

GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), which features 13 member NCAA Division II institutions, will embark on its seventh year in the 2005 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.

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 a two-time national champion in Grand Valley State. GVSU captured its second straight national crown in 2003 by besting North Dakota, 10-3, in the 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 21 sports – 11 for men and 10 for women. The policy-making body of the GLIAC is the Executive Council, which is comprised of representatives from each member institution – its director of athletics, faculty athletics representative and senior woman administrator. Final approval of all GLIAC legislation is required by the Council of GLIAC Presidents.

Tom Brown will begin his 14th season this fall as the conference's fifth commissioner and is responsible for all conference administration.

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2004 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	GLIAC					OVERALL							
		W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
1T.	Northwood	9	1	.900	431	206	10	2	.833	483	234	5-1	5-1	0-0
	Michigan Tech	9	1	.900	393	145	9	2	.818	396	165	5-1	4-0	0-1
3.	Grand Valley State	8	2	.800	339	148	10	3	.769	380	187	3-1	6-2	1-0
4.	Saginaw Valley State	7	3	.700	354	177	7	3	.700	354	177	4-1	3-2	0-0
5.	Ferris State	6	4	.600	183	228	6	5	.545	183	273	2-3	4-2	0-0
6.	Findlay	5	5	.500	257	204	6	5	.545	297	225	3-2	3-3	0-0
7T.	Ashland	4	6	.400	197	238	5	6	.455	245	245	3-3	2-3	0-0
	Mercyhurst	4	6	.400	235	326	4	7	.364	249	384	3-2	1-5	0-0
	Hillsdale	4	6	.400	217	323	4	7	.364	230	338	3-3	0-4	1-0
10T.	Gannon	3	7	.300	272	340	4	7	.364	322	379	2-4	2-3	0-0
	Indianapolis	3	7	.300	225	306	4	7	.364	259	306	3-3	1-4	0-0
11.	Northern Michigan	2	8	.200	194	368	2	8	.200	194	368	1-4	1-4	0-0
12.	Wayne State	1	9	.100	115	403	1	9	.100	115	403	0-4	1-4	0-1

2005 GLIAC COMPOSITE SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 27

Saginaw Valley State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
 Ashland at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 12 p.m. EDT
 Hillsdale at Indianapolis*, 6 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Mercyhurst at Gannon*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Tiffin (Ohio) at Findlay, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 10

Wayne State at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
 St. Joseph's (Ind.) at Northwood, 12 p.m. EDT
 Gannon at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Michigan Tech at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT
 Grand Valley State at Indianapolis*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Northern Michigan at Findlay*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 17

Findlay at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
 Northwood at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
 Wayne State at Northern Michigan*, 5 p.m. EDT
 Grand Valley State at Ashland*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Hillsdale at Gannon*, 7 p.m. EDT
Indianapolis at Ferris State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 24

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

Saturday, October 1

Hillsdale at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
 Gannon at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Ashland at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
 Saginaw Valley State at Indianapolis*, 5 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Findlay*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Wayne State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 8

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

Northern Michigan at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Northwood at Gannon*, 1 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at North Dakota, 2 p.m. EDT
 Indianapolis at Findlay*, 4 p.m. EDT
 Grand Valley State at Hillsdale*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 15

Findlay at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT
 Michigan Tech at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Northern Michigan at Ferris State*, 2 p.m. EDT
 Ashland at Hillsdale*, 2:30 p.m. EDT
 Gannon at Indianapolis*, 4 p.m. EDT
 Saginaw Valley State at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 22

Grand Valley State at Northwood*, 12 p.m. EDT
Ferris State at Michigan Tech*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Findlay at Gannon*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Saginaw Valley State at Northern Michigan*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Wayne State at Ashland*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Mercyhurst at Indianapolis*, 2 p.m. EDT
 Hillsdale at Tiffin (Ohio), 4 p.m. EDT

Saturday, October 29

Gannon at Wayne State*, 12 p.m. EDT
 Michigan Tech at Saginaw Valley State*, 12 p.m. EDT
Northwood at Ferris State*, 1 p.m. EDT
 Indianapolis at St. Joseph's (Ind.), 1 p.m. EDT
 Hillsdale at Mercyhurst*, 1:30 p.m. EDT
 Ashland at Findlay*, 7 p.m. EDT
 Northern Michigan at Grand Valley State*, 7 p.m. EDT

Saturday, November 5

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

Saturday, November 12

NCAA Division II First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, November 19

NCAA Division II Second Round (campus sites)

Saturday, November 26

NCAA Division II Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 3

NCAA Division II Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, December 10

NCAA Division II National Championship (Florence, Ala.)

PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

2004 – Northwood (9-1), Michigan Tech (9-1) 2003 – Saginaw Valley State (10-0) 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)
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