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Grand Valley State's Kevin Kremer Named 2004 GLIAC Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

Wayne State's Johnson Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, WSU's Horn Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Senior **Kevin Kremer** of Grand Valley State University was named the 2004 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Men's Golf "Athlete of the Year." Wayne State University's **Ryan Johnson** earned the conference's "Freshman of the Year" title, while Wayne State's **Mike Horn** was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Kremer, a Kalamazoo, Michigan (Central) native, posted seven top-five finishes in the 2003-2004 season, including winning the GLIAC individual title, shooting a two under par three-round score of 214. He also earned medalist honors at the GVSU Fall Invite and the Regional Qualifier #3 in Auburn, Ind. Kremer finished in the top 10 in 10 of 12 tournaments this season. He ended the season by placing eighth in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. Kremer is a two-time All-GLIAC honoree.

Johnson tied-for-33rd at the GLIAC Championships with a 233 (77-74-82) helping the team to its first GLIAC title in school history. He played in 16 of 17 rounds during the fall and all 11 rounds in the spring. Johnson was the medalist in the fall at Lake Superior and in the spring at WSU's Motor City Invitational. His lowest 18-hole score of 69 occurred in both rounds of the Motor City Invitational. Johnson, a native of New Boston, Michigan (Huron), also had a top-10 finishes at Northern Michigan (tied-for-fourth), Northwood (second) and Regional Qualifier III (tied-for-eighth). He was tied-for-12th at the NCAA Super Regional with a 228 (73-76-79). For the school year, he averaged 76.00 for 27 rounds.

Horn in just his third season at the helm of the WSU golf program, led the Warriors to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Super Regional, the school's first team appearance in the NCAA's. Last fall, WSU captured the program's first conference title since 1947. Horn is no stranger to WSU, he attended the University and was a two-time All-GLIAC selection. He was named to the Division II District IV All-American squad in 1986 and participated in the NCAA Division II championship tournament, while also earning GLIAC Scholar-Athlete accolades. The 1985 GLIAC Champion, Horn was a six-time medalist during his collegiate career.

Joining **Kremer** and **Johnson** on the 2004 All-GLIAC First Team are: **Pat Simmer** of Ferris State University; **Mitch Blackburn** of the University of Findlay; **Brad Ward** of Lake Superior State University; and **Justin Holyszko** of Northwood University.

The All-GLIAC Second Team includes: **Everett Leonard** of Ferris State, **David Morgan** of Findlay; **Jacob Hamilton** of Grand Valley State; **Frank Kucher** of Lake Superior State; **Darren Husse** of Saginaw Valley State University; and **Jacob Abramson** of Wayne State University.

A complete list of the 2004 All-GLIAC Men's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2004 GLIAC Men's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Kevin Kremer - Grand Valley State University

Freshman of the Year: Ryan Johnson - Wayne State University

Coach of the Year: Mike Horn - Wayne State University

2004 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>
Kevin Kremer	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Central	71.8
Brad Ward	Lake Superior State	Sr.	East Lansing, Mich./Okemos	73.1
Mitch Blackburn	Findlay	Sr.	Lima, Ohio/Central Catholic	73.3
Justin Holyszko	Northwood	Jr.	Bay City, Mich./Western	73.3
Ryan Johnson	Wayne State	Fr.	New Boston, Mich./Huron	73.6
Pat Simmer	Ferris State	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.	73.6

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Jacob Abramson	Wayne State	So.	St. Clair, Mich.	73.8
Darren Husse	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Fenton, Mich./Hartland	74.2
Frank Kucher	Lake Superior State	Jr.	Sault Ste Marie, Ontario/St. Basil	74.2
Jacob Hamilton	Grand Valley State	So.	Jackson, Mich.	74.5
David Morgan	Findlay	Jr.	Spencer, Ohio/Black River	74.5
Everett Leonard	Ferris State	Sr.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Hackett	74.7

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>*Avg.</u>
Lance Chamberlain	Wayne State	Fr.	Allen Park, Mich.	74.7
Dave Patronik	Gannon	Fr.	Orchard Park, N. Y.	74.7
Kyle Murphy	Grand Valley State	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood	74.8
Jeff Carlson	Ferris State	Fr.	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa	74.8
Dane Yarnell	Northwood	Sr.	Clinton Twp., Mich./Chippewa Valley	75.4
Blake Johnson	Wayne State	Jr.	St. Clair Shores, Mich./South Lake	75.5
Adam Miller	Saginaw Valley State	Fr.	Gaylord, Mich.	75.5

** - 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.*