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WSU's Cuzzort Named GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. — Wayne State University senior **Steve Cuzzort (Grosse Ile, Mich.)** was named the 2009 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's golf "Athlete of the Year". University of Findlay rookie **Michael Schmitmeyer (St. Mary's, Ohio)** was tabbed "Freshman of the Year," while Grand Valley State University's **Don Underwood** earned "Coach of the Year" honors.

Cuzzort, a two-time GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Week," wrapped up the fall portion of the 2008-09 season by becoming the third GLIAC Championship medalist in WSU history and the first since Ryan Johnson in 2004 (head coach Mike Horn was the first in 1985). He carded an eight-under par 208 (67-70-71), breaking the 54-hole school record of 213 set by Joe Spatafore in 1983 and Joe Juszcyk last season. He also matched the 18-hole school record with a first-round 67, a mark he would later break at the third Midwest Regional tournament in the spring, as he shot a 66 in the first round on his way to a 36-hole school record score of 138. Cuzzort has finished in the top four in eight events, including a win at the Ashland Invitational and second-place finishes at both spring NCAA D-II regional tournaments. He has a 71.36 scoring average in 25 rounds this season and is on pace to eclipse Johnson's school record (72.931).

Schmitmeyer won the NCAA D-II Regional Tournament #3 after firing a 145 and tying a school record with a 67 (-5) in the opening round of the NCAA D-II Regional #1, where he finished eighth with a 140. During his inaugural campaign with the Oilers, Schmitmeyer also took fourth at the Bellarmine Invitational with a 151 and fourth at the Northwood Invitational with a 148, finishing in the top 20 of six tournaments on the year.

Underwood was named the GLIAC Men's Golf "Coach of the Year" after he led Grand Valley State to its third conference title in 2008-09. The title was the Lakers' second in the past three years and came after GVSU set a GLIAC 54-hole record with a score of 863 (-1) at the conference championship. This is the fourth time that Underwood has earned the accolade, with the latest coming during the 2004-05 season. The Lakers are currently competing in the NCAA Men's Golf Super Regionals, where they finished third last season.

Joining Cuzzort on the 2009 All-GLIAC men's golf first team are: Ferris State University juniors **Kurt Valley (Bay City, Mich./Western)** and **Eric Lilleboe (Okemos, Mich./Lansing Catholic Central)**; Wayne State junior **Joe Juszcyk (Dearborn Heights, Mich./Divine Child)**; Saginaw Valley State senior **Kasey Hacquard (Cheboygan, Mich.)**; and Grand Valley State senior **Tyler Hering (Muskegon, Mich.)**.

A complete list of the 2009 All-GLIAC men's golf teams are available on the following page.

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2009 GLIAC Men's Golf Postseason Awards

Athlete of the Year: Steve Cuzzort - Wayne State University
Freshman of the Year: Michiael Schmitmeyer - University of Findlay
Coach of the Year: Don Underwood - Grand Valley State University

2009 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>
Steve Cuzzort\$	Wayne State	Sr.	Grosse Ile, Mich.	69.9
Kurt Valley	Ferris State	Jr.	Bay City, Mich./Western	70.2
Eric Lilleboe	Ferris State	Jr.	Okemos, Mich./Lansing Catholic Central	71.0
Joe Juszczyk	Wayne State	Jr.	Dearborn Heights, Mich./Divine Child	71.5
Kasey Hacquard	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Cheboygan, Mich.	71.6
Tyler Hering	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich.	71.6

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Joe McGeean	Findlay	So.	Springfield, Ohio/Northwestern	71.6
Matt Malloure	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Farmington Hills, Mich./Brother Rice	71.9
Matt Johnson	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Haslett, Mich.	72.6
Joe D'Andrea	Ashland	Sr.	Westerville, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales	72.6
Michael Schmitmeyer	Findlay	Fr.	St. Mary's, Ohio	72.7
Ben Brooks	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Cedar Springs, Mich.	73.1

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Kelbi Lee	Ferris State	Sr.	Billings, Mont./Rocky Mountain College	73.1
Kyle Nickson	Findlay	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Colerain	73.2
Danny Evans	Ashland	Sr.	Malvern, Ohio	73.2
Nick Prokop	Northwood	Fr.	Novi, Mich.	73.9
Michael Wouters	Wayne State	So.	Sterling Hts., Mich./Henry Ford II	74.1
Jay Overy	Ashland	Fr.	Grafton, Ohio	74.1

* - 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.