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Mercyhurst's Mariano Fava Named 2006 GLIAC Men's Tennis "Player of the Year"

FSU's Bacon earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, Northwood's Colestock named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Sophomore **Mariano Fava** of Mercyhurst College was named the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) men's tennis "Player of the Year" by the league's head coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting. The coaches named Ferris State rookie **Brenton Bacon** the conference's "Freshman of the Year," while Northwood University's skipper **Zane Colestock** was tabbed the "Coach of the Year."

Fava is the first Mercyhurst player in school history to be named GLIAC Player of the Year. He posted a 16-6 overall record at No. 1 singles this season, tallying the same 16-6 record at No. 1 doubles with partner Dan Hersh. Fava, a native of San Francisco, Cordoba, Argentina, in September became the first Mercyhurst player in over 15 years to make the quarterfinals in the Men's Regional ITA Championships. He won two of three singles matches and all three doubles matches at the GLIAC Team Championships this season.

Bacon has a overall record of 18-5 in singles play this year, which includes a 9-4 record at the number one flight in dual match competition. He is currently ranked 14th nationally and third in the Great Lakes Region. Bacon has also tallied a 25-4 record in overall doubles. With doubles partner Mark Hammelman, Bacon compiled a 17-3 dual record at the top doubles spot including a perfect 7-0 record in the GLIAC regular season. The duo is currently ranked first in the region at seventh in the nation.

Colestock earns GLIAC Coach of the Year honors for the ninth time in his career. He guided Northwood to its 12th straight GLIAC Championship and a 10th overall ranking nationally. The Timberwolves are 15-1 so far this season, including a 7-0 record in GLIAC play. Colestock led the team to a 39-2 singles record and a 20-1 doubles record in conference matches this season.

Joining Fava and Bacon on the 2006 All-GLIAC first team are: juniors Marius Broek and Teddy Mobounow, and senior Janis Skroderis of Northwood; sophomore Simon-Pierre Caron and senior Ludovic Marmet-Demers of Lake Superior State University; senior Sebastian Foka of Wayne State University; and senior Mark Hammelman of Ferris State.

A complete list of the 2006 All-GLIAC Men's tennis teams are on the following page.

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2006 GLIAC Men's Tennis Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Mariano Fava, Mercyhurst College
Freshman of the Year: Brenton Bacon, Ferris State University
Coach of the Year: Zane Colestock, Northwood University

2006 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	Jr.	Senden, Germany
Brenton Bacon	Ferris State	Fr.	Perth, Australia
Simon-Pierre Caron	Lake Superior State	So.	Cap-Rouge, Quebec
Mariano Fava	Mercyhurst	So.	San Francisco, Cordoba, Argentina
Sebastien Foka	Wayne State	Sr.	Choisy-le-Roi, France/Apollinaire
Mark Hammelman	Ferris State	Sr.	Brookfield, Wisconsin
Ludovic Marnet-Demers	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Levis, Quebec
Teddy Mobounow	Northwood	Jr.	Courbevoie, France
Janis Skroderis	Northwood	Sr.	Riga, Latvia

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Carlos Canudas	Northwood	So.	Barcelona, Spain
Kyle Denhe	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Northville, Mich.
Tomoyuki Fukushima	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Hama/Amagasaki/Hyogo, Japan
Marcel Galik	Northwood	Sr.	Trnava, Slovakia
Brett Girard	Michigan Tech	Fr.	Marquette, Michigan
Scott Gregory	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Hudsonville, Michigan
Kyle Halberg	Ferris State	Sr.	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon
Bastien Labarta	Northwood	Sr.	Tarbes, France
Lee Marnik	Mercyhurst	Jr.	McMurray, Pa./Peters Township

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Michael Bambini	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Kentwood, Michigan
Simon Laliberte	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Beauport, Quebec
Travis Whipple	Findlay	Fr.	Fostoria, Ohio
Nirun Raju	Grand Valley State	Sr.	St. Thomas Residential
Adam Williams	Wayne State	Sr.	Northville, Michigan