

## 2002 All-GLIAC Men's Tennis Teams

### All-GLIAC First Team

Name	School
Matt Cole	Ferris State
Weston Fairchild	Grand Valley State
Martin Hoch	Ferris State
Markus Kempfer	Northwood
Sebastian Lotz	Northwood
John Nichols	Mercyhurst
Rohan Singh	Wayne State
Francisco Valencia	Ferris State
Oskars Vaskis	Northwood

### All-GLIAC Second Team

Name	School
Jason Cole	Ferris State
Mike Davis	Wayne State
Desmond Early	Grand Valley State
Jordan Holsen	Lake Superior State
Tyson May	Findlay
Tomas Menec	Northwood
Mikolaj Pontus	Wayne State
Christian Valenthos	Northwood
Chris Zellner	Michigan Tech

**All-GLIAC Honorable Mention:** Fredrik Anderson - Northwood; Lech Czerwinski - Wayne State; Vikash Dosaj - Michigan Tech; Glenn Babriel - Michigan Tech; Aaron Kunold - Michigan Tech; Mike Miller - Hillsdale; Hormis Tharakan - Wayne State.

## GLIAC Men's Tennis Notes

**Ferris State** - The Ferris State University men's tennis team advanced to the GLIAC Championship match for the fourth consecutive season this past weekend at the Midland Tennis Center in Midland, Mich. The Bulldogs defeated Mercyhurst 5-0 and Wayne State 5-3 on Friday before dropping a 5-0 decision versus rival Northwood in Saturday's title match. The loss to Northwood ended FSU's eight-match win streak and marked the third-straight year the Timberwolves edged the Bulldogs in the GLIAC finals. Senior Matt Cole (Rockford) leads FSU with a 13-4 overall singles mark. He currently holds a 54-23 career singles record and is one win shy of tying Greg Stickle (55-25; 1984-87) and Alex Weber (55-29; 1994-97) for 10<sup>th</sup> place on the school's career singles victory list. FSU is 64-34 in singles play and 37-18 in doubles action this season. The Bulldogs are currently ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> overall in the latest (April 10) Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II national rankings. FSU will host Kalamazoo next Tuesday (April 30) at 3 p.m. (EDT) in its final regular-season match.

**Findlay** - The University of Findlay men's tennis entered the GLIAC Tournament as the lowest-seed and went 1-2 at the GLIAC Tournament to finish in seventh place... In the first match, the Oilers were paired up with top-seed Northwood and lost 5-0. Tyson May and Satoshi Saito gave Northwood's number-one doubles team a run but fell short, 8-4. That was the closest the Oilers would come to a point against the Timberwolves... The Oilers then played Grand Valley State in the first pairing of the consolation round and lost 7-2. May defeated the Lakers' Weston Fairchild by default after the two split the first two games. May and Saito also won their doubles match, 8-6 over Fairchild and Desmond Early... Findlay earned a 5-3 victory over Mercyhurst College on Saturday to finish in seventh place in the GLIAC Tournament. The Oilers picked up singles victories from Tyson May, Satoshi Saito, Subash Banda, and Seth Bolender, while picking up a doubles victory from Bolender and Banda. May earned a 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 victory over John Nichols... Saito earned a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Albert Veverka, while Banda defeated Matt Hambleton (6-3, 6-2) and Bolender picked up a 6-3, 6-3 win over Dan Smoulder. Bolender and Banda earned an 8-2 win over the counterparts in the doubles match. It was just the second win of the season for the Oilers.

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**Grand Valley State** - Grand Valley State men's tennis team finished fifth at the 2002 GLIAC Championships... GVSU lost their first round matchup, 6-3, to Michigan Tech in the first day of action, but the Lakers bounced back to earn a 7-2 win over Findlay...The Lakers finished the tournament with a 5-1 victory over Lake Superior State to secure fifth place... Desmond Early (Rochester, Mich.) was 2-0 at the number two singles position, while Weston Fairchild (Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Northern) went 2-1 at number one singles during the tournament...Fairchild and Early also earned All-GLIAC honors for their play during the season...Fairchild received First-Team All-GLIAC plaudits and Early was named Second Team All-GLIAC...Weston went 11-6 in GVSU's number one singles position, while Desmond was 14-2 at the number two singles position...The tandem paired up to produce one of the GLIAC's best doubles teams as they finished with a 13-3 record at the number one doubles spot...Jeremy Cox and Jon Bott also had a great year in doubles action as they ended with a 12-4 mark at the number two position.

**Mercyhurst** - Mercyhurst finished eighth at the GLIAC Championships. Freshman John Nichols (Pittsburgh, Pa/Mt. Lebanon) was named First Team All-GLIAC and Freshman-of-the-Year. He finished the year with a 16-8 dual record.

