



GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) continues to be a leader in the development and promotion of intercollegiate athletics for men and women. Inaugurated during the 1972-73 season, the GLIAC is in its 29th season of operation and has 13 member institutions: Ashland University, Ferris State University, University of Findlay, Gannon University, Grand Valley State University, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State University, Mercyhurst College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University.

The GLIAC, which introduced softball as a charter sport during its inaugural campaign, sponsors team championships in 19 men's and women's athletic competitions. All member institutions with the exception of Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan participate in softball.

The 1985 season marked the conference's first-ever post-season softball tournament. The tournament changed the way the GLIAC recognized its conference champion. Since 1985, the conference title has been awarded to the team that accumulated the most points based on regular-season and tournament finish.

This season's tournament will be hosted by Ashland and the overall conference champion will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament. This season will also mark expansion in the NCAA Regionals from a four-team field to six. Ferris State captured its second consecutive conference tournament title last season in Big Rapids.

Since 1976, the GLIAC has crowned 32 conference softball champions. Ferris State has staked claim to two league championship titles, most recently in 2000.

GLIAC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2001	Grand Valley St.	1992	Saginaw Valley St.
2000	Ferris State	1991	Hillsdale
1999	Ferris State	1990	Wayne State
1998	Ashland	1989	Wayne State
1997	Ashland	1988	Wayne State
1996	Ashland	1987	Grand Valley St.
1995	Wayne State	1986	Wayne State
1994	Wayne State	1985	Wayne State
1993	Wayne State		

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2001 GLIAC FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM (FINAL PLACING)	CONFERENCE				OVERALL					TOURNAMENT FINISH		
	W	L	T	PCT	W	L	T	PCT	HOME		ROAD	NEUTRAL
Grand Valley State #1	16	4	0	.800	48	7	1	.866	15-2	10-4	23-1	1st
Wayne State #2	15	5	0	.750	37	20	0	.649	12-2	9-5	16-13	2nd
Ferris State #7	13	7	0	.650	22	23	0	.489	11-5	5-3	6-15	7thT
Gannon #3	13	7	0	.650	40	14	0	.741	13-5	11-3	16-6	5thT
Findlay #6	12	7	0	.632	25	19	0	.568	13-3	6-4	6-12	5thT
Ashland #4T	12	8	0	.600	39	20	0	.661	12-6	13-3	14-11	4th
Saginaw Valley State #4T	9	10	0	.474	23	27	1	.461	8-8	5-9	10-10-1	3rd
Hillsdale #9	7	13	0	.350	25	19	1	.568	10-4	9-11	6-4-1	9thT
Northwood #8	6	14	0	.300	14	40	0	.259	3-13	6-15	5-12	7thT
Lake Superior State #10	4	16	0	.200	10	32	1	.244	2-8	4-9	4-15-1	9thT
Mercyhurst #11	2	18	0	.100	5	35	0	.125	2-9	0-15	3-11	9thT

NOTE: The GLIAC Championship is determined equally by a team's GLIAC finish in the regular season and its finish in the GLIAC Championship Tournament. Points are awarded from 11 to 1 for both a team's finish in the GLIAC regular season and the GLIAC Championships and then totaled to determine the conference champion.

2001 ALL-GLIAC TEAMS

FIRST TEAM				HONORABLE MENTION TEAM			
NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr	NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr
Julie Weir	Ashland	C	Sr.	Katie Weyand	Ashland	P	So.
Sarah Kane	Gannon	1B	Sr.	Kim Squire	Ashland	P/1B	Jr.
Nikki Woods	Findlay	2B	Sr.	Mila Prieur	Ferris State	1B	Sr.
Erin Burgess	Grand Valley State	3B	Sr.	Teresa Sutermeister	Ferris State	P	Sr.
Kerri Jonas	Grand Valley State	SS	So.	Sherrie White	Findlay	C	Fr.
Kelly Kashmerick	Wayne State	OF	Jr.	Brooke Bower	Findlay	SS	So.
Julie Wiczorek	Grand Valley State	OF	Sr.	Kellie Luther	Gannon	OF	Jr.
Gretchen Messenger	Hillsdale	OF	So.	Megan Campbell	Gannon	1B	Jr.
Heather Ford	Gannon	P	Fr.	Melissa Sager	Grand Valley State	OF	Sr.
Amber Castonguay	Grand Valley State	P	Jr.	Bobbi Conner	Grand Valley State	C	So.
Alicia Longstreth	Ashland	DP	Jr.	Sarah DeAngelo	Hillsdale	P	Jr.
Jesse Kaniszewski	Saginaw Valley State	UTL	Fr.	Mandy Ziegler	Hillsdale	IF	Sr.
				Pam Rich	Lake Superior State	SS	Jr.
				Stephanie Matthew	Lake Superior State	UTL	Fr.
SECOND TEAM							
NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr	NAME	SCHOOL	Pos	Yr
Liana Sutherland	Northwood	C	Sr.	Stacy Pastva	Mercyhurst	P	Fr.
Beth Berry	Wayne State	1B	Fr.	Jackie Hudec	Mercyhurst	OF	Sr.
Nikki Eldridge	Ashland	2B	Sr.	Kelly Hansen	Northwood	P/1B	Sr.
Becky Zubek	Gannon	3B	Fr.	Jenna Felice	Northwood	OF	Sr.
Jen Daniel	Wayne State	SS	Jr.	Becky Bourcier	Saginaw Valley State	IF	Jr.
Kelly Burt	Grand Valley State	OF	Jr.	Courtney Pintek	Saginaw Valley State	P	Fr.
Robin Altenburger	Findlay	OF	Fr.	Betsy Kirk	Wayne State	IF	So.
Tiffany Honey	Northwood	OF	Jr.	Connie Milroth	Wayne State	P	So.
Josie Nelson	Ashland	P	Fr.				
Jen Mackson	Grand Valley State	P	Fr.				
Brienne Rosenberg	Grand Valley State	DP	Sr.				
Brooke Hall	Lake Superior State	UTL	So.				

COACH OF THE YEAR – Doug Woods, Grand Valley State

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Erin Burgess, Grand Valley State

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR – Heather Ford, Gannon

GLIAC OVERALL CHAMPIONS

2001*	Grand Valley State	11.0	Wayne State	12-3	
2000*	Ferris State	12.0	1987*	Grand Valley State	10-0
1999*	Ashland	23.0	1986*	Grand Valley State	10-1
1998*	Ashland	22.0	1985*	Wayne State	10-2
1997*	Ashland	20.0	1984	Saginaw Valley State	9-1
1996*	Ashland	19.0	1983	Wayne State	12-0
	Wayne State	19.0	1982	Ferris State	10-0
1995*	Wayne State	13.0	1981	Grand Valley State	8-2
1994*	Wayne State	13.5		Wayne State	8-2
1993*	Wayne State	11.0	1980	Grand Valley State	11-1
1992*	Wayne State	11.0	1979	Grand Valley State	9-1
1991*	Hillsdale	11.5	1978	Grand Valley State	9-1
1990*	Saginaw Valley State	10.0	1977	Grand Valley State	12-0
	Wayne State	10.0	1976	Grand Valley State	11-1
1989*	Hillsdale	11-4			
	Saginaw Valley State	13-2			
	Wayne State	10-5			
1988*	Saginaw Valley State	12-3			

* – Title decided by regular season and tournament results