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Wayne State's Ryan Johnson Named 2007 GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

Gannon's Molen Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, WSU's Horn Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Junior **Ryan Johnson** of Wayne State University was named the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year." Gannon University rookie **Mitch Molen** earned the conference's "Freshman of the Year" title, while **Mike Horn** of Wayne State was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Johnson's season average of 72.931 is the best known and recorded average in Wayne State history, besting his previous mark of 74.100 from two years ago. He posted 12 finishes in the top 10, including two victories and six second-place showings. Johnson was the runner-up at the GLIAC Championship last October (72-73-70—215), finishing just two strokes shy of the WSU 54-hole record (213) and totaling nine birdies and 38 pars in the tournament. He played strong golf during the spring season also, as his second-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional at Lockhaven Country Club helped WSU win the event overall and propel the squad into the NCAA Super Regional, where Johnson tied for 20th (77-72-74—223).

Molen had a superb freshman campaign, averaging 74.5 strokes during 15 rounds in 2006-07. The Fort Erie, Ontario native recorded top-20 finishes in six of eight events, including five top-10 and three top-five finishes. He concluded the 2006-07 season by winning the Gannon Invitational with a two-round total of 151. Molen posted a season-low 72 while placing fourth at the Penn State Behrend Invitational last fall and finished second at the Mercyhurst Invitational with a two-day score of 146. He posted a score in the 70s during every round in 2006-07 and finished seventh at the GLIAC Championships.

Horn, who in his sixth season at Wayne State has earned his second career GLIAC Coach of the Year award (2004), led the Warriors to their third appearance at the NCAA Super Regional in the last four years. The team, which finished ninth at the Great Lakes Regional in September, played especially well in the spring, starting with the Regional at Perry Park Country Club where WSU came back from 15th to finish sixth. After placing fourth at Ashland and second at Findlay, the Warriors won the Regional at Lockhaven Country Club, solidifying their place at the Super Regional where WSU finished fifth.

Joining **Johnson** on the 2007 All-GLIAC First Team are: junior **Eric Atsma** the University of Findlay; junior **Steve Larson** and sophomore **Matt Johnson** of Grand Valley State University; and seniors **Darren Husse** and **Adam Miller** of Saginaw Valley State University.

The 2007 All-GLIAC Second Team includes: junior **Mike King** of Saginaw Valley State; juniors **Tony Mango** and **Josh Orler** of Grand Valley State; senior **Jeff Carlson** and sophomore **Eric Dovre** of Ferris State University; and sophomore **Luigi Spadafora** of Northwood University.

A complete list of the 2007 All-GLIAC Men's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2007 GLIAC Men's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Ryan Johnson - Wayne State University

Freshman of the Year: Mitch Molen - Gannon University

Coach of the Year: Mike Horn - Wayne State University

2007 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Golf Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Ryan Johnson	Wayne State	Jr.	New Boston, Mich./Huron	71.1
Eric Atsma	Findlay	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./South Christian	72.3
Steve Larson \$	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Manistique, Mich.	72.4
Matt Johnson	Grand Valley State	So.	Haslett, Mich.	72.4
Darren Husse	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Hartland, Mich.	72.4
Adam Miller	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Gaylord, Mich.	72.5

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Mike King	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Livonia, Mich./Detroit Catholic Central	72.8
Tony Mango	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Milford, Mich.	73.1
Jeff Carlson	Ferris State	Sr.	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa	73.3
Luigi Spadafora	Northwood	So.	Milford, Mich.	73.4
Josh Orler	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Mason, Mich.	73.4
Eric Dovre	Ferris State	So.	Holly, Mich.	73.8

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Mitch Molen	Gannon	Fr.	Fort Erie, Ontario/Lakeshore	74.0
Kyle Murphy	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood	74.4
Kory Kotterman	Findlay	So.	Wharton, Ohio/Riverdale	74.4
Kirk Stucke	Findlay	Sr.	Maria Stein, Ohio/Marion Local	74.5
Scott Urquhart	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Queens Ferry, Scotland	74.5

* - All-GLIAC Men's Golf selections are based upon a player's stroke average in his 10 best rounds in league play, including the three rounds of the GLIAC Tournament. All ties are broken by total strokes in the GLIAC Tournament.

\$ - GLIAC Tournament medalist.