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Northwood's Christian Stolzec Named 2005 GLIAC Men's Tennis "Player of the Year"

NU's Canudas earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, Mercyhurst's Yost named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Senior **Christian Stolzec** of Northwood University was named the 2005 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's tennis "Player of the Year" by the league's head coaches in all-conference balloting. The coaches named Northwood rookie **Carlos Canudas** the conference's "Freshman of the Year," while Mercyhurst College skipper **Ray Yost** was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

Stolzec made an immediate impact in his first season at Northwood. He posted a 12-4 overall record at No. 1 singles after joining the team this spring term. That mark included a 6-0 GLIAC record, all of which came at No. 1 singles without dropping a set. Stolzec also tallied a 14-3 record at doubles, having won 10 straight matches overall. A native of Munster, Germany, Stolzec also recorded a perfect 6-0 record at GLIAC doubles, playing throughout the Timberwolves' lineup.

Canudas went 6-0 in GLIAC singles during his first season in the Northwood lineup, playing anywhere from No. 2 through No. 6 in the lineup. He also posted a 6-1 record in GLIAC doubles play, mainly from the No. 2 position. Overall, the Barcelona, Spain native has gone 11-8 in singles and 9-7 in doubles during his freshman season.

Yost guided the Lakers to a 13-8 mark this season, a 4-3 record in league play, and a third-place overall finish in the GLIAC. This is the first GLIAC men's tennis "Coach of the Year" award for Yost, who has guided his men's tennis teams at Mercyhurst to a pair of NCAA postseason berths. He was named GLIAC women's tennis "Coach of the Year" after the 2003 season. Yost accomplished a first for Mercyhurst last season, leading both the men's and women's tennis teams to NCAA regional play. He has posted an 83-95 mark after coaching the men's tennis team for 10 seasons.

Joining Stolzec on the All-GLIAC first team are: sophomore Marius Broek, and senior Christoph Sundermeier of Northwood; seniors Jason Cole and Martin Hoch of Ferris State University; junior Sebastian Foka of Wayne State University; freshman Mariano Fava and senior John Nichols of Mercyhurst; and senior Chris Zellner of Michigan Tech University.

A complete list of the 2005 All-GLIAC Men's tennis teams are on the following page.

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2005 GLIAC Men's Tennis Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Christian Stolzec, Northwood University

Freshman of the Year: Carlos Canudas, Northwood University

Coach of the Year: Ray Yost, Mercyhurst College

2005 GLIAC All-Conference Men's Tennis Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Marius Broek	Northwood	So.	Senden, Germany
Jason Cole	Ferris State	Sr.	Rockford, Michigan
Mariano Fava	Mercyhurst	Fr.	San Francisco, Cordoba, Argentina
Sebastien Foka	Wayne State	Jr.	Choisy-le-Roi, France/Apollinaire
Martin Hoch	Ferris State	Sr.	Bludenz, Austria
John Nichols	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Mount Lebanon
Christian Stolzec	Northwood	Sr.	Munster, Germany
Christoph Sundermeier	Northwood	Sr.	Minden, Germany
Chris Zellner	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Midland, Mich./Dow

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Carlos Canudas	Northwood	Fr.	Barcelona, Spain
Kyle Denhe	Grand Valley State	So.	Northville, Mich.
Kyle Halberg	Ferris State	Sr.	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon
Mark Hammelman	Ferris State	Jr.	Brookfield, Wis.
Kyle Klinge	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./West Ottawa
Bastien Labarta	Northwood	Jr.	Tarbes, France
Lodovic Marnet-Demers	Lake Superior State	Jr.	Levis, Quebec
Lee Marnik	Mercyhurst	So.	McMurray, Pa./Peters Township
Tomas Menec	Northwood	Jr.	Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Lewis DeGeneault	Ferris State	Fr.	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon
Francisco Gomez	Ferris State	Sr.	Saltillo, Mexico
Krystian Salwierz	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Cambridge, Ontario
Adam Sandusky	Grand Valley State	So.	Three Rivers, Mich.
Phil Tharakan	Wayne State	So.	Ottawa, Ontario/St. Patrick's