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## **Northwood's Kaempfer Named 2002 GLIAC Women's Tennis "Player of the Year"**

***Mercyhurst's Paparella Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, NMU's Mattson Tabbed "Coach of the Year"***

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Sophomore **Carina Kaempfer** of Northwood University was named the 2002 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's tennis "Player of the Year" by the league's head coaches in all-conference balloting.

The coaches named Mercyhurst College rookie **Natalie Paparella** the conference's "Freshman of the Year," while **Troy Mattson**, head coach of the Northern Michigan University women's tennis team, was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

**Kaempfer**, a native of Siegen-Netphen, Germany, arrived at Northwood in the fall of 2001, following in the footsteps of her brother, Markus, who was named the GLIAC men's tennis "Player of the Year" last season. Kaempfer is a two-time winner of the ITA Midwest Regional and this year finished third at the ITA Small College Nationals. She earned the GLIAC "Player of the Year" award in 2001 and through two seasons has not lost a singles match in GLIAC play. This season, she compiled an 11-0 singles record.

**Paparella** finished the fall with a 13-7 mark, playing No. 2 singles for the Lady Lakers. She teamed with sophomore Joanna Olmstead for an 11-5 record at No. 2 doubles. Paparella was a four-year No. 1 singles player at Montour High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. She was team MVP all four years and team captain as a junior and senior.

**Mattson** earned his second GLIAC "Coach of the Year" award after garnering the title in 2000. He guided Northern Michigan to a 15-1 mark this fall, recording a perfect 11-0 mark in GLIAC play. His Wildcats earned a share of the 2002 GLIAC championship with Ferris State University by finishing first in the regular season standings and placing second in the GLIAC tournament. In his ninth season at the helm of the NMU squad, Mattson has tallied an 86-53 (.619) career mark in dual competition. Under his leadership, the Wildcats will make their third-straight appearance in the NCAA II post season tournament.

Joining Kaempfer on the All-GLIAC first team are: junior Barbora Jilkova and senior Suzanne Batten of Ferris State; junior Alison Hughes of Mercyhurst, seniors Lavinia Janssen and Kristin Koopman of Northern Michigan; senior Laura Matzka and sophomore Aijana Otunchieva of Michigan Tech University; and junior Natalya Natyshak of Wayne State University.

A complete list of the 2002 All-GLIAC women's tennis teams are on the following page.

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## 2002 GLIAC Women's Tennis Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Carina Kaempfer, Northwood University  
 Freshman of the Year: Natalie Paparella, Mercyhurst College  
 Coach of the Year: Troy Mattson, Northern Michigan University

### 2002 GLIAC All-Conference Women's Tennis Teams

#### First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Suzanne Batten	Ferris State	Sr.	Medina, Ohio
Alison Hughes	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Hinckley, Ohio/Highland
Lavinia Janssen	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Overveen, Netherlands
Barbora Jilkova	Ferris State	Jr.	Prague, Czech Republic
Carina Kaempfer	Northwood	So.	Siegen-Netphen, Germany
Kristin Koopman	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Altenholz, Germany
Laura Matzka	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Port Huron, Mich./Northern
Natalya Natyshak	Wayne State	Jr.	Windsor, Ont./Vincent Massey
Aijana Otunchieva	Michigan Tech	So.	Bishkek, Krygyzstan/#6

#### Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Brooke Aronin	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Racine, Wis./Racine-Case
Marie Cameron	Grand Valley State	So.	Battle Creek, Mich./Harper Creek
Heidi Ehlers	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Madison, Wis./Memorial
Nikki Fairchild	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills N.
Bernice Ferrer	Northwood	Jr.	Tlslnrpsntla, Mexico
Simona Iacoban	Wayne State	Sr.	Dearborn Hts., Mich./Annapolis
Natalie Paparella	Mercyhurst	Fr.	McKees Rocks, Pa./Montour
Nikki Schwartz	Saginaw Valley State	Fr.	Battle Creek, Mich./Harper Creek
Lindsay Zimm	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Erie, Pa./Mercyhurst Prep

#### Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Leila Armin	Wayne State	Fr.	Troy, Mich./Athens
Shalini Chandrasah	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Adyar Madras, Tamil Nadu, India
Jenny Johannson	Northwood	Fr.	Gothenburg, Sweden
Lauren Knasel	Ashland	Fr.	Springfield, Ohio/North
Beth Olson	Hillsdale	Sr.	Decatur, Ind./Concordia Lutheran
Laura Schafer	Ferris State	Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn./Apollo
Victoria Trombetta	Mercyhurst	Fr.	Gobsonia, Pa./Pine-Richland
Tiffany VanBeek	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Iron Mountain, Mich./Kingsford
Sabina Van den Bor	Northern Michigan	So.	Haarlem, Netherlands