**Michigan Tech** - Michigan Tech took fourth place at the GLIAC Tournament last weekend. The fifth-seeded Huskies defeated #4 seed Grand Valley State, 6-3, on Friday, before losing to top seed Northwood, 5-0, later in the day. Tech then went on to lose, 5-0, to Wayne State in the third-place match . . . It was MTU's second straight fourth-place finish in the GLIAC. It has never finished worse than fifth in its 22 years in the GLIAC . . . Tech finished the season at 10-12, marking the fifth straight season of 10 wins or more . . . Junior Vikash Dosaj led the team in victories with 15. Junior captain Glenn Gabriel totaled 13 wins.

**Northwood** - Northwood claimed their eighth straight GLIAC championship on Saturday with a 5-0 win over Ferris State...The doubles proved to be very entertaining as #1 doubles of Markus Kaempfer/Oskars Vaskis narrowly defeated Matt Cole/Jason Cole, 9-8 (7-4) in a tiebreaker...NU trailed 5-2 before coming back to win the match...Sebastian Lotz/Christian Valenthon played a strong match at #2 doubles in an 8-1 win...#3 doubles of Fredrik Andersson/Tomas Menec won 8-6 but had to hold off Martin Hoch/Ian Westerman after leading 5-2... NU won at #5 and #6 singles to secure the championship...Menec won 6-0, 6-0 over Mark DiChiara and Andersson won 6-1, 6-2 over Westerman...Markus Kaempfer earned Player of the Year and First Team All-GLIAC honors...Markus joins his sister Carina who won the same awards in the fall...Kaempfer posted a 14-6 record in singles at the number one spot...During his career, Markus is 40-14 in singles... Oskars Vaskis wrapped up his fourth First Team All-GLIAC award...Sebastian Lotz was named First Team All-GLIAC after being a two-time Second Team All-GLIAC selection...Tomas Menec earned Second Team All-GLIAC honors... Christian Valenthon was named Second Team All-GLIAC...Fredrik Andersson brought home Honorable Mention All-GLIAC plaudits.

**Wayne State** - Wayne State is ranked No. 4 in the latest NCAA Regional Poll and is tied for 40th nationally (April 10)...it is WSU's highest rankings in the last 10 years...the Warriors posted a 2-1 record to finish third at the GLIAC Championships on April 19-20 in Midland, MI...WSU defeated Lake Superior (5-1) in the first round, but suffered a 5-3 setback to Ferris State in the semifinals. The Warriors would later rebound with a 5-0 victory over Michigan Tech in the third-place match on Saturday...senior Mikolaj Pontus posted two victories at the GLIAC Championships, which gives him a team-high 16 singles victories...junior Hormis Tharakan suffered his first singles loss in the GLIAC at Northwood (April 16), but bounced back with a victory over LSSU's Chris Bickel to improve his record to 13-8...Tharakan is also 15-5 in his last 20 singles and doubles matches, going 9-1 in singles and 6-4 in doubles since GLIAC play began...every WSU player has a winning record in singles and doubles...the Warriors will wait to see if they receive a bid to the NCAA Regionals later this week.



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**2002 Standings**  
*(Through matches of Apr. 21)*

Team	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.
Northwood #1\$	8	0	0	1.000	17	5	0	.773
Ferris State #2	7	1	0	.875	11	5	0	.688
Wayne State #3	6	2	0	.750	17	8	0	.680
Michigan Tech #4	4	4	0	.500	10	12	0	.455
Grand Valley State #5	4	4	0	.500	8	6	0	.571
Lake Superior State #6	4	4	0	.500	8	11	0	.421
Mercyhurst #7	2	6	0	.250	7	13	0	.350
Findlay #7	1	7	0	.125	2	12	0	.143
Hillsdale	0	8	0	.000	0	11	0	.000

\$ - GLIAC Champion  
 # - GLIAC Finish

**Previous Results**

**4/16**  
 at Northwood 9, Wayne State 0\*

**4/18**  
 at Northwood 9, Findlay 0\*  
 Michigan Tech 9, Hillsdale 0\*\$

(\$ - in Midland, Mich.)

**4/19 - 4/20**

**2002 GLIAC Men's Tennis Championship**  
**Midland Tennis Center**  
**Midland, Mich.**

**Quarterfinal Matches**

Northwood (1) 5, Findlay (8) 0  
 Michigan Tech (5) 6, Grand Valley St. (4) 3

Ferris State (2) 5, Mercyhurst (7) 0  
 Wayne State (3) 5, Lake Superior St. (6) 1

**Semifinal Matches**

Northwood 5, Michigan Tech 0  
 Ferris State 5, Wayne State 3

**Consolation Matches**

Grand Valley St. 7, Findlay 2  
 Lake Superior St. 5, Mercyhurst 4

**First-Place Match**

Northwood 5, Ferris State 0

**Third-Place Match**

Wayne State 5, Michigan Tech 0

**Fifth-Place Match**

Grand Valley St. 5, Lake Superior St. 1

**Seventh-Place Match**

Findlay 5, Mercyhurst 3

**2002 GLIAC Men's Postseason Awards**

**Player of the Year:**  
**Markus Kempfer - Northwood University**

**Freshman of the Year:**  
**John Nichols - Mercyhurst College**

**Coach of the Year:**  
**Mike Axeford - Michigan Tech University**

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