. The Lakers claimed their first-ever national title in 2002 (Dec. 14) with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta (Ga.) State. In the 2001 campaign (Dec. 8), GVSU made its initial championship game appearance as the Lakers suffered a 17-14 loss to North Dakota.

Overall, the GLIAC conducts championships in 20 sports – 10 for men and 10 for women. Tom Brown will begin his 13th season as the conference's fifth commissioner this fall.

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### 2003 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	GLIAC					OVERALL							
		W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
1.	Saginaw Valley State	10	0	1.000	371	154	12	1	.923	437	187	7-1	5-0	0-0
2.	Grand Valley State	9	1	.900	426	149	14	1	.933	551	200	4-1	9-0	1-0
3.	Northwood	6	4	.600	293	220	6	5	.545	307	250	2-3	4-2	0-0
4T.	Indianapolis	5	5	.500	243	361	6	5	.545	287	368	3-2	3-3	0-0
	<b>Ferris State</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.545</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>
	Findlay	5	5	.500	174	239	6	5	.545	225	270	4-2	2-3	0-0
	Michigan Tech	5	5	.500	352	321	5	5	.500	352	321	3-2	2-3	0-0
8T.	Mercyhurst	4	6	.400	153	271	5	6	.455	183	292	4-1	1-5	0-0
	Hillsdale	4	6	.400	259	283	4	7	.364	279	308	2-4	2-3	0-0
10.	Northern Michigan	3	7	.300	263	347	3	8	.273	263	409	2-3	1-5	0-0
11.	Wayne State	2	8	.200	223	333	3	8	.273	261	354	1-5	2-3	0-0
12.	Ashland	2	8	.200	167	240	2	9	.182	173	252	1-5	1-4	0-0

### 2004 GLIAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, August 26

Gannon at Mercyhurst\*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saginaw Valley State at Mercyhurst\*, 1:30 p.m. EDT

Findlay at Indianapolis\*, 2 p.m. EDT

**Ferris State at North Dakota, 2 p.m. EDT**

Hillsdale at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, August 28

Northwood at Saginaw Valley State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Northern Michigan at Michigan Tech\*, 1 p.m. EDT

**Grand Valley State at Ferris State\*, 7 p.m. EDT**

Indianapolis at Hillsdale\*, 7 p.m. EDT

Findlay at Tiffin (Ohio), 7 p.m. EDT

St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Ashland, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, October 16

Grand Valley State at Saginaw Valley State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Hillsdale at Ashland\*, 1 p.m. EDT

Indianapolis at Gannon\*, 1 p.m. EDT

Northwood at Michigan Tech\*, 1 p.m. EDT

Wayne State at Findlay\*, 6 p.m. EDT

**Ferris State at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m. EDT**

Mercyhurst at Southeastern Louisiana, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, September 4

Wayne State at Northwood\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Northern Michigan at Mercyhurst\*, 1:30 p.m. EDT

Michigan Tech at Indianapolis\*, 2 p.m. EDT

**Ferris State at Ashland\*, 7 p.m. EDT**

Grand Valley State at Gannon\*, 7 p.m. EDT

Findlay at Hillsdale\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, October 23

Ashland at Wayne State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Northern Michigan at Saginaw Valley State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Indianapolis at Mercyhurst\*, 1:30 p.m. EDT

**Michigan Tech at Ferris State\*, 2 p.m. EDT**

Tiffin (Ohio) at Hillsdale, 2:30 p.m. EDT

Gannon at Findlay\*, 6 p.m. EDT

Northwood at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, September 11

Saginaw Valley at Wayne State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Mercyhurst at Michigan Tech\*, 1 p.m. EDT

Northwood at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1 p.m. EDT

**Hillsdale at Ferris State\*, 7 p.m. EDT**

Ashland at Gannon\*, 7 p.m. EDT

Indianapolis at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m. EDT

Findlay at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, October 30

**Ferris State at Northwood\*, 12 p.m. EDT**

Saginaw Valley State at Michigan Tech\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Findlay at Ashland\*, 1 p.m. EDT

Wayne State at Gannon\*, 1 p.m. EDT

St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Indianapolis, 2 p.m. EDT

Mercyhurst at Hillsdale\*, 2:30 p.m. EDT

Grand Valley State at Northern Michigan\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, September 18

Mercyhurst at Northwood\*, 12 p.m. EDT

Northern Michigan at Wayne State\*, 12 p.m. EDT

**Ferris State at Indianapolis\*, 2 p.m. EDT**

Gannon at Hillsdale\*, 2:30 p.m. EDT

Saginaw Valley State at Findlay\*, 6 p.m. EDT

Ashland at Grand Valley State\*, 7 p.m. EDT

#### Saturday, November 6

Hillsdale at Wayne State\*♦, 12 p.m. EST

Northern Michigan at Northwood\*, 12 p.m. EST

Grand Valley State at Michigan Tech\*♠, 1 p.m. EST

**Saginaw Valley State at Ferris State\*, 1 p.m. EST**

Ashland at Indianapolis\*, 1 p.m. EST

Mercyhurst at Findlay\*, 1 p.m. EST

Tiffin (Ohio) at Gannon, 1 p.m. EST

#### Saturday, November 13

NCAA Division II First Round (campus sites)

#### Saturday, November 20

NCAA Division II Second Round (campus sites)

#### Saturday, November 27

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals (campus sites)

#### Saturday, December 4

NCAA Division II Semifinals (campus sites)

#### Saturday, December 11

NCAA Division II National Championship (Florence, Ala.)

♦ – Ford Field (Detroit, Mich.)

♠ – Michigan Stadium (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

### PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

2003 – Saginaw Valley State (10-0)  
2002 – Grand Valley State (9-0)  
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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)



## 2004 Ferris State Bulldogs